

BOOSTING UP BORNAL.

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DICK DOITY	-	CHAIRMAN.
AYNOCH NORNOCK	-	COUNCILLOR.
ALI KALI	-	COUNCILLOR.
WILFRED WATERCRESS	-	TOWN CLERK.
ISAAC SMELLARAT	-	COUNCILLOR.

- D.D. Afore the meeting starts Gentlemen I want to say that I hope we doe tek too long over the business tonight, at the last meeting we finished so late I day have time for more than a couple of quarts afore the landlord said time.
- W.W. You did well to make time for that Councillor Doity, if my memory serves me right we adjourned at 28 minutes past 10.
- W.W. These are the Minutes of the 531st Meeting of the Lower Bornal Town Council which was held in Cell No.5 of the Local Constabulary where Councillor Cornock was temporarily resident. An apology was received from Councillor Kali who said that he was afraid of catching cold since according to his experience No.5 was by far the coldest cell, and he ought to know. Present were Doity, Cornock, Smellarat and Watercress. The Minutes were read and passed. It was agreed that the cost of Road Maintenance be cut and rates be dropped through the saying to the extent of 3p in the pound. It was agreed that Councillors expense allowance be increased and the money be found be increasing rates to the extent of 6p in the pound. There then followed a lengthy discussion as to why Councillor Kali was not presented to the Queen on her recent visit and the meeting ended in uproar and chaos at 28 minutes past ten.
- D.D. Yo ay put that bit about us building another Council House next year. Still - I'll sign em, anything arising from the Minutes.
- A.K. Are, why wore I presented.
- D.D. We would have presented thee if we could. Yo know we've been trying to get rid of thee for years. What next? Anybody anything to say.
- A.K. I say Dick ay it time we tried to solve the housing shortage.
- D.D. Well I doe know Ali, we had 2 put up last year.
- A.K. Are - and knocked six down.
- A.C. Rome wor built in a day Ali.
- A.K. I doe know about that Aynock - I wor on that job.
- W.W. I can't see how you can argue about building Councillor Kali - you have made a bad job of that fowl pen you have buili for me.
- A.K. What's mean? What's wrong with it?
- W.W. It rains in - you've used wire netting for the roof.
- D.D. Are - I sid him building it day I Ali? Yo remember I said "Ali that'll rain in" - yo ay put a slope on the roof.
- I.S. That's typical of Ali that is. He's getting more unreliable all the time. I was stupid enough to follow his advice recently.
- W.W. In what respect.
- I.S. Well he told me to wear a bow tie.
- W.W. What's wrong with that Isaac. They look quite smart.
- I.S. I know they dun. But they ay arf so warm as a shirt.

- D.D. By the way Isaac was it yo that sent Billy Batchcake to our place for a job.
- I.S. Are, I did. Yo'll find him a good steady worker.
- D.D. He's steady alright, if he was any stedier he'd be jed.
- A.C. Poor owd Billy. The Governments done it across him, he's been on the dole, for twenty years, and now they'm goin ter stop his allowance.
- D.D. Well yo cor say it ay fair Cornock, he's had twenty years dole off 'em.
- A.C. Are, but yo forget, they've had the best years of his life.
- I.S. Well look here, if you dont like Billy you send him to me I'll find him a job.
- A.K. Good old Isaac. I like yer for that and always sticking up for the underdog. Yo'll have to come and have a cup of tay at our house.
- I.S. I would be delighted Kali - where do you live ?
- A.K. Never yo mind where I live - yo cum and have tay.
- D.D. By the way did I hear yo say yo day have a very good time at the Bank Holiday Aynock.
- A.C. I day. My missus said "Aynuck , there's some green paint in the attic so you can paint that mangle what's in the brewhouse." Took me all day.
- I.S. Took thee all day. Shouldn't have took that long Aynock.
- A.C. Yo want to try it. Why it took me two hours to get the mangle upto the attic.
- A.K. I day 'av a very good Holiday either.
- A.C. Oh are, what happened ?
- A.K. Me and Dick went to London - day we Dick.
- D.D. Are, and we stopped at an Hotel, and when we come in at night we found the lift was broke.
- A.K. It was the biggest hotel in Lond on.
- D.D. And we was on the top floor, the 62nd.
- A.K. It took an hour to climb the stairs so to make the time pass quickly we told each other a tale on each landing.
- D.D. Then we came to the last landing but one.
- A.K. Are , and Dick said "Well Ali, we've told each other a good many tales this last hour, some of them have been good, some have been bad, but I've got one to crown the lot. I've forgot the kay."
- W.W. By the way Mr.Cornock I need to know your profession for the Council records.
- A.C. I'm a Wheeltapper on the Railways.
- W.W. And how long have you been wheel tapping?
- A.C. About 35 years.
- A.K. What dun yo do it for Aynock.
- A.C. Blowed if I know.
- I.S. He does it to see if the wheels are there of course.
- W.W. And what iis your occupation Mr.Doity.
- D.D. Me, I'm a Tube Mekker.
- I.S. Big uns or little uns ?
- D.D. All sorts. Why in our biggest tubes the hole in the middle weighs two tons. On the other hand yo cor see the hole in our smallest tubes. We as to werk to thousanths of an inch.

- A.K. How many thousandths bin there in an inch Dick ?
- D.D. Well I doe rightly know but there must be millions of um.
- W.W. And what is your job Mr. Smellarat ?
- I.S. Me, I used to be a Miner.
- A.K. Yo was never a Miner.
- I.S. Course I was.
- A.K. Yo wor.
- I.S. I was.
- A.K. I'll gie thee a test then. What sort of lamp does a Miner use ?
- I.S. Yo've got me there. I never went down at night.
- W.W. But what do you do now Isaac.
- I.S. I'm an Inspector. But the Doctor says I might have to give it up because of eyestrain.
- A.C. Are, thee cosn't see as well as thee coost, cost ?
- D.D. I say Watercress yo'm a good Photographer ay yer .
- W.W. Well I do dabble in it occasionally - Why?
- D.D. Well, I've got a picture here of a mate of mine thats jed. He's standing in a group of darts players and I want a photo of him by himself.
- W.W. Well I can do an enlargement and cut him out for you.
- D.D. He's wearing a bowler hat.
- W.W. I can erase that for you, but I say - which side did he part his hair.
- D.D. Yo'll see that when yo teks his hat off yer fule.
- A.C. I say Ali I thought that yo was on a diet.
- A.K. Oh are ?, well I bin
- A.C. Well if yo'm on a diet what was yo doing in the Cook Shop aetin a dirty great steak and kidney pudding.
- A.K. Oh that was yesterday I'd just eat me diet and was having me dinner.
- D.D. I say Aynock, how is that your Johnny didn't come and play with our Billy last night.
- A.C. He was late coming home from school, the teacher kept him in for not knowing where the Pennines were.
- D.D. Serves him right, he'll meck sure where he puts em next time.
- A.C. What were they arguing about the other night Dick ?
- D.D. