SUTTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Excerpts from the Parish Council Minutes over the first 100 years.

4th December 1894. The first Election of Parish Councillors. There were 24 nominations with 4 duplications. Three oil lamps were purchased and the school be allowed to use them. If rented out the renter to purchase the oil.

1895 The Burial Ground was bought for £200. The Council to borrow up to £500 from the County Council to be repaid over 50 years.

Purchase of land 1acre 2 rods	£200. 00.
Solicitors cost of Conveyance	£ 5. 00.
Fencing & Shrubs for 3 sides	£138. 00.
Front entrance Fence & Gates	£117. 16.
Grave Markings	£ 9. 00.
Foot paths	£ 10. 00.
Architects claim	£ 15. 00.
Tool House	£ 5. 00.
	£499. 16.

With regard to the Parish Award, in answer to Mr Marshall the Vice Chairman explained that the award was an Ecclesiastical Document.

15th April 1896. Further to the discussion regarding the keeping of Parochial Books the clerk to make claim of the Map and Award and all other Parochial Books.

8th September 1896. The Chairman asked if the Parish Award had been handed over. It has not so the clerk was asked to refer this to the County Council.

24th November 1896. The clerk had made a personal application to the vicar who replied be was unwilling to hand this over until further instructions but would lend it to the Parish Council.

19th January 1987. The clerk reported that two written applications had been made to the vicar. He had not replied. The clerk to write to the County Council with a view to taking legal proceedings.

18th February 1897. A letter from the County Council stating that the Parish Award is an Enclosure Award and not a Tisle award as is a document that section 17 of the Social Government Act of 1894 gives custody to the Parish Council.

17th May 1897. Further correspondence regarding the Parish Award resulted in an order from the authorities to the Rev. Robertson for this to be handed over to the Parish Council.

1897 The Bott Diamond Jubilee Memorial Medal was gifted to the Parish Council by Mr & Mrs Bott, this was a gold medal along with one guinea per year given to the oldest resident.

The Jubilee committee put a lamp at the crossroads of High Street and Church Street. The council to maintain for five years at a cost of £15.

1898 Burial Ground finally concentrated on 22nd March at 5 p.m.

1900. Baptist Cemetery ordered to close. The Burial Ground to be opened from 10a.m to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

22nd June 1905. The chairman reported that the vice chairman had seen the vicar whose wish it was that the passing bell should be tolled for all parishioners wherever interred. If any complaints were received he would take the matter up.

26th September 1905. Parish meeting was held to see if village habitants were happy with the current water supply. They were strongly against any scheme to introduce a water system from other sources at a considerable expense.

March 1909. Mr George Longmate asked for the consent of the meeting to the sale of the site of the present Pinfold. The meeting was of the opinion that a public pound necessary for the Parish and have no objections of its removal to another site.

October 1909. It was reported that a sanitary cart had been ordered at a cost of £24 for the use of scavenging.

14th March 1910. Twenty-two persons had been nominated for the eleven seats on the council.

24th March 1910. The tender for Mr Henry Pilkington for £38 for twelve months had been accepted by the Rural District Council.

April 1911. Coronation of King George V. A coronation committee was appointed.

19th December 1913. Complaints to police regarding dangerous and excessive speed by motor vehicles passing through the streets.,

16th October 1914. Letter from Red Cross Committee asking to accommodate some Belgian Refugee Families. Mr Bingham offered a cottage rent free. The Rev Jaques offered part of his house.

16th December 1915. A letter to be sent from the Council to the Rural District Council protesting against the closing of the Meering Ferry that this was detrimental to the parishioners.

24th February 1916. The owner of the ferry has written to Newark R.D.C. to say that he had been unable to obtain a man to work the ferry but now had secured the services of one. The chairman had received a letter from the War Agricultural Committee asking him to ask women to give as much assistance as possible in agriculture.

25th May 1917. The clerk reported that he had seen the Superintendent of the Private Laws and the sum of thirty shillings had been allocated for the purchase of sparrows.

20th December 1917. A circular was read from the Local Food Control Committee that the need of economy was essential.
19th December 1918. Request by parishioners to have the provision of a public telephone call station at the Post Office.

13th February 1919. A signed memorandum to the Notts County Council asking for the erection of a bridge over the Trent at Carlton.

25th March 1919. It was reported that preliminary steps were being taken in respect to a memorial for the war.

3rd June 1919. Peace Celebrations. The committee decided that a dinner and supper be given to all Sutton on Trent men who had served in the war and to the widows or mothers of the fallen. The remainder of the proposed festivities to be submitted to the Parish Meeting.

19th July 1921. A discussion took place to preserve the public right over the Meering Ferry. It was proposed by Mr. Neep to increase the interment fee to five shillings for every interment except for still born and infants under one month,

7th December 1921. Notice from the solicitors of the Great Northern Railway that an application was proposed to be made in Parliament for the extension of time for compulsory purchase of lands in connection to the widening of the railway.

21at February 1922. Letter from Ministry of Health that the approval of the rates for internment passed.

13th March 1922. Fifteen nominations for the eleven places. Forty local government electors present for the vote.

18th April 1922. Letter received that a man had moved into the Ferry house and that the Meering Ferry would be properly run in future.
It was reported that the fence of the Pinfold was out of repair and a letter sent to the steward of the Lady of the Manor (Lady E Denison) calling for attention thereto.

20th June 1922. After previous reports regarding the staking out of the Poor Meadows it could not be ascertain of the area and the clerk was instructed to inspect the Parish Awards or if necessary the Vestry documents and records.

19th September 1922. A letter was read and considered from the Imperial War Commissions with reference to the supply by the commission of Headstones on upkeep of the graves of Pt G Moore and Pt E.J. Woods. The Parish replied that they would undertake to maintain the graves for a payment of 10 shillings per annum per grave.

19th December 1922. The clerk reported that the family of Private Moore would erect their own headstone and did not want it to be a war grave. The family of Private Woods were willing that the Commission be at liberty to erect any headstone and carry out upkeep. The commission accepted that Councils offer to upkeep of Private Woods for ten shillings per annum.

16th May 1923. Communication from the clerk of the County Council that the adoption by the County Council of the powers under the Public Libraries Act was to be considered and enquiring whether the Act had already been adopted by the Parish Council and he had replied "No".

23rd October 1923. Motor Fire Engine. A letter from the Town Clerk referring to former correspondence to see if the Parish Council would contribute towards maintenance and upkeep of the Newark Fire Brigade which had two efficient motor engines. This would cost £20 per annum. ~The clerk to find more information before getting the feeling of the rate payers.

11th December 1923. The Fire Brigade. It was proposed and seconded that with immediate effect acting of the powers of vested in section 29 of the poor law amendment Act 1867 as amended by section 6 of the Local Government Act 1894 and under the further powers conferred upon it by section1 of the Parish Fire Engines Act 1898 resolve to enter into an agreement with the Newark Urban District Council that the motor or steam fire engine with their apparatus and firemen provided by the last named Council shall be placed at the disposal of the Parish of Sutton on Trent free of any charge whatsoever to owners, occupiers, land or buildings. The Council agreed to pay three farthings in the pound each calendar year. Letter from Southwell Rural District Council enclosing a letter from the Postmaster at Newark as to having the Streets of the Parish named and houses numbered.

19th February 1924. Letter from Southwell R.D.C. together with the order of the Ministry of Health inviting suggestions from the Parish Council for the names of the streets. The following were decided on Station Road, Grassthorpe Road, High Street, Church Street, Main Street, First Holme Lane, Middle Holme Lane, Far Holme Lane, Carlton Lane, Great North Road, Barrel Hill, Palmer Road and Ossington Road.

2nd June 1925. A special meeting to discuss the 'Rating and Valuation Bill'. The clerk read a list of objections to the Bill. This was discussed and a resolution be sent to the Marquis of Letchford, the member of Parliament for this division saying that at a meeting of Sutton on Trent P.C. that they opposed this passing of the 'Rating and Valuation Bill' now before parliament.

29th October 1925. The clerk read a petition from the National Association of Assessment and Rating Authorities. It was agreed that the petition be signed and to find out the cost of an affiliation to the Parish Councils Association.
The chairman read out a letter from the clerk announcing his intention of resigning the appointment of assistant overseer and clerk to the Parish. After a discussion it was agreed to accept the resignation.

14th November 1925. A special meeting was held when the Chairman read a letter from the Ministry of Health also the extract of the auditors report dated 20th October 1925 relating to the audit of the accounts for the year ending 31st March 1925 of the oversees of the Parish of Sutton on Trent. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Secretary of the Ministry of Health.

24th November 1925. The chairman read a letter from the District Auditors relating to the balancing of the late assistant overseer's accounts.

16th February 1926. Further correspondence from the National Association of Assessment and Ratings Authorities was read re the passing of the Rating and Valuation Bill. A circular from the Ministry of Health regarding this act as affecting the transfer of powers and duties of overseer's, assistance overseer's etc. Overseer's will require to be appointed at the usual date in the present year and will remain in office until they cease to function on 31st March 1927. The Act also transfers to the New Rating Authorities as from April 1927. All assistant overseer's, rate collectors, vestry clerks and officers employed in the performance of the duties od overseer's who were in office on December 22nd 1925.

20th April 1926. The Chairman raised question to the possibility of closing the road over the crossing at Crow Park Station on the completion of the new road and wondered if any public right of way would then exist.

8th June 1926. Reference was made to the service of motor buses running through the village between Retford and Newark, it was decided to take no action.

27th September 1926. Letter received to say that the railway proposed to close the entire road. The clerk to write to the council surveyor for plans and particulars of the proposed new road and bridge.

5th October 1926. A special meeting was held at Crow Park Station with the outcome that the crossing would be closed with the exception of passenger traffic to the station.

14th December 1926. The Southwell R.D.C submitted resolutions passed by them together with plans concerning the diversion of Ossington Lane from the Great North Road where it is crossed by the railway.
With regard to the Baptist Cemetery the Baptist Trustee's gave a certificate as in the Burial Act 1855 provided the same be accepted that the Cemetery Committee take over the upkeep of the cemetery.

19th April 1927. The clerk reported that he had received a letter from Southwell R.D.C. that a fulltime rate collector for the distract under the new Rating and Valuation Act. His services as assistant overseer were terminated as that the office of Clerk to the Parish Council was a separate one. The council decided to pay the clerk a salary of £13 per annum.

20th September 1927. The clerk had received a letter from the treasurer of the East Midlands Baptist Association asking that the closed cemetery be handed over to him as nobody had any authority to hand over the same.

7th February 1928. The question was raised with regard to the lighting of the Jubilee Lamp. It was decided to leave in abeyance pending further information of the possible supply of electricity for the village in the near future.

6th March 1928. Mr W Pike made an application for the planting of ornamental trees in Main Street, Palmer Road and Hight Street, the council had no objections. A copy of the order be sent to Southwell R.D.C.
A letter was read from Miss Robinson drawing attention to the dilapidated condition of the Pinfold adjoining her property and her desire to purchase the site of the Pinfold. The clerk to write to the agent of Lady Dennison.

12th March 1928. A.G.M. Forty parishioners were present with eighteen persons standing for nomination for the eleven seats.

17th April 1928. The clerk reported that the Highways Committee of the Southwell R.D.C. could not accede the proposals of Mr Pike as the was insufficient width for the purpose.

3rd July 1928. A letter from the District Valuer Lincoln regarding the County Council acquiring the land of the Pinfold re road improvements for the new bridge. Lady Dennison was willing to sell, and the Sutton on Trent Council want her to provide an alternative pinfold.

31st July 1928. A new site for the pinfold was proposed between the new road and Ossington Lane. This was agreed.

11th December 1928. A letter was read from the Southwell Board of Parish Guardians asking for the support of the Parish Council by passing a resolution objecting to the abolition of Board of Guardians and transference of administration and control of the Poor Laws to County Council. After a vote it was passed.

16th April 1929. Letter from the solicitors of the Baptist Association stating they would repay the council the cost of repairs if the keys were handed over. This was carried.

21st April 1931. The clerk reported that according to the Clerk of the County Council that the Parish of Sutton on Trent is a area in which the appearance of petrol filling stations will be regulated when the bye laws of the Petroleum Act 1928 are confirmed.

15th March 1932. Mr Bingham inquired as to whether the meeting had considered the advisability of obtaining street lighting which at present is in course of construction through the Parish. The clerk was asked to write a non-comital letter to the supplier asking the appropriate cost.

19th September 1933. The clerk reported that Southwell R.D.C. are preparing a scheme to supply water from their Bilsthorpe reservoir to Sutton on Trent at an estimated cost of £40,000. This sum is to be obtained by loan.

12th March 1934. After reading an inquiry from the Ministry of Health a discussion was held, first opposing the scheme and then after an amendment to approve the scheme. The voting for the amendment was five for, 2 against. The amendment was carried.

11th September 1934. After several complaints regarding the grave digging, the sexton, Mr Wagstaff was given one months' notice and Mr Bruce Hadley appointed to succeed him.

19th February 1935. Further letter from the Clerk to the County Council regarding the depositing of the Parish Award to Shire Hall. It was unanimously decided that the previous decision not to part with the award be confirmed.

28th Marsh 1935. Report that Grassthorpe Road would have piped water as well aa the village.

10th December 1935. Letter from Southwell D.R.C. regarding the proposed drainage scheme and estimate for the sewerage and sewerage disposal. This from Elms Corner to Crow Park Station is £10,000. The scheme was considered and to see if a grant was available from the Government. An amendment was raised that it was not necessary to have this expensive scheme for the Parish and that a pipe be put in the Cookstool near the Dolphin and piped to the Holmes. This was carried.

17th Marsh 1936. The question was raised to see if it was possible to have the Jubilee Lamp lit by electricity. The clerk to get the costs.

22nd September 1936. A representative of the Derbyshire Electric Power said that the Jubilee Lamp was not worth it but said that some street lighting could be arranged. After a discussion it was decided to drop the question of any street lighting.

15th March 1937. Proposed Coronation Festivities. A resolution was passed to have a voluntary subscription by means of a house to house collection.

8th April 1937. A parish meeting was held with the regards to high rates from the Southwell Internal Drainage Board. After some resolutions it was decided that two farmers attend the Farmers Union meeting at Newark with regard to this.

27th February 1938. Letter from the Southwell R.D.C. stating that the rents are as follows:- Bungalows 5/-, three bedroom, houses 11/6d and four bedroom houses not yet fixed.

17th September 1940. As there was not an air raid shelter the Southwell .D.C. be pressed to sully one for the protection of the public.

18th March 1941. Letter from Local Food Officer asking for any suitable premises for community feeding. The only available is the All Saints Church Hall.

18th February1942. A public meeting was held to see if it was possible to have a siren to warn of approaching aircraft. A letter had been received from the Chief Constable saying that the village was too small and the request could not be granted.

8th December 1942. A meeting was held to overhaul the civil defence measures of which the committee said it was adequate for the village. The ladies to man the first aid post.

22nd February 1943. The Southwell R.D.C. had written to find land for 20 houses, 12 of which to replace those condemned in High Street. The Southwell R.D.C's preference is Grassthorpe Road.

23rd February 1945. In view of the coming Wings for Victory week it was decided to ask Southwell R.D.C. to restrict the area which Sutton would be responsible to Carlton on Trent, Grassthorpe, Ossington and Sutton on Trent.

13th March 1945. Special parish meeting was held to discuss a community centre for the village. The Youth Headquarters and Community Centre Committee to be amalgamated and raise fund for a community centre to house all.

6th September 1945. With regard to a letter about the Victory Celebrations it was decided to wait until the lads came home and it should be a national celebration.

1st October 1946. The clerk to write to Southwell R.D.C. regarding the delay in building the council houses.

7th October 1947. A number of mattress's had been provided by the British Red Cross to be distributed to flood victims. It was reported that a meeting was held with Southwell R.D.C. to see what could be done with regard to the flooding which was occurring more often.

2nd December 1947. Eighty blankets had been received for disposal to 54 applicants who had applied.

28th September 1948. It was reported that £64. 8s.3d had been collected towards a War Memorial. The decision locally was to have a plaque in the church containing 5 names and one in the chapel with 30 names.

25th October 1948. With regard to the War Memorial, an estimate to erect a similar memorial in the church was £200-£300 and another for the chapel at £15.50. A letter from the Parochial Church Council saying that do not approve of a plaque being placed in the church but would suggest a Lychgate placed at the entrance to the churchyard and the names of the fallen be carved on the gate. He council refused this and as it was too expensive . The clerk to write again saying that it was the wish of the parishioner's to have this in the church.

13th December 1948. Further correspondence with the Parochial Church Council it was agreed to dived the money collected between the church and chapel for them to erect their own memorials but the monies not to be handed over until this was done.

