

CONSETT

CONSENT TO THE SALE OF LAND.

THE Minister of Health, on the application of the Council of the Urban District of Consett and in pursuance of his powers under the Local Government Act, 1933, hereby consents to the sale in consideration of the sum of Forty pounds of certain land vesting in the said Council for purposes of public walks and pleasure grounds, having an area of 192 square yards or thereabouts which land is more particularly shewn on the plan annexed hereto and is thereon coloured red.

GIVEN under the Official Seal of the Minister of Health this Twenty-fourth day of June, 1933.

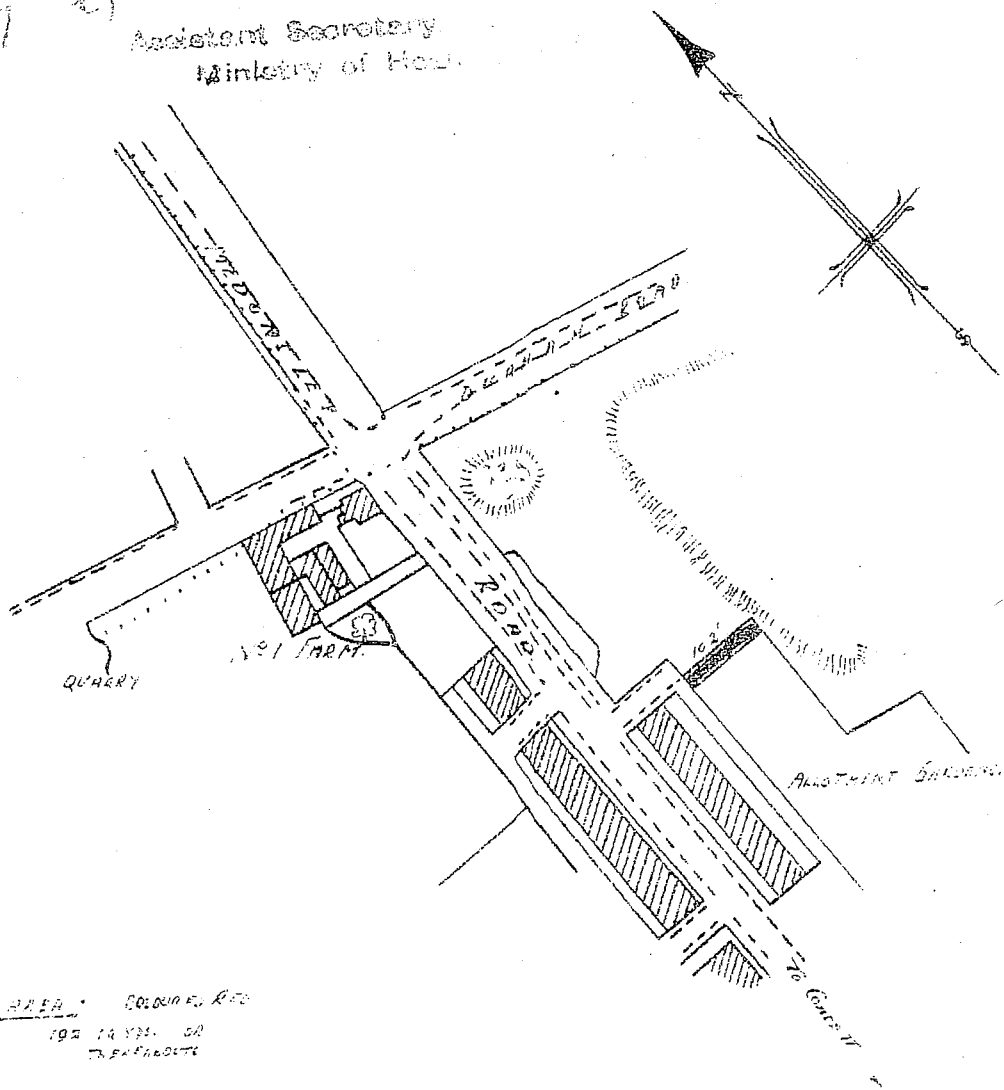
(Signed) E. H. Rhodes.

Assistant Secretary,
Ministry of Health.

NORTH EASTERN ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO. LTD.
SITE AT CONSETT

This is the plan referred to in the instrument of the Minister of Health of the date hereof as being annexed thereto

As witness my hand this 21st day of July 1900.
[Signature]
Assistant Secretary
Ministry of Health



AREA: 50,000 SQ. YDS.
192 1/2 YDS. OR THEREABOUTS

SCALE 1/2500TH

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HOUSING ACT, 1936

CONSENT TO THE APPROPRIATION OF LAND

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH, in pursuance of the provisions of section 76 of the Housing Act, 1936, hereby consents to the appropriation by the Council of the Urban District of Consett of certain land fronting Dale Avenue and comprising an area of 6.149 acres or thereabouts -----

which land is vested in the said Council and is more particularly shown on the plan annexed hereto and thereon edged red.

GIVEN under the Official Seal of the Minister of Health this *thirteenth* first day of November, 1938.

