

Present

Councillors

J. Swift (Chairman)  
E. P. Barker (Vice-Chairman)

F.W. Barker  
G.P. George  
Mrs. V.H. Mayer  
D. Park  
Mrs. C. Thornton

E.R. Capstick  
D.J. Harrison  
W. Manley  
J. Prickett  
A. Ward

C.G. Dean  
C.H. Iveson  
S.M. Musgrave  
Mrs. H. Smyly  
H.B. Wilson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A.W. Bower, W.B. Cubin, R.S. Harrison and H.E. Newman.

MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 3 March 1979 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES

RESOLVED - That

- 1) the minutes of the meetings of the Development Control Sub-Committee held on 6 March, 3 April and 1 May 1979; and
- 2) the minutes of the meetings of the National Park Sub-Committee held on 1 February, 20 March and 19 April 1979, be received.

NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITY

Capital Programme 1980/81

Consideration was given to a report on the list of water supply, sewerage and sewage treatment schemes which were being considered for inclusion in the Capital Programme of the North West Water Authority.

RESOLVED - That the report be accepted.

STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

Secretary and Legal Services Officer reported that there were two differing sets of provisions available to the Council in relation to street naming and numbering, namely that based on the Towns Improvement Clauses 1847, and that contained in the Public Health Act 1925. He explained that research had shown that the Council's predecessor authorities did not appear to have acted in a uniform manner, and it was not possible to say with any degree of certainty which provisions had been used by each authority. The 1925 Act appeared to provide a wider range of powers particularly in relation to the Council's ability to require a change in the name of a street. It also gave the other party (normally the Developer) a right of

appeal to the Magistrates if the Council served on him a notice to a proposed name.

The Secretary and Legal Services Officer added that the above measure would in no way affect consultations with Parish Councils on street naming, which would continue as at present.

RESOLVED - That with forthwith effect this Council adopt the provisions of the Public Health Act 1925 in relation to street naming and numbering to apply throughout the whole of the District Council's area.

THE BUILDING (FIRST AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1978

- 132 The Chief Building Control Officer reported that the Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 1978 had come into operation on 1 June 1979 and provided that a large percentage of new or altered non-domestic buildings would be required to have adequate thermal insulation.

RESOLVED - That the report be received.

BUILDING CONTROL POLICY

- 133 The Chief Planning Officer reminded the Committee that under Section 819 (1977/78) consideration had been given to the optimum staffing of the Building Control Section and inspections of buildings were necessary as a result of the Anns versus the London Borough of Westminster case which had significantly affected the law of negligence in relation to the actions of local authorities and their staff. Advice has now been received from the Association of District Councils which suggested that each Council should draw up a policy document indicating

- (a) the broad basis of performance for which the Local Authority should allocate resources to the Building Control function; and
- (b) the factors which the Building Control Officers should consider when carrying out their duties on the basis of (a) above.

RESOLVED - That the Council's Statement of Policy with regard to the Building Control function be as set out below:-

- (1) In order to secure compliance with the Building Regulations as far as possible at reasonable cost taking into account the possible defects the Council have:

- (a) reviewed the amount of their resources allocated to the Building Control function; and
- (b) considered the broad basis of performance for which resources can be allocated.