19th August 1949. After a discussion it was decided to have street lighting in the village.

28th March 1950. A letter was read regarding the nationwide enterprise to celebrate the Festival of Britain. This was discussed and a seat to commemorate this this be put at the south west of the Cricket Field at the corner as it would provide a seat for people attending the doctors and waiting for a bus.

23rd May 1950. Co. Vere Laurie reported that the first two council houses would be finished by the 6th June and a pair a fortnight until complete.

20th May 1952. A complaint had been received that a child had fallen in the pond at the corner of Sternthorpe Close and Grassthorpe Road. A letter to be sent to Southwell R.D.C. to either fill it in or put a fence around.

8th October 1952. A special meeting with other organisations to make arrangements for the village for the coronation. The celebrations to be on 2nd June as follows:- 1.30pm opening ceremony at the Old England Hotel. Procession with the Queen and attendants. 2.30 pm sports followed by tea for the children at 4 pm. 5.30p. adult tea, 6pm cinema show for the children. 7.30pm whist drive and dance and later a torchlight procession.

3rd November 1952. A marquee to be hired at a cost of £27 and be erected in Bulham Lane field by permission of Mr. W Pike. A play in February 1953 and the football team to arrange a dance to raise funds for the coronation festivities.

14th April 1953. The marquee to be cancelled and to have a T.V. in Church. Children's tea to be in the Church Hall.

27th September 1955. Mr. Marshall stated complaints had been made regarding the untidy state of the War Memorial.

13th December 1955. With regard to the War Memorial Lt. Col. Vere Laurie asked to ascertain the position as to whether it was in order to demolish subject to the approval of the Parish Council.

16th December 1958. The clerk read a letter with regard to the closure of Crow Park Station.

23rd August 1960. A special meeting was arranged for the presentation to the village for the Best Kept Village. This to be on 8th October at 3 p.m. by Lady Galwarf and to be placed at the corner of High Street and Mail Street where the Jubilee Lamp was.

18th April 1961. It was proposed that the land in front of Sternthorpe Close by grassed and used as a play area and goal posts erected. The clerk to write to Southwell R.D.C.

6th December 1961. Lt. Col. Vere Laurie informed the clerk that 33 more council houses, 14 of which will be old people's bungalows.

4th December 1962. The Council unanimously decided the vicar be requested to return the Parish Award which is the property of the Parish Council and that eventually all the old records by lodged with the County Archivists at County Records Office, Nottingham .

10th April 1963. Southwell R.D.C. met with councillors and agreed that the land in front of Sternthorpe Close to be given over to the Council for a playing field for a small rent.

9th September 1963. Lt. Col. Vere Laurie reported that a further 36 council houses and 10 old people's bungalows to be built on the Sternthorpe Estate.

28th September 1964. As the plans for a bus shelter in High Street could not be agreed it was suggested that a bus shelter at the junction of High Street and Main Street and one at the junction of Grassthorpe Road and Crow Park Avenue.

7th December 1964. The Council had received a letter from Dr. Harper with regard to the work done on the playing field belonging to the Sutton on Trent Sports Club of which the Council approved.

21st February 1966. The swings for the playing field had been ordered at a cost of £58. 0s.6d.

5th December 1966. With regard to Willow Holt the C.E.G.B. had decided not to purchase and Mr. Dakin had agreed to plant 2 rows of trees along each side of the wood as instructed by County Planning Association.

6th February 1967. The clerk reported the disgraceful state in which the Parish Award had been returned from Hodgkinson and Beavers, solicitors. Great indignation was expressed at the treatment of this irreplaceable old document had received. Lt. Col. Vere Laurie to take this up with Co. Dennison, solicitors. Meanwhile the clerk promised to lodge the map with the County Archivists and copies for display in the village.

18th April 1967. Letter was received from the County Archivists for prices for copies of the Parish Award. The council agreed that the award and very old minute books be lodged at Shire Hall.

5th September 1967. The new motorway was opened on 14th July and the Parish Council wrote to the Council with regard to the signs which stated Sutton and not Sutton on Trent. Also why had Sutton not had a slip road from the motorway.

4th January 1968. A meeting was arranged with the Ministry of Transport with regard to a slip road from the bridge in Ossington Lane. Many business's in the village were losing custom and people were having trouble locating the village.