R. Stewart

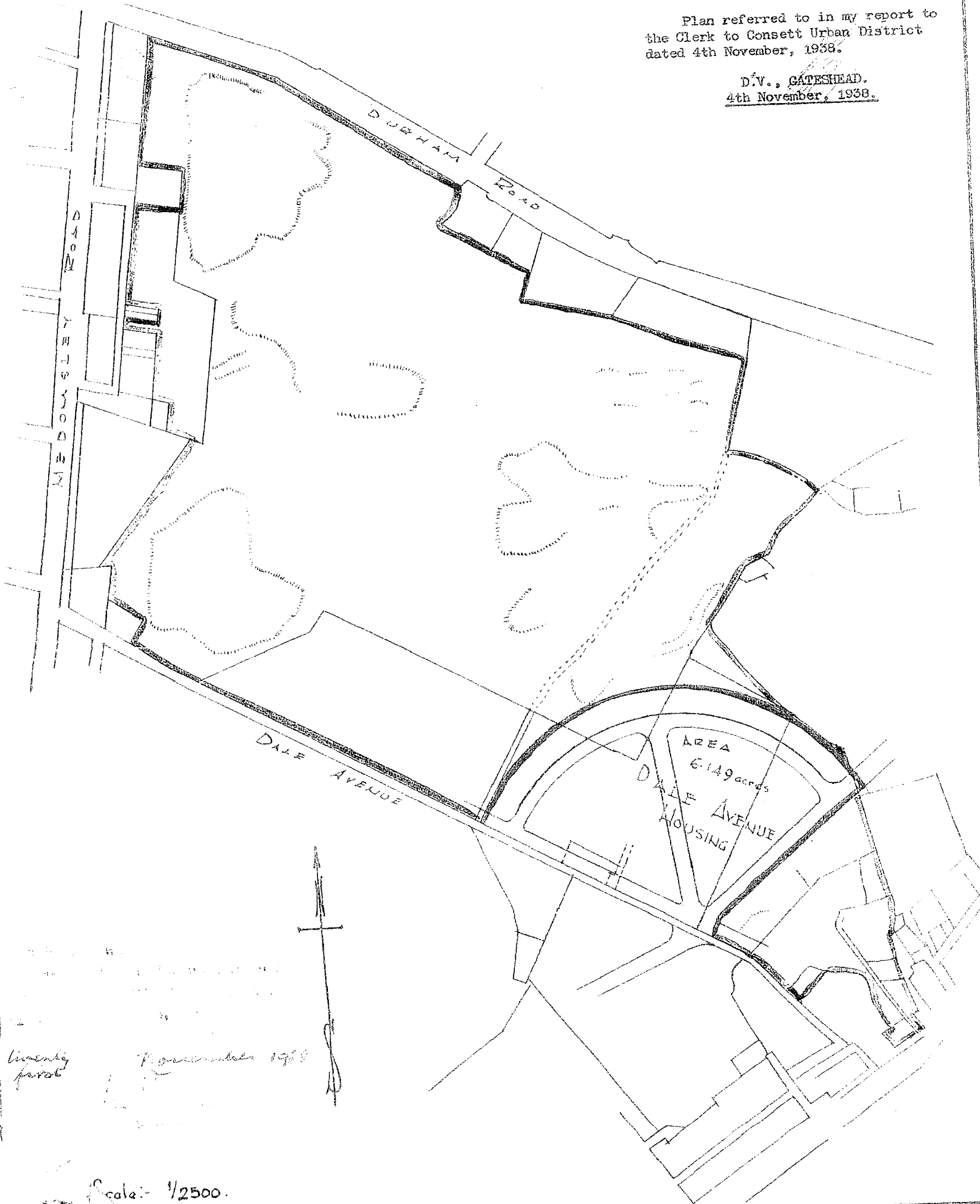
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CONSETT URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINISTRY OF HEALTH
 GATESHEAD
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Plan referred to in my report to
 the Clerk to Consett Urban District
 dated 4th November, 1938.

D.V., GATESHEAD.
 4th November, 1938.



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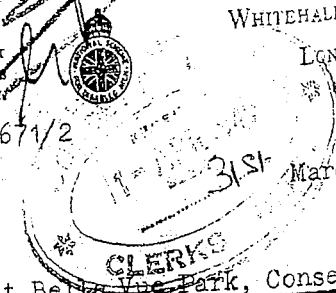
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Ext. 378
Please address any further
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subject to The Secretary

MINISTRY OF HEALTH,
WHITEHALL,
LONDON, S.W. 1

Our Ref. LE/1002/8671/2
Your Ref. 1/6



17/3/49 March, 1949.

Sir,

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Land at Belle Vue Park, Consett

I am directed by the Minister of Health to refer to previous correspondence and to forward herewith formal approval of appropriation of the above mentioned land.

I am also to refer to sections 163(3) of the Local Government Act, 1933 and to state that the respective accounts should be adjusted in accordance with the District Valuer's valuation.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

The Clerk of the
Urban District Council,
Palm Lodge,
Consett,
Co. Durham.

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CONSETT URBAN DISTRICT

APPROPRIATION OF LAND

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH, in pursuance of section 163 of the Local Government Act, 1933, hereby approves the purpose, namely
 Public Offices -----
 for which the Council of the Urban District of Consett -----
 propose to appropriate certain land containing an area of 4882 sq. yards
 or thereabouts situate at Belle Vue Park, Consett, and vesting in the
 said Council for purposes of public walks and pleasure grounds which land
 is more particularly shown coloured brown, red and blue on the plan
 annexed hereto.

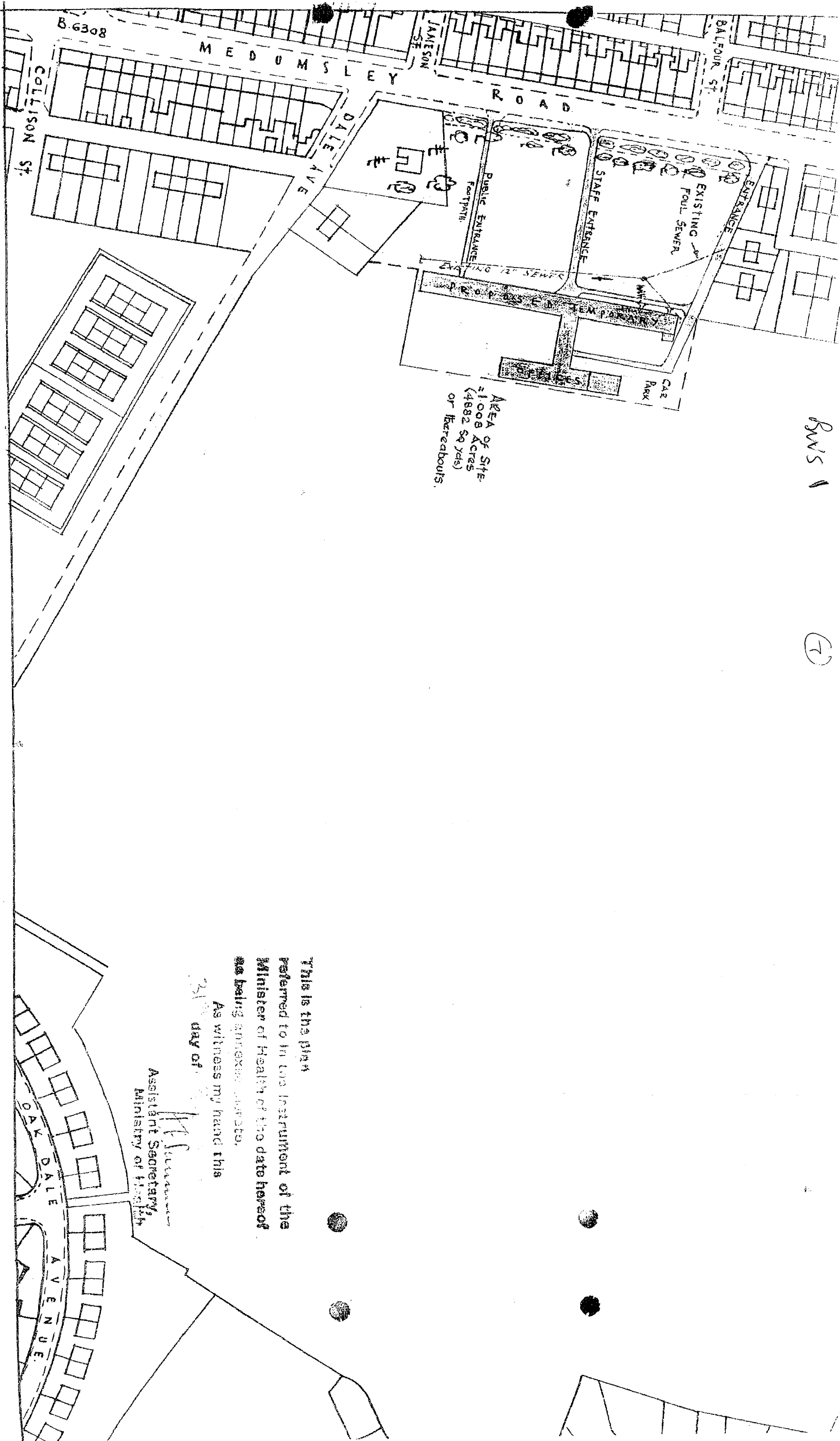
GIVEN under the Official Seal of the Minister of Health this
Thirty-first day of *March*, 1949.

