

CULCHETH AND GLAZEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held at the PARISH HALL, CULCHETH, on Saturday, 13th October, 1973.

Present: Councillors D.A. Chapman, F. Crossley, L. Daintith, J.D. Fearn, K.D. Oliver, and R.J.C. Rawes.

H. Holden (Convenor), M.G. Walsh, Golborne U.D.C.

(By invitation) Rev. J.G. Preston, Councillor N.B. Holt, Chairman of the Golborne Urban District Council.

The Convenor opened the meeting and referred to the Local Government (Successor Parish Councils) Order, 1973 made under the Local Government Act, 1972.

1. Election of Chairman of the Parish Council

The Convenor asked for nominations for the election of Chairman of the Parish Council.

It was moved and seconded that Councillor K.D. Oliver be so elected.

It was also moved and seconded that Councillor R.J.C. Rawes be so elected.

Upon being put, there voted three persons for Councillor K.D. Oliver and three persons for Councillor R.J.C. Rawes.

The Convenor then informed the Council that as an equality of votes had resulted the matter would be decided by the drawing of lots.

The Rector of Newchurch, the Rev. J.G. Preston, was then asked to select from a hat, into which the names of the two persons nominated had been placed.

The name so drawn was Councillor K.D. Oliver, and it was -

RESOLVED: That Councillor Kenneth Douglas Oliver be and is hereby appointed Chairman of the Parish Council until the next Annual Meeting.

The Chairman then took the Declaration of Acceptance of office which was witnessed by two members and then took the chair.

The Rev. J.G. Preston offered prayers for the newly elected Council.

The Chairman then introduced the Chairman of the Golborne Urban District Council, Councillor N.B. Holt, who addressed the meeting and brought the good wishes of the Urban District for the future of the Parish Council.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman of the Golborne Urban District Council was proposed by Councillor D.A. Chapman.

2. Election of Vice-Chairman of the Council

The Chairman asked for nominations for the election of Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council.

It was moved and seconded that Councillor R.J.C. Rawes be so elected.

It was also moved and seconded that Councillor F. Crossley be so elected.

Upon being put, three persons voted for Councillor R.J.C. Rawes and three persons for Councillor F. Crossley.

An equality of votes resulted and the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of Councillor F. Crossley.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Fred Crossley be and is hereby appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council until the next Annual Meeting.

3. Appointment of Proper Officer

The Council considered the appointment of a Proper Officer and it was -

RESOLVED: That a Proper Officer be appointed, the post to be designated Clerk of the Parish Council, but that further consideration of this appointment be discussed in private later in the meeting.

4. Adoption of Standing Orders

RESOLVED: That the Standing Orders of the Golborne Urban District Council, in so far as they are appropriate, be adopted for the regulation of proceedings and business of the Parish Council.

5. Lancashire Association of Parish Councils

The Convenor referred to a letter from the above Association which informed of its work and requested that the Council enter into membership.

The Council were also informed that the Annual Conference of the Association was to be held at County Hall, Preston, on Saturday, 20th October, 1973.

RESOLVED: That the Council seek membership of the Lancashire Association of Parish Councils and that the Chairman and any member of the Council attend the above Conference.

6. Minutes of the former Culcheth Parish Council

A letter from Councillor J.M. Winterburn, Chairman of the Parliamentary and General Purposes Committee of the Warrington District Council and of Culcheth, a copy of which had been supplied previously to each member, was considered informing that he had photostat copies of certain of the pages of the minutes of the Culcheth Parish Council which operated from 1894 to 1933, and offering to present them to the Council.

The letter also referred to the appointment of a Clerk of the Council, and it was -

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the offer of the photostat minutes of the Culcheth Parish Council be accepted with thanks.
- (b) That consideration of the second paragraph of the above letter regarding the appointment of Clerk of the Council be discussed in private later in the meeting.

Councillor J.M. Winterburn, who was present at the meeting in the public section, then presented the minutes to the Chairman who accepted them on behalf of the Parish Council.

7. Silver Badge of Office

A letter from the Culcheth Civic Society was considered offering a silver badge of office for use by the Chairman of the Council.

The letter informed that the cost of the badge had been met mainly by subscriptions from local organisations in Culcheth and Glazebury and that it was made of Sterling Silver and was embossed with the arms of the four manors into which Culcheth Township was anciently divided.

Mr. J.H. Patterson, Honorary Treasurer of the Culcheth Civic Society, who was present at the meeting in the public section, then offered the badge for inspection by members.

The Convenor then reported that because of uncertainties he had written to the Garter King of Arms asking if acceptance of this badge would constitute any illegality, and it was eventually

RESOLVED: That acceptance of the offer of the silver badge of office be deferred pending a reply from the Garter King of Arms.

8. Report of the Convenor - Functions of the Parish Council

The Council considered a report by the Convenor on the functions of a Parish Council, a copy of which had been supplied previously to each member.

In connection with the transfer of property the Council were reminded that the Golborne Urban District Council had objected to the Circular issued by the Department of the Environment which had stated that the civic regalia of that Council would be transferred to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and that this Council feel that the civic regalia of the Golborne Urban District Council should not be transferred to them.

9. Prayers - Future meetings of the Council

The Council considered the question of extending an invitation to a member of the clergy to offer prayers prior to the commencement of future meetings.

RESOLVED: That the Rector of Newchurch, the Rev. J.G. Preston be invited to offer prayers prior to the commencement of future meetings of the Parish Council.

10. Dates and Venues of future Meetings

The Council considered the dates and venues of future meetings of the Parish Council, and it was -

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the dates of future meetings be left to the Chairman and the Clerk of the Council.
- (b) That future meetings alternate between the Glazebury C.E.School and the Parish Hall, Culcheth, the next meeting to be held at Glazebury and that meetings be held on Thursday evenings commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Memorandum: Councillors L. Daintith, J.D. Fearn and R.J.C. Rawes requested that their votes against resolution (b) above be recorded.

11. Newchurch Parochial Church Council

RESOLVED: That the Newchurch Parochial Church Council be thanked for their immediate agreement to the holding in the Parish Hall of this and future meetings of the Parish Council.

12. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960

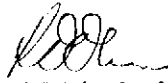
RESOLVED: That pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting during the transaction of the business hereinafter recorded.

13. Appointment of Clerk of the Parish Council

The Council considered the appointment of a Proper Officer of the Council and discussed the alternatives open to them at this stage. Consideration was also given to the level of remuneration for such a post and to the title of the post.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the post be known as "Clerk to the Parish Council."
- (b) That Mr. Michael Graham Walsh of 431 Warrington Road, Culcheth be appointed to the post for the period until 31st March, 1974.
- (c) That consideration be given in due course as to the honorarium to be made for work undertaken in the period to 31st March, 1974.



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Chairman



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Clerk