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Barnard Castle Rural HOUSING AND WATER SUPPLIES

Barnard Castle Rural Council's monthly meeting was held on Wednesday.

Matters agreed upon included: Exchanges of Tenants.

The Clerk reported that the Chairman of the Council (Mr. Staindrop), the Senior Sanitary Inspector (Mr. J. G. Middleton), and himself, had attended the Conference at Spennymoor on the 9th January, 1950 (convened by the Principal Regional Officer of the Ministry of Health), when nine local authorities were represented. The representatives of the various authorities reported on the number of exchanges in their respective areas, since the last meeting, which appeared to be very few. After discussion on the lack of uniformity throughout the areas concerned in regard to compiling lists of tenants employed in other districts the following recommendations were made: (1) No exchange be granted unless both parties concerned are in occupation of Council houses; (2) That it be left to each Local Authority to make their own arrangements with regard to publicising the scheme throughout their own area. It was resolved that the report be accepted and that all the Council's tenants be informed that they are at liberty to exchange houses with tenants of Council houses in other areas.

Housing Programme, 1950.

Applications were received from the following persons for permission to build: Mrs. H. Dowse, Thorpe Hall Cottages, Whorlton, bungalow on Darlington Road; Mr. J. L. Kell, 43, Galgate, Barnard Castle, house in Eggleston area; Mr. J. L. Mackenzie, 9, Greenfields, St. Helen's, Auckland, house on small-holding at Greenfields; Mr. Geo. W. Robinson, 78d, Galgate, Barnard Castle, one or two houses at Dent Bank, Middleton-in-Teesdale. It was resolved that licences be granted to Mr. Kell and Mr. Mackenzie.

Provision of Houses for Technical Staff.

The Manager of Glaxo Laboratories, Barnard Castle, wrote with regard to the difficulty experienced in providing houses for key-workers, and saying "My Board would be grateful if your Council would also urgently consider whether you can help, firstly, by making a small or token allocation of houses, within a reasonable distance of Barnard Castle, at an early date; and, secondly, whether you would approach the Ministry to increase your own building programme." It was agreed that the Company be informed that the Council regret that they have no suitable sites available at present within a reasonable distance of Barnard Castle, but that the request would be considered when the allocation of houses for 1951 is received.

Erection of Houses by Direct Labour.

The Clerk reported that a hut 30ft. x 17ft. at the Coach Road, Staindrop, had become surplus and was for disposal. The Ministry of Works were prepared to sell the hut to the Council for the sum of £28. It was recommended that the hut be purchased by the Council at the above price.

Transport.

A letter was received from the Ministry of Transport dated 18th January, 1950 (copy circulated to each member of the committee) was considered, when the Clerk submitted details of the resolutions passed at a meeting of the Parish Councils of Forest and Frith, New-22in, Middleton and Eggleston, held on 10th November, 1949. It was recommended that the letter from the Ministry of Transport be received and that the Department be asked to approach the United Automobile Services Ltd., and the O.K. Motor Services, with a view to the services Bishop Auckland to Cocherstone and Woodland via Cockfield being operated on alternative hours instead of both services operating on the even hour from Bishop Auckland as at present. Bishop Auckland-High Force: Extension of Service to Langdon Beck. The Clerk reported that he had been informed by the O.K. Motor Services that Mrs. E. M. Wilson, proprietor of the Teesdale Queen Bus Service, had objected to the above extension and therefore it would now be necessary for the application to be determined at a public sitting of the Licensing Authority. This matter was left in the hands of the Licensing Authority. Bishop Auckland - High Force, O.K. Service, late bus to Cockfield; Bishop Auckland-High Force, O.K. Service, late bus to Middleton-in-Teesdale (9-12 p.m. Wednesdays only). The Clerk informed the Committee that he understood that it was the intention of the O.K. Motor Services to commence the operation of these additional journeys at the same time as the operation of the extension to Langdon Beck.

Staindrop Cemetery.

Grant of exclusive right of burial was sealed and ordered to be

issued to Isabella Waistell (grave space 354).

A letter was received from the Staindrop Parish Council asking that snow be cleared from the cemetery footpath prior to burials. It was recommended that the Surveyor instruct the cemetery caretaker to have the footpaths in the cemetery cleared of snow when necessary. Also that the Agent to the Raby Estates be asked if he will allow grit to be deposited in the Coach Road for use on the road in icy weather. The cemetery caretaker to be paid for gritting the road when required.

Improvement of Houses by Local Authorities.

The Committee considered a report with a view to the formulation of a scheme for the acquisition and improvement of property by the Council for submission to the Ministry of Health as required by Circular 90/49.