H. J. Sumner

Assistant Secretary,
 Ministry of Health.

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AREA of Site
 = 1008 Acres
 (4882 Sq Yds)
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This is the plan
 referred to in the Instrument of the
 Minister of Health of the date hereof
 as being annexed thereto.

As witness my hand this
 25th day of

Assistant Secretary,
 Ministry of Health

DRAWN R. E.
 DECEMBER 1948.

BLOCK PLAN LAND AT NO. 1. CONSETT.
PROPOSED COUNCIL OFFICES & CHAMBERS.

J. A. BROWN, Esq.,
 BUILDING MANAGER,
 COUNCIL OFFICES
 BLACKHILL.

Extracts from Council Meetings 1963/64

'Consett Urban District Council, Allotments, Parks & Open Spaces & Cemeteries Committee Meeting – 10/09/1963

Charter for Sherburn Park, Belle Vue Grounds & Market Square.

The clerk reported on discussions with the Council's Legal Advisers and the Town Clerk from Newcastle in relation to the provision of Charter for Sherburn Park & Belle Vue Grounds and for the Market Square Consett. It would appear that the Council is adequately covered in so far that the Sherburn Park and Belle Vue Grounds are held as public walks and pleasure grounds and that any variation to this would require the consent of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government and the use of Market Square is governed by a covenant in the Deeds.

The clerk is instructed to discuss this matter further with the Council's Legal Advisers to ascertain whether a simple Deed of Dedication or similar document could be prepared in respect of the areas concerned.'

October & November Meetings – Item 'Carried Forward'

'Committee Meeting - 10/12/1963

The committee considered a draft Deed of Dedication in respect of these public places and recommended the Council to approve thereof and that a parchment copy of the Deed be signed and sealed by the Council and framed and displayed in the Council Chamber. The committee also recommends that details of the Deed be incorporated and recorded in the Council minutes.'

NB The Council Meeting 04/02/1964 recorded that the deed was signed but no mention of any incorporation.

CONSETT URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Allotments, Parks and Open Spaces and Cemeteries Committee held in the Council Offices, Medomsley Road, Consett, on Tuesday, 10th September 1963 at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT:- Councillor F. Agar (Chairman)
 Couns. J. Redshaw, J.P., N.F. Nattrass, O.B.E., J.P.,
 R. Bell, W. Brown, B. Chisholm, J. Hunt, M.M., B.E.M.,
 W. Jemson, S.W. Smith, M.M., J.T. Stobbs,
 L. A. Thomas, Miss M. Walker, W. Walton, B.E.M.,
 I. Williamson.
 Plus outside representatives - Messrs. A.J. Coombes,
 N. Graham, N. Willis and invited members Councillors
 J. Donnelly and Mrs. S. Donnelly.

Welcome

A cordial welcome was extended to the Chairman of the Committee who was attending for the first time since his recent illness and the hope was expressed that Councillor Agar was completely fit again and fully restored to health and that he would enjoy good health for many years to come.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence submitted on behalf of Councillors A. W. Davies and T. W. Maddison were received.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

Surveyor's report

Submitted the Surveyor's report dated 5th September 1963 which was received.

Community Centres

(a) St. Aidans Hall, Blackhill

(i) Provision of new heating system

The Committee considered this matter under reference back by the Council and the Clerk reported that as instructed he had made application to the Diocesan Church Authorities for permission to effect alterations to the St. Aidans Hall, Blackhill, and in particular to the provision of a new heating system. In a letter dated 6th July 1963 the Secretary of the Diocesan Church Council has given approval to this work but has asked for submission of certain details as and when the type of heating system is determined.

(ii) Payment of grant and capital expenditure on St. Aidans Hall

With the consent of the Chairman, Councillors J. Donnelly and Mrs. S. Donnelly were in attendance at the meeting and spoke in relation to the provision of a new heating system at St. Aidans Hall. The Committee also considered a letter dated 10th September 1963 from the Chairman of the Community Association submitting details of the type of heating installation which the Association hoped to install. It is anticipated that this will cost in the region of £1,300 and that a further expenditure of approximately £200 - £250 will be entailed in alterations to the hall. A sum of £200 is included in the Council estimates for expenditure during the current year in respect of capital expenditure on the hall and following detailed discussion on the matter the Committee recommends the Council to agree to make a grant of the sum stated forthwith, such sum to be used on capital expenditure other than heating installation.

(b) Moorside

Carried forward.

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Community Centres (contd)(c) The Dene, Medomsley

Councillor Mrs. I. Williamson reported that she had received detailed plans of the Community Centre at Leasingthorne together with estimates of cost and that this plan would be considered at an early meeting of the Medomsley Community Association. In due course it was hoped that the Association would be able to draw a suitable plan for the Medomsley area and submit details thereof to this Committee in the hope that assistance could be given towards furthering the provision of this amenity in the Medomsley area.

(a) Leadgate

Carried forward.

(e) Ebchester

Carried forward pending meeting with representatives of the Village Hall Committee.

(f) Crookhall Colliery Miners Welfare Institute

Carried forward.

Number One Land(a) Exchange with Mr. R. Clark(b) Lifting of restriction in conveyance of land sold to the North Eastern Electricity Board

Carried forward.

Playing Fields(c) Report of Surveyor as to site nr. Ridley Street, Blackhill

Carried forward.

(b) Provision of "Adventure" playground

Carried forward.