5th February 1968. It was reported that the Parish Award had now been lodged with the County Archivists for safe keeping and copies held by the Parish Council.

28th April 1969. Following a meeting on 21st April with British Railway the signal box at Crow Park Station to be removed and the supervised crossing closed. A request for a bridge was made. This would cost £5,000 - £7,000 of which British Rail would pay £2,000. They would install lights with a minimum notice of 15 seconds.

20th May 1969. The Council had suggested a footpath (ramp to the bridge) as a safer way to cross the line. The Parish Council accepted this.
A letter was read from the Parochial Church Council asking for assistance in the repair of the clock. It was agreed to contribute £50.

21at May 1970. The clerk pointed out the returns received in rent from the Poor Meadows and enquiries by made to the Charity Commission as to the possibility of sale of the land and re-investment.

8th February 1971. Mr B Parsons had verbally offered £200 for the Poor Meadows. The clerk to see if Mr Parsons would be prepared to pay the expenses. The councillors agreed that this was a fair price and could be invested.

26th April 1971. Mr Pike reported that Sutton on Trent was to become a conservation area.

7th December 1971. Mrs Lambert reported that a grant had been sought by the Youth Club for the Lyric Cinema to become the Youth Club. They agreed a grant if the Parish Council act as trustees. After discussions it was decided that this would benefit the residents and agreed to be trustees.

!0th January 1972. The councillors felt that they had been misled by the County Youth Office and that she did not know that Southwell R.D.C. was to levy a 2p rate on the Parish Council. After lengthy discussions a gift of £200 be given to the Youth Club.

5th December 1972. It was reported that the Poor Meadow had been sold and advice to be sought re investment of monies.
Mrs N Bingham brought along the Old Parish Bell which had been in use for many years when the village boasted a crier. Mrs Walton had donated this to the council.

10th April 1973. A letter was read from the Chief Constable that the Police Station was to be closed,

14th November 1973. R.D. Councillor, Mrs Lambert brought plans for permission to develop 13 acres of land belonging to Taylor's Growers and for the building of 44 bungalows and 3 acres belonging to Mr Burchell. These had been rejected by County Council for lack of sewerage. The land should be developed as a whole, not council houses and to incorporate a civic centre, car park and main entrance to site.

12th March 1974. The council to be asked to repair the architectural finger post and the junction of Station Road and Grassthorpe Road which bears the legend Grantham 22 miles, Retford 13 miles.

20th May 1974. A special meeting was called with regard to a large increase in the rates. 150 parishioners were present.

14th June 1974. Mr Miles asked if the council would contribute to the cost of a new Union Jlack for the church.

25th June 1974. The vicar had written to ask the Parish Council to help with the guilding of the church clock.

10th September 1974. A letter had been received from the vicar clarifying the custody of the flag.

23rd October 1975. It was decided that diamond weddings and 100th birthdays shall be marked by a small gift.

7th June 1976. It was resolved that the Parish Bell be in the custody of the chairman during his or her time in office,

13th July 1976. A letter of condolence to be sent to Mr & Mrs Whiles parents of Brian who drowned in the River Trent. Mr Ridyard to be asked to paint and erect two warning signs on the Holme Gates.

13th September 1976. A letter was sent from Notts County Council stating that do to the loss of £37,000 the bus service was to be curtailed and the Sunday service withdrawn.

9th November 1976. A tree planting programme to be looked at. The clerk to obtain prices for mugs for the children.

14th December 1976. This scheme had been approved and 50 trees to be ordered.

11th January 1977. The clerk to order 200 jubilee mugs from Kirkgate China Shop, the source of funds for payment to be resolved after the public meeting.

8th February 1977. Mr Morley reported on a successful meeting of village organisations. Funds to be raised by a house to house collection. 7th June 1977. To be celebrated by sports and events in the afternoon. Tea for the children and O.A.P's. Disco for the young people and a dance in the evening for all others. These to take place at the Sports Club. The mugs to be paid for out of the collection with the Parish Council to pay the balance.

8th March 1977. Extensive flooding had occurred and 11 houses and many acres of land had been flooded. It was suggested that the flood bank be extended at Carlton Lane.

11th April 1978. With regard for a sign noting the flood levels, Mr Marshall had received a quote of £170 for a metal one. It was decided to obtain further information for a stone plaque. Notification had been received from the National Coal Board re test bore holes on land at Ingram Lane and Crow Park Farm.