The Committee also considered the question of making improvement grants to private owners of property, when the Clerk stated that he had been informed by the Ministry of Works that the quarterly issue of building licences for the current year should not exceed £1,552.

Suggestions were made as to the types of properties which the Council could reasonably acquire for improvement, and the standard laid down in the Act for improved dwellings was also discussed. It was resolved that the Clerk forward to each owner of property in the rural district a copy of the pamphlet "Improvement Grants—Notes for Applicants," together with an explanatory letter; the pamphlet and letter to accompany the next issue of rate demand notices.

Housing.

Etherley Lay-out.—The Surveyor reported "This layout is still in the hands of the Ministry of Health. A discussion with their Architect discloses that the Ministry are not prepared on principle to allow the demolition of any occupied houses on the site. This being so, the eventual full use of the site cannot be carried out in the near future." It was resolved that the Surveyor submit further alternative sites at Toft Hill to the County Planning Officer for preliminary approval.

Stainton.—The Surveyor reported "No further reply has been received from the County Planning Officer since the Council's recommendations were forwarded to him." The Clerk was instructed to write to the County Planning Officer asking him to give his early approval to the amended layout.

Cockfield (36 houses).—The Clerk reported receipt of the approval of the Minister of Health to the Council's proposal to accept the tender of Messrs R. C. Williamson (Durham) Ltd. for the erection of the above houses at a cost of £48,736 17s. 10d., which includes £2,092 for reinforced concrete rafts, £1,826 for uneven site works, and £504 for services off site, subject to the condition that a substantial number of these houses are let to keyworkers where there is a housing need for this priority class in the area.

Middleton-in-Teesdale.—The Surveyor submitted the following report: Report of Housing Sub-Committee meeting at Middleton-in-Teesdale, Requirement 36 houses.

The discussion opened by considering and visiting the likely places which would lend themselves to economical building sites. These were the Alston Road area, Town End area, and the east end of Middleton. The Town End sites were gone into and these were considered too hilly to build upon, and the approach road difficult to arrange. The second site, at the east end of Middleton, taking in fields Nos. 454 and 453, or 455, was discussed. This site is level, and lends itself to very economical building. The approach road, subject to Town and Country Planning approval as regard widths, etc., could be obtained by the removal of a wash-house and two coal-houses, etc., and these could be rebuilt in a new position. The third and fourth proposals were at the west end of Middleton on the Alston Road. These were (1) part of field No. 633; (2) or part of 613; (3) parts of fields No. 614 and 609; and (4) the site of the existing site, and provide the necessary services. To prevent delay it was recommended that all the sites reviewed and approved be forwarded to the Town and Country Planning Department for their observations and recommendations.

Water Supply to Eggleston.

The Clerk submitted a petition received through the Eggleston Parish Council, signed by seven householders residing in the Eggleston area, stating that they obtained their supply of drinking water from the trough on the road side at Eggleston.

Water Supplies.

The Surveyor reported: "A further inspection of this supply reveals that the seven families are collecting water from the trough adjoining the Baptist Chapel. This trough is supplied from the same source as the trough adjoining Eggleston Houses, which is now dry. The owner of the field, Mr. Denny, will have no objection to someone in authority going into his field if the service pipe requires attention or repair." It was recommended that the pipe to the trough be relaid at an estimated cost of £12, and that the Clerk obtain written permission from Mr. Denny, the owner of the field, and Messrs T. W. Lamb and Sons, the occupiers, for the Council to enter the land to carry out the work.

Startforth Rural Council SUGGESTION FOR ANOTHER BRIDGE OVER THE TEES RESURRECTED

WATER SUPPLIES.

Details of North Riding County Council's modified ambulance scheme were read at Startforth Rural Council on Wednesday.

The Clerk (Miss E. Nicholson) explained that the County Council had forwarded a modified ambulance service scheme, under the National Health Act, 1946, whereby it was proposed, subject to Ministry of Health approval, to substitute 25 ambulances and 45 dual purpose vehicles, the latter of which could be used to accommodate sitting cases and could be converted easily into stretcher carrying vehicles, for 45 ambulances and seven to 12 sitting case cars.

Mickleton—Site for Sewage Disposal Works.

The Clerk read a letter from the District Valuer, stating that Mr. T. Addison, valuer acting on behalf of the owner of the land, had discussed with him the question of the Council's proposals for the purchase of the site, and in the first place pointed out that the timber standing on the site had been sold.