(a) Templetown

The Clerk reported that the owner of the land required for playing field purposes in the Templetown area had intimated his willingness to sell the land to the Council and had now referred the matter to an Estate Agent to act on his behalf and it is hoped that the negotiations for the sale of land would be opened up in the near future.

(d) Shaw Lane, Ebchester

The Clerk reported that he had now ascertained that the land required by the Council for playing field purposes and for the erection thereon of a set of offices was in the ownership of the National Coal Board. Before agreeing to a purchase the Board had now made application to the County Planning Authority for the issue of a Certificate of Appropriate Alternative Development. It appears that this Certificate will be issued and that the land will be granted residential use. In the circumstances the Committee refer the matter to the officials concerned to report as to the possibility of obtaining the use of another suitable site in the Ebchester area for the erection thereon of a set of offices.

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Playing fields (contd)

(e) Application by Caravan Club to hold rally on Belle Vue Grounds in July 1964

In a letter dated 17th August 1963 Mrs. R. Brewis of 39 Ritsons Road, Blackhill, asks for permission to use land on Belle Vue Grounds, Consett, for a Caravan Rally in July 1964. The Caravan Club has previously used these grounds for a rally in conjunction with the Annual Exhibition and Show but as no Caravan Rallies are held in the month of August on account of the holiday period the applicant asks for permission to be given for the use of the grounds preferably for the first weekend in July 1964.

After careful consideration of the application the Committee recommend the Council to approve thereof, subject to the site being limited to that part of Belle Vue Grounds adjacent to Villa Real Estate and to the payment by the applicant of the fee of £2. 2s. 0d.

16. Land at Whinney Hill - Application for use as site for firewood business

The Committee gave further consideration to this application and recommend the Council not to agree thereto.

17. Public Playfields

- (e) "Charter for Sherburn Park and Belle Vue Grounds.")
- (b) "Charter for Market Square, Consett.")

The Clerk reported upon discussions with the Council's Legal Advisers and the Town Clerk of Newcastle in relation to the provision of Charter for Sherburn Park and Belle Vue Grounds and for the Market Square, Consett. It would appear that the Council is adequately covered in so far that the Sherburn Park and Belle Vue Grounds are held as public walks and pleasure grounds and that any variation to this use would require the consent of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government and the use of the Market Square is governed by a covenant in the Deeds. The Clerk is instructed to discuss this matter further with the Council's Legal Advisers to ascertain whether a simple Deed of Dedication or similar document could be prepared in respect of the areas concerned.

18. Sherburn Park Bowls Club

The Surveyor reported that he had, in accordance with the Committee's instructions, investigated the possibility of providing a tea-room in Sherburn Park for the use of the Bowls Club. In his opinion the most economical method of providing the facilities required would be to make alterations to the existing old people's shelter and provide built in tables and seats. This work would cost approximately £275. The alterations proposed would give seating accommodation for at least 32 persons but would not provide cooking or washing up facilities but adequate facilities exist for these services in the present pavilion. The alternative would be to erect a prefabricated type of building but to obtain one of the required quality for this site and to erect same would cost in the region of £1,500. The Committee recommends the Council to approve of the Surveyor's suggestion to provide the facilities required by alteration to the old people's shelter at an estimated cost of £275 and instruct that details of this scheme should be submitted to the Bowls Club for approval.

19. "Stay at Home Holidays"

Carried forward.

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Playing fields and Open Spaces

The attention of the Committee was drawn to the considerable improvements effected throughout the district by the painting in gay colours of swings, roundabouts, etc. in children's play-parks in the area and by the provision of open spaces and flower beds, and the Committee extends to the Surveyor and his Department their sincere congratulations on these improvements.

ALLOTMENTS

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Welcome

The Chairman extended to Mr. N. Willis, who was attending his first meeting as a co-opted member of the Committee, a sincere welcome and expressed the hope that Mr. Willis would find the proceedings interesting and that he would contribute to the discussions.

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Surveyor's report

Submitted the Surveyor's report dated 5th September 1963 which was received.

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Land at Hole House Farm

The Sub-Committee appointed for this purpose had met on Monday, 9th September 1963 and after careful consideration of the matter had reported that in order to preserve the aesthetic amenities for the benefit of inhabitants of Moorside and Bridgehill areas and in the hope that at some future date the land in question will be developed as a woodland park they had recommended that the land be not let for the purposes requested, i.e. pig and poultry breeding. The Committee concurs with the suggestion submitted and recommend the Council accordingly.

CEMETERIES

34.

Surveyor's report

Submitted the Surveyor's report dated the 5th September 1963 which was received.

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Proposed Crematorium

The Committee note that the General Purposes and Finance Committee have raised certain queries in relation to the financing of the proposed Crematorium and that this matter will be discussed at the next meeting of the Joint Crematorium Committee.

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Chairman

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CONSETT URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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At a meeting of the ALLOTMENTS, PARKS & OPEN SPACES & CEMETERIES COMMITTEE
in the Council Offices, Medomsley Road, Consett on Tuesday, 8th October,
at 6.30 p.m.

- PRESENT: Councillor F. Agar (Chairman)
- Councillors B. Chisholm, A.W. Davies, J. Hunt, M.M.,
 - B.E.M., W. Jemson, D.W. McClean, S.W. Smith, M.M.,
 - J.T. Stobbs, J.R. Sudder, J.P., L.A. Thomas, M.
 - Walker, I. Williamson, J. Redshaw, J.P., N.F. Natrass,
 - O.B.E., J.P. plus Co-opted Members A.J. Coombes, J.A.
 - Graham, N. Graham, N. Willis.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence submitted on behalf of Councillor T.W. Maddison & R. Bell
received.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

Surveyor's Report

Submitted the Surveyor's Report dated the 3rd October, 1963 which was received.

Community Centres

(a) St. Aidans Hall, Blackhill

Carried forward.

(b) Moorside

Carried forward.

(c) The Dene, Medomsley

The Chairman had previously agreed to a deputation from the Medomsley
Community Association attending this meeting to submit representations in respect
of the provision of a Community Centre at Medomsley. This deputation consisting
of Messrs. W. Beck, N. Williamson, A. Young and Whitfield and Mrs. Jerrison gave
an outline of the history of the Association and of the efforts made by that body
to raise money in support of the project. Certain difficulties now arose in
relation to the technical services involved in preparing the plans and layout
of a suitable building and mention was also made of an official contribution from
the Local Authority. After the members of the deputation had retired some
discussion on the item ensued but the Committee decided to carry the matter forward.

(d) Leadgate

Carried forward.

(e) Ebchester - Meeting with representatives of the Village Hall Committee

Carried forward, awaiting meeting with representatives of the Village Hall
Committee.

(f) Crookhall Colliery Miners Welfare Institute

The Clerk reported on the present position in relation to this item. Carried
forward.