13th June 1978. With regard to the School Centenary it was noted that the Parish Council had not been officially asked to attend. It was resolved that the Parish Council would donate an assembly bell to mark the occasion.

11th July 1978. Mr Morley had attended the school centenary and it was resolved that the name of the headmaster should be on the commemoration stone. It was resolved that the Best Kept Village plaque to be placed on the bridge over the Cookstool Dyke.

10th October 1978. Mr Marshall reported that research proved that the 1947 flood level was above the parapet of the Cookstool Dyke Bridge, so an independent stone would have to be used. It was resolves that the Parish Bell should be loaned to the school.

14th November 1978. Mr Morley had already been quoted a price of £35 for a bell should the Parish Bell prove to be too heavy.

12th December 1978. The Headmaster had purchased an assembly bell duly inscribed 'The Parish Bell' to be loaned to the school to be on display.

8th May 1079. Nottinghamshire County Council had granted permission for a stone to be inserted in the Cookstool Bridge.

9th October 1979. A letter from Nottinghamshire County Council regarding the closure of Eaves Lane Railway Crossing to wheeled vehicles. No objections were raised.

14th October 1980. A letter from the Bishop of Southwell stated that a smaller house would be suitable and is moving the Vicarage from the centre of the village.

9th June 1981. A request had been made for a circus on the playing field. This had been refused.

8th February 1983. Mrs P Lambert, a past chairman had been contacted by a lady who said she had on original copy of the Parish Award and was persuaded to donate it to the parish. This gift to be marked by a civic dinner at the Old England Hotel.

10th May 1983. The flood stone is now in place on the bridge over the Cookstool and thanks were recorded to Mr Mear and Mr Pacey.
Mr Gallup had handed over the Parish Award at the civic dinner in excellent condition. It was resolved that it should be held by the Chairman of the Parish Council with accessibility for parishioners' to inspect.

12th July 1983. Mr Meakin had applied for the use of the playing field for two days in July for a fair. After discussion this to be allowed and the field to be left in good order.

13th September 1983. The leisure services to provide a display case for the Parish Award for the library for a short time.

17th April 1984. The main topic of this meeting was to discuss the draft plans for the long term development plans for the village. Present were members of N.D.C. planning the R.C.C.

9th October 1984. ~It was reported that the daffodil bulbs had been purchased and planted at various sites in the village.

13th November 1984. Mr Rolt had attended a meeting with regard to the ownership of the soil and the trusteeship of the Holmes. The meeting was adjoined for the further evidence until February 1985 as the Denison Estates as head of the Manor. The clerk to look into the possibility of challenging that anachronistic right.

11th December 1984. It was reported that the requested speed limit of 30 mph on the road between Sutton and Carlton had been refused.
It was suggested that a copy of the Parish Award be sent to NALC in order to ascertain if the Parish Council had a case in the establishment of the Trusteeship of the Holmes.

11th February 1985. Further correspondence with NALC and the council felt that they could not establish a case of Trusteeship. The clerk suggested that the Parish Council purchase one Holme Gait when available. This was carried unanimously.

12th March 1985. After a discussion it was unanimously resolved to give a grant of £100 during the current financial year towards the Church Restoration and to discuss at the A.G.M. the possibility of raising a 1p rate next year.
The clerk reported that on the commission hearing of 26th February the commission had vested the freehold of the Holmes with the Public Trustee.

26th March 1985. Canon Hatter explained the heavy cost the church is facing in that the stonework had perished and a roof needed repairs estimated at £25,000. Discussion took place as to the possible levy of a 1p rate to help. The Chairman asked if parishioners' agreed to a meeting being called to discuss that and it was carried by a majority of 31 for and 1 against.

21st May 1985. Special Meeting. Mr Marshall outlined the reason for the meeting that the Parish Council suggested a 1p rate from the free 2p be raised with special to help restore the fabric of the church. Along discussion took place and the vote was as follows:- 17 for, 37 against and 6 abstainers.

10th September 1985. Official notification of the Sutton Holmes was received of the vesting of the land with the Public Trustees.

10th December 1985. Mr Butt informed the Council that the British Legion Band had been invited to take part in the Festival of Youth Bands to be held in the Royal Albert Hall,

10th June 1986. It was reported by County Councillor Tow that funds were available for bus shelters. It was decided to apply for one near the pumping station on Main Street.

