

7 NOTICE OF MOTION (COUNCILLOR R. PAGE)

To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor R. Page :

"As elected Members can be proud of the genuine independence which is demonstrated by this Council's decisions, appointments and general behaviour; we, therefore, deplore the coverage of the local elections in South Cambridgeshire by the media at local, regional and national level. We resent the inference made that this Council is not really independent, by so-called experts who know nothing about, or ignore the true nature of this authority."

NOTE: *Exclusion of press & public*

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*The Chairman invites Members to join him for a glass of wine at the close of the meeting.*

26th November 1986

Cllr S.T.L.Symonds J.P.  
Chairman  
South Cambs D.C.

Motion to Council 8th January 1987.

Dear Chairman,

The General Purposes Cttee gave me a very good hearing on Item 1 under the Secretary's Report, and I was grateful to Cllr Brown and the Cttee because the scope of "The Motion" was obviously too wide. Many issues relating to the proposal that Parishes should contribute were misconstrued because Members thought that individuals were involved, and others where it was envisaged that Parishes would be required to have "loaded" precepts to meet unknown events. The Treasurer puts in items for Elections etc in arrear, and I see no reason where the District are paying for the sewerage of a Parish, if the Parish Rate is Zero why they should be exempt from contributing, it is for "The benefit of that Community".

You will observe that the subject of my Motion was to take in other aspects of our District Council's support for other Parishes, and as I explained at the outset if we can get something out of Parishes for Conservation, for Environmental Services etc we have more money to do what <sup>are</sup> our priority functions for Districts. I refer, of course, to the support for the elderly in their homes on the Rates, because the Hospitals are throwing their problems on the County and, as at Linton, the County are throwing theirs at us. It is an urgent and pressing problem.

For this reason my personal Motion to Council will be:-

That Grants for Churches, Chapels, private Memorials in Chapel/ Church/ <sup>AND</sup> surrounds must be determined by Council. "

I am aware that many Parishes will make little actual contribution in total terms but it will bring home the sacrifice which others Parishes are in fact making, but this of course relates to the wider question and not "Chest Tombs" which needs early determination.

Finally I think a very brief paper should go immediately to a Cttee on a reference back from Council. It is quite unreasonable to defer Council's decision for three months, apart from the Members' interest an Officer may continue working on a project at cost to the Council.

yours sincerely.

P.S. I have sent a copy to  
The Chief Executive.

*Chief Executive*  
*copy herewith for inclusion as a Member's Motion.*  
*The Vice Chairman of the Council moved*  
*"heart business" because I had indicated that*  
*one way or another it will go to Council.*  
*P.S. An example of my "mental gymnastics" is enclosed*  
*in case you have not seen it.*

Analysis and Comparison of Parish Rates.

In 1978 there were	Parishes With	Under 1.P.	Under 2.P.	Under 3P	Under 4P	Under 5P	Over 5P
	No Rate.						
	8	40	39	9	2	nil	
In 1986 "	13	6	22	32	16	8	" & Rampton Gulden Morden

Parishes grouped by populations showing respective product of a Penny Rate.

Parishes shown have 1P Rate Products in excess of £1000. 1986.

Rate			Parishes		
Under 500.	Pop.	Total	Pop.3000-4000	Total	With No Under 1P
Pampisford	380	1024	Bar Hill	3220	6938
<u>Pop.500-1000.</u>			Gamlingay	3220	4312
Fen Ditton	700	1694	Girton	3710	5030
Hauxton	740	1957	Fulbourn	3940	5286
Landbeach	760	1143	<u>Pop.4000 - 5000.</u>		
Coton	770	1020	Melbourn	4000	7254
Gt Abington	790	1702	Gt Shelford	4000	5589
Litlington	810	1138	Linton	4020	4650
Papworth	890	1894	Cottenham	4260	5003
Everard	910	1181	Bassingbourn	4310	5589
Orwell	910	1039	Waterbch	4530	4852
Shelford	940	1123	<u>Pop.1000-1500.</u>		
Barton	940	1860	Sawston	7130	9857
Bourn	960	2430	<u>Rates between 1 &amp; 1.5.</u>		
Teversham	960	2430	Gt Abington		
			Lit Abington		
			Caxton		
			Dry Drayton		
			Fen Ditton		
			Hauxton		
			Melbourn		
			Meldreth		
			Papworth Everard		
			Shudy Camps		
			Toft		
<u>Pop. 1500- 2000.</u>					
Harston	1570	2247			
Meldreth	1670	2887			
Stapleford	1700	2615			
Duxford	1720	5520			
Swavesey	1730	2422			
Milton	1760	5830			
<u>Pop.2000 - 3000.</u>					
Hardwick	2100	2345			
Over	2220	2536			
Comberton	2300	2576			
Impington	2300	4416			
Willingham	2760	2861			
Longstanton	2930	2732			

26th November 1986



B. Hancock Esq  
Chief Executive.  
South Cambs D.C.

Motion to Council.

Dear Bernard,

I feel I can use personal terminology when a letter is for personal consumption, and is unlikely to be reprinted for a Cttee or Council. Perhaps one day I shall get a shock.

However, the more I thought about the annoying aspect which Members who stand up and shout that "We ought to spend more money as a District" the more I became convinced that so much is done by the District for the Parishes that we ought to look at the whole picture. The AWA are responsible for sewerage, the Ratepayers of the District are now having to "Pick up the Bill" whilst some of the Parishes benefiting are not making a contribution.

I spoke to Mrs Firth on the subject of the "Woodland Compensation" item on the A.D.C-G.P Cttee Agenda and I wondered whether we are right to extend Town Schemes and Conservation areas because of the potential liability aspect. As I see it, if you contemplate enforcement you either "Go to Court" or face a Grant situation and neither appeals to me.

The Linton Chest Tombs Item is well documented by Mr Selby on G.P Cttee Agenda of 13th Feb Jan, I put it to you if £20,000 is needed what is the use of our £250 Grant. I understand the Parish have put some money in, I'm not sure that Linton Town Scheme was not involved, but a visit now will show that they don't seem to have made any pressure on the repair aspect.

Another item may interest you on the same Agenda - Resident Address at Cottenham, a new arrival Resident Name would not, I understand, for putting a tiled roof on, have received a Grant, but because Thatch was required by us a Grant of £5000 was made. I occasionally have an input from a Cottenham family related to former friends at Girton - strong Conservationists were amazed that we had made such a Grant, because although they appreciate thatch, there were many aspects which in their opinion did not justify a grant. Obviously this depends largely on personal opinion, my comment was "Wouldn't his Building Society have increased the Advance?"

Whilst I am aware that popularity does not grow from these kind of problems I believe that until all Parishes get to a Rate of 4p, the Parish should accept that if it is benefiting them they should contribute. I am afraid the Chairman of your Finance Cttee is more concerned that his small Parishes make no Rate, than in ensuring equity in matters like these.

yours sincerely.

Donald Allen (Signature)