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Number One Land

(a) Exchange with Mr. R. Clark

Carried forward.

(b) Lifting of restriction in conveyance of land sold to the N.E. Electricity Board

Carried forward.

Playing Fields

(a) Report of Surveyor as to site near Ridley Street, Blackhill

Carried forward. Certain aspects of this area were referred to the Health Officers for investigation and report.

(b) Provision of 'Adventure' Playground

Carried forward.

(c) Templetown

The Clerk reported upon discussions with agents acting on behalf of the owner of the land required by the Council for use as a playing field. Carried forward.

(d) Eschester

Carried forward.

(e) Provision of playground at Gloucester Road Estate (Ridleys Field)

A plan was submitted to the meeting showing details of the general layout of the whole of the Gloucester Road Estate and in particular to the provision of playing facilities thereon. Carried forward.

Public Play Fields, Etc.

(a) Sherburn Park and Belle Vue grounds }

Deed of Dedication

(b) Market Square, Consett }

Carried forward.

Sherburn Park Bowls Club - Provision of Tea Room, Etc.

As instructed details of the Council's proposals for the provision of a tea room, etc., at Sherburn Park have been supplied to the Sherburn Park Bowls Club. Carried forward pending receipt of observations from the Club.

"Stay at Home" Holidays

Carried forward.

Dr. Barnardo's Homes - Provision of flower bed in connection with Centenary Celebrations.

The Committee considered a letter dated the 12th September, 1963 from the Deputy General Secretary of Dr. Barnardo's Homes intimating that the Homes celebrate their hundred years of child care work in 1966 and asking whether this Council could commemorate the work in 1966 by creating a flower bed in celebration of the centenary. The Committee recommend the Council to approve in principle of the application and refer the matter to the Surveyor and Parks Superintendent for discussion with the officers of Dr. Barnardo's Homes and if necessary the Committee should appoint a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council and Chairman of this Committee to take part in such discussions and report

Barrardo's Homes continued -

screen at a later meeting of this Committee.

A L L O T M E N T S

Welcome

The Chairman extended a welcome to Mr. J.H. Graham a co-opted member who attended his first meeting and expressed the hope that he would find the proceedings interesting and educative.

Surveyor's Report

Submitted the Surveyor's Report dated the 3rd October, 1963 which was received.

Ridley Street Allotments

The Committee considered Plan No. 9074 being an application for the provision of a temporary garage at 6 Ridley Street for Mr. J.R. Gill and recommend the Council to approve of such application.

Allotments at Ashfield, Shotley Bridge

Some time ago the Council had agreed to applications from the Ashfield Allotments Association for the provision of a water supply to such allotments on certain conditions. This work has now been carried out and the Council had previously agreed to accept liability for one half of the costs involved being at that time estimated to be between £20 and £22. The actual cost of the work is £20.14.4. and the Committee recommend to the General Purposes & Finance Committee that the Council meet one half of this cost.

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Surveyor's Report

Submitted the Surveyor's Report dated the 3rd October, 1963 which was received.

Proposed Crematorium

Carried forward.

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Chairman

CONSETT URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Allotments, Parks and Open Spaces and Cemeteries Committee held in the Council Offices, Medomsley Road, Consett, on Tuesday, 12th November 1963 at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT:- Councillor F. Agar (Chairman)
 Couns. J. Redshaw, J.P.,
 N.F. Natrass, O.B.E., J.P., R. Bell,
 W. Brown, W. Jemson, D. J. McClean,
 S. W. Smith, M.M., J.T. Stobbs,
 J. R. Sudder, J.P., L.A. Thomas,
 W. Walton, B.E.M.
 Plus co-opted member Mr. N. Graham.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence submitted on behalf of Councillors A. W. Davies, J. Hunt, M.M.B.E. and M. Williamson were received.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

Surveyor's report

Submitted the Surveyor's report dated 7th November 1963 which was received.

Community Centres

(a) Moorside

Carried forward.

(b) The Dene, Medomsley

Carried forward.

(c) Leadgate

Carried forward.

(d) Ebchester

The Chairman reported in relation to a meeting held with representatives of the Ebchester Village Hall Committee on Monday, 11th November 1963. As a result of this meeting it was agreed that a further meeting of the Village Hall Committee would be held and consideration given to the possibility of convening a Public Meeting in Ebchester to discuss the provision of a Community Centre in the area. The Committee recommends approval of the report of the Sub-Committee and also recommends that the Council agree, if asked, to sponsor the Public Meeting in Ebchester and that if it is the desire of the Public Meeting, the Clerk be authorised to negotiate with the Diocesan Church Council for the use of the existing St Mark of England School as a Community Centre.

(e) Crockhall Colliery Miners' Welfare Institute

Carried forward.

Number One Land

(a) Exchange with Mr. R. Clark

Carried forward.

(b) Lifting of restriction in conveyance of land sold to the N.E. Electricity Board

Carried forward.

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Playing Fields

(a) Ridley Street, Blackhill

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from a resident in the Ridley Street area regarding the provision of a playfield in that area; the dumping of rubbish and the presence of rats. In the latter two cases action has already been taken by the Council and the Surveyor reported in detail regarding the provision of a playing field.

Having regard to all the circumstances the Committee recommends that steps be taken to provide land adjacent to St. Marys Street, Blackhill, for use as a playing field. It appears that some or all of this land is at present leased to the Council for use as allotment gardens and the Committee also recommends that the consent of the owners be obtained to the alteration of use for playing field purposes.

(b) Provision of "Adventure" playground

Carried forward.

(c) Templetown

Carried forward.

(d) Elchester

The Surveyor reported that in his opinion it would be suitable to provide benches etc. on land leased for playing field purposes adjacent to Hadrians Way, Elchester, and the Committee recommends approval of this suggestion, provided the Member concerned also agrees thereto.

(e) Provision of playground at Gloucester Road Estate (Ridleys Field)

Further consideration was given to this matter and the Committee recommends to the Housing Committee that the layout for the Gloucester Road Estate be amended to include the field known as Ridleys Field as a playing field.

(f) Metcalfe Road, Delves Lane

The attention of the Committee was drawn to the nuisance being created by the use of the playfield near Metcalfe Road, Delves Lane, and the Clerk is asked to obtain the assistance of the Police in the hope that this nuisance can be eliminated.

(g) Belle Vue Grounds

The Surveyor reported the receipt of a letter from the Secretary of the Consett and District Rugby Football Club asking for permission for the building of an extension to the existing rugby pavilion and also to the carrying out of repairs to the existing pavilion. The Committee recommends approval of this application subject to the plans being approved by the Health, Building and Sanitary Committee.