The valuer had also raised the following points on behalf of his client: The owner desires a right of way running from the single gate situated near the south-west corner of the site, inside and adjoining the south boundary wall as far as Field O.S. 527, to be reserved. This way, it is contended, will facilitate the passage of stock from fields in the same ownership to the south of the site to Field O.S. 511 and other fields further to the north.

Progress of Staindrop Scheme.

The Consulting Engineers reported "Work has been continuing with the laying of the 9-inch sewer along Winston Road towards Staindrop, and a further 140 lineal yards have been completed during the past month. The laying of the 6-inch sewer from a point north of the Almshouses, thence along Front Street towards the sewer running along the side of the Langley Beck is proceeding and about 70 lineal yards have been laid during the month. Manholes are being constructed as sewer laying proceeds.

Stainton Sewage Disposal Works.

The Surveyor reported that this work has not yet been commenced as the working conditions have been very bad.

Cottage at Staindrop.

Mrs. N. Collishaw wrote asking permission to use the ground floor of a cottage owned by her, situated at Central Buildings, Staindrop, as an ice cream factory and to use the upper room as a store room. It was recommended that permission be granted.

House at Hude, Middleton.

A letter from Mr. G. M. Teward, the owner, was read, saying he had met Mr. Kell with regard to the improvements of 19 Hude, and plans would be submitted to the Council as soon as completed.

Drainage of Two Houses at Stainton.

Owners Mrs. A. B. Sowerby and Mr. J. E. Wren. The Surveyor reported that this work had not as yet been commenced owing to the inclement weather.

Barnard Castle Bridge.

The clerk reported she had written to the clerk of the County Council regarding the repair of the road surface on the Startforth side of this bridge, and his reply was awaited.

Scargill Road—White Lines.

Councillor Hudson stated that he gathered from the report of the last meeting of the Joint Highway Advisory Committee of the County Council that instructions had been given to the area surveyor for white lines to be painted as may be found necessary on this road.

Scargill—Signpost at Ponder Gill.

The Clerk reported she had, as instructed, written to the County Surveyor asking that the third arm on this signpost be painted "To Scargill." Arkenhamhale and Reeth."

Mickleton—Snowploughing.

No further communication had been received from the County Surveyor. Several members voiced complaints that snowploughing was not being undertaken immediately following snow storms, when Mr. Alderson promised to raise the matter at the next meeting of the Joint Highway Advisory Committee.

OOTHERSTONE METHODIST GUILD.

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Beldron and Hutton Magna.

The Clerk reported that the District Valuer had been instructed

INDUCTION OF NEW VICAR

BISHOP OF RIPON OFFICIATES AT HUTTON MAGNA.

The institution and induction of the Rev. R. Alderson, Vicar of North Stainley, to the united benefice of Hutton Magna with Wyldcliffe, took place at Hutton Magna Church on Tuesday evening of last week.

The institution ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Ripon, the Right Rev. G. A. Chase, the customary oath being administered, in the absence of the Diocesan Registrar, by Canon W. E. Wilkinson, of Ripon.

The induction was undertaken, on behalf of the Archdeacon of Richmond by the Rural Dean, the Rev. F. H. White, of Romaldkirk. The clergy from the deanery included the Rev. D. K. Cook, Rector of Barningham, the Rev. K. F. Lord, Vicar of Laithkirk, the Rev. G. Rayner, Vicar of Startforth, and the Rev. W. Oliver, Rector of Koksley and Brignall, who acted as Bishop's Chaplain.

Large Congregation.

There was a large congregation to witness the ancient ceremony. Mrs. Ricklets was at the organ. During the singing of the hymn, "We Love Thee, O God," the procession, led by the vergers and churchwardens, moved to the west end of the church, where the new Vicar signified his taking possession by ringing the church bell.

At the termination of the old-time ceremonies included with the temporal part of the service, the Bishop gave an address.

He spoke of the different rites they had witnessed and of the great responsibility of the cure of souls, and he pleaded for a close co-operation between the pastor and his flock. He asked the congregation to pray for their new Vicar and to assist him in his work.

Afterwards, those attending were entertained to light refreshments.

Mickleton—C.E. School. Erection of Barrier.

The Clerk reported that this matter was still awaiting a reply from the secretary of the North Riding Education Committee.

Bowes Village—Tank Traffic.

The county surveyor wrote stating: With reference to your letter of the 31st December which was forwarded to the Divisional Road Engineer, Ministry of Transport, the latter informs me that he has been in communication with Northern Command, The Northern Command regret any inconvenience caused to the inhabitants of Bowes through tanks turning in the village and to state that orders have been issued to the Headquarters concerned to ensure that this practice does not recur.

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