9th September 1986. Steam Threshing reported as a splendid event with takings in excess of £4,000. It was hoped £2,000 would be given to the church.

10th November 1987. It was reported that there were proposals to bring North Sea Gas to British Sugar Corporation and Caledonian Mining it might be possible for villages along the route to also receive a supply.

15th March 1988. Wheeled dustbins will probably introduced in June.

4th June 1988. The Parish Council entered the Radio Nottingham County Quiz.

25th October 1988. At a special meeting with Mr. Beardmore od N.S.D.C. Planning to discuss future planning in the village. The Parish Council had already approved Rose Farm Drive development of small and large houses.. A plan put forward by Balfour Beatty for a large development on the old nursery site belonging to Mr. Taylor was firmly rejected and councillors felt that this would entirely alter the character of the village.

10th January 1989. It was reported that Sutton were beaten by Caunton in the Radio quiz.

14th February 1989. Mr. Butt reported that the band had performed at the Royal Albert Hall. Two buses ad thirty cars had travelled to London with their supporters/ They have been invited to play at the De Montford Hall, Leicester at the Royal British Legion Festival on the 8th April.

10th April 1990. A letter had been received from the Internal Drainage Board stating that it was preparing to erect a permanent pumping station at Far Holme Lane.

8th May 1990. Grave concern was expressed by councillors and members of the public that amended plans were being used by Barratts that had not been passed by the Parish Council.

22nd March 1990. A special meeting had been arranged with the councillors and 51 members of the public were present with officers from Newark District Council. The dispute about the large and small houses and where that would be built. Mr Marshall thanked the officers and felt that this has been a useful meeting and members of the public much better informed.

11th September 1990. A small pumping station will be erected on the flood bank at First Holme Lane as agreed

14th May 1991. The retiring clerk Mrs Joan Martin presented the chairman, Mr John Marshall with a Silver Badge of Office

12th May 1992. With regard to the request for a grant towards the Church Clock, Mr Rolt proposed and Mr Hutchinson proposed that no grant should be made. Nine members supported and two abstained. Mrs. Bingham seconded by Mr Rolt that as so much had been given too the village fairly recently no grant should be made at this time. All in favour.

13th October 1992. I was reported that Mr Butt had applied for grants from Nottingham Building Society and R.C.C. The former wanted to know what the Parish Council were offering. It was agreed to wait until all quotes had been received.

12th January 1993. Grant for church clock, proposed by Mr I Hutchinson, seconded by Mr Rolt that the Parish Council gives £450. An amendment was proposed by Mr B Blanchard that the full amount be given of £1686. This was not seconded and the original proposed was carried with nine in favour and two against. Mr Butt asked if the Parish Council would consider the annual maintenance of the clock which will in future by referred to as the Village Clock. This would be considered.

9th March 1993. Mr Hewson proposed and Mr Ellis seconded and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would pay the annual maintenance.

9th November 1993. With regard to the Centenary Celebrations several suggestions were made, including possible purchase of new seats, ringing the bell and a Parish Council dinner. It was agreed to hold a dinner at the Old England Hotel on the night of the centenary, 13th December 1994 and councillors would pay for themselves.

14th December 1993. The clerk reported that the Old England Hotel had been booked and it was decided to ask past councillors and district and county councillors. Also that an exhibition could be mounted in the church at Steam Threshing to celebrate the centenary. This was agreed.

8th February 1994. With regard to the centenary celebrations Mr Ellis suggested a civic service and a time capsule to be buried in the church.

11th November 1994. With regard to the time capsule, Mr Hutchinson had agreed to make this and the vicar had found a suitable site for this.

8th November 1994. Re – Centenary Celebrations the order of service was agreed and a scroll of contents would be handed out at the service. The Unity Singers will attend and the bank will play. Collection at the end to go towards equipment for the doctor's surgery.

14th March 1995. The Royal British Legion wanted to mark the 60th anniversary of the Sutton on Trent Royal British Legion by planting a tree near the 1st World War graves in the cemetery together with a plaque. It was unanimously agreed but that the plaque be flush with the ground.

13th June 1996. The Time Capsule . This had now been put in position and the clerk was asked to thank Mr Munford for his help in boxing in the capsule.