Public Playfields etc.

- (a) Sherburn Park and Belle Vue Grounds
- (b) Market Square, Consett

Deed of Dedication.

Carried forward.

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Sherburn Park Bowls Club - Provision of tea
room etc.

The Clerk reported that he had received a request from the Sherburn Park Bowls Club for a deputation to attend this meeting to submit observations on the Council's proposals for the provision of a tea room etc. With the consent of the Chairman of the Committee a deputation consisting of Messrs. Dunning, Rapard, Bunney, Donnison and Mrs. Errington, attended the meeting.

Certain suggestions were put forward by the representatives of the Bowls Club and before reaching any decision thereon the Committee will meet again at the Pavilion in Sherburn Park and members of the Bowls Club will be invited to be present at this meeting and inspection.

"Stay at Home" Holidays

Carried forward.

Dr. Barnardo's Homes - Provision of flower-bed in connection
with Centenary Celebrations

The Clerk reported that the Dr. Barnardo's Homes Association was conducting a competition to find the most suitable design of flower bed in connection with their Centenary celebrations and following the result of this competition a representative of the Homes will arrange to discuss the matter with representatives of the Council. Carried forward.

"Britain in Bloom" - letter from British Travel and
Holidays Association

The Clerk reported receipt of correspondence from the British Travel and Holidays Association in connection with their campaign "Britain in Bloom" to make Britain more attractive. The campaign aims to encourage everyone to employ plants and shrubs to make business premises and private houses bright with flowers throughout the summer months, and asks for the support of the Council for this important scheme. The Council has, in recent years, taken considerable interest in this matter and has given every encouragement to householders and the Council itself has planted a number of sites in the urban area. The Clerk is instructed to convey this information to the British Travel and Holidays Association.

Allendale Cottages Playfield

With the consent of the Chairman, Messrs. Rutherford and Irwin of the Allendale Cricket Club attended the meeting and submitted representations for additional work at the Allendale Cottages playfield and alterations to the pavilion at Allendale. The delegation asked for details of the lease and of equipment under the charge of the Allendale Sports Club. The following suggestions were also submitted:-

- 1. That one-half of the cricket playing square should be re-laid. It is estimated that this will cost in the region of £130 to £150 and it is suggested that the work should be done in September next, 1964. The Club offered to pay 50% of this cost.
- 2. That additional accommodation should be provided at the pavilion. In this connection it is stated that the provision of a hut 20ft. x 10 ft. would be adequate for players stripping accommodation and the existing pavilion to be used entirely for teas etc.
- 3. The deputation intimated that considerable repairs were necessary to the fencing forming the boundary of the playfield.
- 4. It was suggested that a pair of gates should be erected at the entrance to the new pavilion.
- 5. The grass around the perimeter of the playfield is very long and a request was submitted that this should be cut by next Spring.

The Committee refer these requests to the Surveyor for consideration and report to the next meeting.

ALLOTMENTS

Mr. N. Graham was in attendance. An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Mr. A. J. Coombes.

Surveyor's report

Submitted the Surveyor's report dated 7th November 1963 which was received.

Review of allotments - generally

The Clerk submitted a report giving details of allotments held by this authority and details of those cultivated, partly cultivated and not cultivated. Sent forward.

C E M E T E R I E S

Surveyor's report

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Proposed Crematorium

Sent forward.

J. Agnes

Chairman

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 W. Jemson, D. W. McClean,
 J. T. Stobbs, J. R. Sudder, J.P.,
 W. Walton, B.E.M.
 Plus co-opted members Messrs.
 A. J. Coombes, and N. Graham.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence submitted on behalf of Councillors R. Bell, J. Hunt, M.M., BEM.,
 H. Maddison, S. W. Smith, M.M., Miss M. Walker and Mrs. I. Williamson were received.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACESSurveyor's report

Submitted the Surveyor's report dated 5th December 1963 which was received.

Community Centres(a) Moorside

Carried forward.

(b) The Dene, Medomsley

Carried forward.

(c) Leadgate

Carried forward.

(d) Elcheater

Following the recent meeting with representatives of the Elcheater Village Hall Committee a further meeting of the Village Hall Committee has been held and on the recommendation of this Committee a public meeting is to be held in Elcheater, to discuss the general position of the provision of a Community Centre. The Council has been asked to sponsor the public meeting and the Chairman of the Council will arrange for this to be held as soon as convenient.

(e) Crookhall Colliery Miners' Welfare Institute

Carried forward.

Number One Land(a) Exchange with Mr. R. Clark

Carried forward.

(b) Lifting of restriction in conveyance of land sold to the N.E. Electricity Board

Carried forward.

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Playing Fields(a) Ridley Street, Blackhill

The Clerk reported that negotiations were proceeding for permission to use the land required for playing field purposes.

(b) Provision of "Adventure" playground

Carried forward.

(c) Templetown

In a letter dated 28th November 1963 Messrs. J.W. Wood & Son, Estate Agents, have intimated on behalf of their client, Mr. W. E. Warder, that he has decided not to sell the land required by the Council for playing field purposes at Templetown. In the circumstances the Committee recommend that no further action be taken in this matter.

(d) Allendale Cottages

The Surveyor reported in relation to representations made by the Allendale Cricket Club for certain alterations and improvements at Allendale Cottages playfield. After careful consideration of the matter, and having regard to the uncertain future of properties in this area, the Committee recommends that the Surveyor be authorised to give limited assistance to the Cricket Club but that no action be taken in relation to the general improvements requested.

(e) Delves Lane - Transfer from Miners Welfare

In a letter dated 9th December 1963 the Secretary of the Crookhall Colliery Miners Welfare has stated that due to the closure of Crookhall Colliery it has become impossible to maintain the Welfare Scheme and the Committee have decided to enquire whether the Council would be prepared to take over responsibility for the Scheme. The Scheme includes the Institute with house, football field, bowling green, play-fields and stripping accommodation for football teams. The Committee recommend the Council to agree, in principle, to take over this Scheme from the Crookhall Colliery Miners Welfare and as requested appoint the following deputation to discuss the matter with the Welfare Committee:-

Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council;
Chairman and Vice-Chairman of this Committee together
with Councillor R. Bell.

88.

Public Playfields, etc.(a) Sherburn Park and Belle Vue Grounds(b) Market Square, Consett

The Committee considered a draft Deed of Dedication in respect of these public places and recommend the Council to approve thereof and that a parchment copy of the Deed be signed and sealed by the Council and framed and displayed in the Council Chamber. The Committee also recommends that details of the Deed be incorporated and recorded in the Council minutes.

89.

Sherburn Park Bowls Club - Provision of tea-room etc. -
Report of inspection and joint meeting

Carried forward. This meeting is to be held on Wednesday, 18th December 1963 at 2.30 p.m.

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"Stay at Home" Holidays

Carried forward.

91.

Dr. Barnardo's Homes - Provision of flower-bed
in connection with Centenary Celebrations

Carried forward.

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Band Performances

The attention of the Committee was drawn to the fact that the Consett Education Army, Youth Section, had given a band concert on Whit Sunday, 1963. This was one week prior to the period authorised by the Council for band concerts but having regard to the special circumstances of the case the Committee recommends that payment be made in the usual way for band performances of this nature.

A L L O T M E N T S

Surveyor's report

Submitted the Surveyor's report dated 5th December 1963 which was received.

Review of Allotments - generally

The Committee considered a statement giving details of the allotments held by this Council and of those cultivated and not cultivated. After careful consideration of the matter the Committee recommends that the tenants of uncultivated allotments in the following areas be given notice of the Council's intention to take further action in this matter unless an assurance is received that the gardens will be cultivated during the next season:-

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| Prospect Terrace, Blackhill; | Ridley Street, Blackhill; |
| Hawthorn Terrace, Blackhill; | Woodlands Terrace, Leadgate; |
| St. Ives Road, Leadgate; | Watling Street, Leadgate; |
| Sydney Gardens, Consett; | Gladstone Gardens, Consett; |
| Steel Street, Consett; | Thornfield Road, The Grove; |
| Derwentside. | |

In relation to the second group of allotments at St. Ives Road, Leadgate, it appears that only one allotment is cultivated and the Clerk is instructed to endeavour to find alternative accommodation for this tenant and to make arrangements for the tenancies of the remaining allotments to be terminated.

The Committee also note the receipt of a letter from Mr. W. Bramley of 33 Marsset Crescent, Moorside, intimating that he and the other allotment holders at Moorside have decided to terminate their tenancies.

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Surveyor's report

Submitted the Surveyor's report dated 5th December 1963 which was received.

Proposed Crematorium

Carried forward.

F. J. Jones

Chairman

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CONSETT URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Council Offices, Medomsley Road, Consett, on Tuesday, 4th February 1964 at 7 p.m.

- PRESENT :- Councillor J. Redshaw, J.P. (Chairman)
 Couns. N.F. Nattrass, O.B.E., J.P.,
 F. Agar, A. Askew, W. Beck, R. Bell,
 W. Brown, B. Chisholm, J. Donnelly,
 S. Donnelly, A. W. Finch, N. Heaviside,
 G. H. Howatt, J. Hunt, M.M., B.E.M.,
 Alderman R.G. Knowles, Couns. D.W. McClean,
 T. W. Maddison, R. Mohon, J.P.,
 E. Smith, S. W. Smith, M.M., J.T. Stobbs,
 J. R. Sudder, J.P., L. A. Thomas, M. Walker,
 W. Walton, B.E.M., I. Williamson.

156. Presentation of First Aid Certificates to members of the Civil Defence (Ambulance Section)

Before commencing the meeting the Chairman presented First Aid Certificates to volunteer members of the Ambulance Section of the Civil Defence. He assured such volunteers that the Council takes an active interest in such endeavours and work in Civil Defence and was most appreciative of the many hours of leisure time spent in training. It is most gratifying to see such great success by members in the various examinations and these successes are a reflection of the knowledge and efficiency of the instructors.

157. Minutes

MOVED by Alderman R. G. Knowles, SECONDED by Councillor F. Agar and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 7th January 1964, having been circulated be approved and ordered to be signed as a correct record.

158. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence submitted on behalf of Councillors W. Jemson, A.W. Davies and T. A. Walton were received.

159. Welcome

The Chairman gave a cordial welcome back to Councillor Mrs. I. Williamson after her absence on account of illness and on behalf of all members expressed the hope that she was completely fit again.

160. Illnesses

The Chairman intimated that although Councillor T. A. Walton is not fit enough to resume his Council duties he was pleased to report that both Councillor and Mrs. Walton have now returned home from Bishops Stortford after their stay in hospital following a motor accident. Both Mr. & Mrs. Walton are making good recoveries and on behalf of all members he expressed the hope that they would soon be completely recovered.

Councillor Jemson is now convalescing following his operation and stay in Shotley Bridge Hospital and the action of the Clerk in forwarding, on behalf of the Council, their good wishes for a speedy recovery is confirmed.

Mr. Ripley, the Deputy Surveyor, is still in Shotley Bridge Hospital and the Chairman reported that he was making satisfactory progress. Again the Clerk had expressed, on behalf of the Council, their best wishes to Mr. Ripley that he would soon be fit and well again, and this action is confirmed.

Mr. G. W. Robson, the Shops Inspector and Show Secretary, is back home again following his stay in hospital and it was reported that he was making good progress towards recovery.

161. Condolences

The Chairman referred to the recent death of the Sister-in-Law of Councillor W. Walton and on behalf of the Council conveyed to him their sincere regret and sympathy.

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Congratulations

The Chairman reported that Councillor J. Donnelly had recently been appointed Chairman of the Northern Provincial Council (Manual Workers) and also Northern representative on the National Whitley Council and on behalf of this Council he congratulated Councillor Donnelly on these appointments.

The Chairman also intimated that Councillor N.F. Nattrass, O.B.E., J.P., Vice-Chairman of the Council had recently been appointed as President of the Crookhall Colliery Band and on behalf of the Council offered congratulations on such appointment.

163.

Traffic Committee

MOVED by Councillor J. Donnelly, SECONDED by Councillor F. Agar and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Traffic Committee held on the 14th January 1964 be adopted as submitted.

164.

Allotments, Parks and Open Spaces and Cemeteries Committee

MOVED by Councillor F. Agar, SECONDED by Councillor W. Walton and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Allotments, Parks and Open Spaces and Cemeteries Committee held on the 14th January 1964 be adopted as submitted.

165.

Health, Building and Sanitary Committee

MOVED by Councillor J. Hunt, SECONDED by Councillor J. T. Stobbs and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Health, Building and Sanitary Committee held on the 14th January 1964 be adopted as submitted.

166.

Industrial Committee

MOVED BY Councillor W. Walton, SECONDED BY Councillor N.F. Nattrass, O.B.E., J.P., and RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Industrial Committee held on the 15th January, 1964 be adopted as submitted.

167.

Baths Committee

MOVED BY Councillor G.H. Howatt, SECONDED BY Councillor T.W. Maddison and RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Baths Committee held on the 20th January, 1964 be adopted as submitted.

168.

Housing Sub-Committee

MOVED BY Councillor W. Beck, SECONDED BY Alderman R.G. Knowles and RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Housing Sub-Committee held on the 21st January, 1964 be adopted as submitted.

169.

Works Committee

MOVED BY Councillor E. Smith, SECONDED BY Councillor F. Agar and RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee held on the 28th January, 1964 be adopted as submitted.

170.

General Purposes & Finance Committee

MOVED BY Councillor R. Bell, SECONDED BY Councillor J.T. Stobbs and RESOLVED that subject to the reference back to the Committee for further consideration of Minute No. 187 (d)(iii) - Appointment of Market Inspector/Rodent Officer, the Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes & Finance Committee held on the 28th January, 1964 be adopted as submitted.

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171. Sealing of Documents

MOVED BY Alderman R.G. Knowles, SECONDED BY Councillor W. Walton, B.E.M., and RESOLVED that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the following documents:-

- (a) Burial Grant No. 4082.
- (b) Conveyance of house No. 1 Derby Drive, Moorside from the Council to Mr. P.F. Rogan. ✓
- (c) Conveyance of house No. 3 Derby Drive, Moorside from the Council to Mr. & Mrs. A. Lawrie. ✓
- (d) Conveyance of house No. 37 Cumberland Road, Moorside from the Council to Mr. W. Densham. x
- (e) Conveyance of house No. 72 Essex Avenue, Moorside from the Council to Mr. & Mrs. J. Robson. x
- (f) Conveyance of house No. 23 Cumberland Road from the Council to Mr. E. Densham. ✓
- (g) Conveyance of house No. 48 Essex Avenue, Moorside from the Council to Mr. & Mrs. A. Ramsey. ✓
- (h) Conveyance of house No. 31 Cumberland Road, Moorside from the Council to Mr. & Mrs. G.A. Moore. x
- (i) Deed of Exchange for land at The Crescent, Consett between the Council and Mr. & Mrs. J. Maxwell.
- (j) Deed of Dedication - Playing Fields & Open Spaces. *
- (k) Conveyance of house No. 25 Cumberland Road, Moorside from the Council to Mr. & Mrs. G. N. Gunnion. ✓
- (l) Agreement between Mr. R. Clark and the Council re exchange of land at Back Medomsley Road, Consett.

172. Resolutions

MOVED BY Alderman R.G. Knowles, SECONDED BY Councillor W. Walton and RESOLVED that the Council make application to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for formal consent to the borrowing by the Council of the sum of £38,596 to cover the estimated expenditure on -

- (a) Construction of roads and sewers.
- (b) Erection of 16 houses and 8 lock-up garages at St. Mary's Street, Blackhill.

173. Notice of Motion

In terms of Notice of Motion duly given in that behalf it was MOVED BY Councillor J. Donnelly, SECONDED BY Councillor J.R. Sudder and RESOLVED

"That consequent upon a review of all parking restrictions at present in operation in the Consett Urban District Area as set out in Columns 1 and 2 of the attached schedule, it is hereby Moved that these restrictions be varied as shown in Column 3 of the said schedule."

174. Durham (Local Authorities) Superannuation Joint Committee

Submitted the Minutes of the meeting of the Durham (Local Authorities) Superannuation Joint Committee held on the 30th November, 1963 which were received.

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175. Consett & District Rugby Club

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter dated the 16th January, 1964 from the Secretary of the Consett & District Rugby Club intimating that under the provisions of the Licensing Act, 1961 it has become possible for a properly constituted Club to apply to the Magistrates for the granting of a Club Registration Certificate which will enable the Club to supply beer and other refreshments to their members and to the members of visiting clubs. It is the wish of the Consett & District Rugby Club that in due course application should be made to the Licensing Magistrates for a certificate to enable the Club to provide additional facilities which would follow from the granting of a certificate. It is necessary for the Club first to obtain confirmation from the Council as the Club's Landlords that they have no objection to the application being made.

Considerable discussion took place on this item and it was finally MOVED By Councillor B. Chisholm, SECONDED By Councillor J. Donnelly and RESOLVED that this Council as the Club's Landlords offer no objection to the application being made.

176. Urban District Councils' Association - Nominations for Executive Council 1964

The Clerk reported it was the usual practice for agreement to be reached between the Durham County and the Northumberland County Urban District Councils Association to submit nominations in alternative years on the Committees of the Durham County Urban District Councils' Association. It was Resolved that the Council this year support the nominee submitted by the Northumberland Association.

177. Conference Reports

Submitted the report of the meeting of the Royal Institute of Public Health & Hygiene Conference held at Harrogate on the 25th - 27th September, 1963, which was received with thanks.

178. Government White Paper on the North East - The Hailsham Report(a) Report of meeting of Local Authorities held in Newcastle upon Tyne on the 9th January, 1964

The Clerk submitted this report and submitted that whilst the Council was not represented at the Conference a Resolution was passed thereat which incorporates among other information, the suggestion that the Growth Zone as defined in the report should be substantially extended so as to include those areas specified as Development Districts. Received.

(b) Report of the County Planning Officer submitted to the County Planning Committee

The Clerk reported that he had hoped that copies of this report would be available for circulation to all members but in fact such copies had only recently been received and handed out at the meeting. Having regard to the importance of this matter it was MOVED BY Councillor N.F. Nattrass, SECONDED BY Councillor W. Walton and RESOLVED that the report be referred to the Council's Industrial Committee for further consideration and report.

179. Consett Town Map(a) Street Improvement Scheme

Carried forward.

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Consett Town Map continued -

(b) Comprehensive Development Area

The Clerk reported that Messrs. Graves have not been able to complete their new premises as promised by the 31st January, 1964 but anticipate moving into the new premises on the 15th February, 1964. Arrangements have been made for the temporary rehousing of Messrs. Rossi and Morgans following the removal of Graves to their new premises.

The Clerk reported that an application was to be submitted to the local Magistrates in relation to the stopping up of the remaining parts of Melbourne Street and Rippons Lane. Tenders had been invited for the demolition of the remaining properties in the Comprehensive Development Area, except the Burton Hotel and adjoining shop and details of such tenders were submitted to the meeting. After careful consideration thereof, it was **MOVED BY** Alderman R.G. Knowles, **SECONDED BY** Councillor W. Walton and **RESOLVED** that the Council accept the lowest tenderer, that of Messrs. Salkeld Bros. of Rowley, such tender amounting to £480.

(c) Review of County Development Plan - Review of road communications

A copy of the report of the meeting between representatives of this Council and the County Highways and Bridges Committee had been circulated to all members and several members spoke in relation thereto.

It was **MOVED BY** Councillor N.F. Nattrass, **SECONDED BY** Councillor E. Smith and **RESOLVED** that the report be referred to the Works Committee for further consideration.

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Chairman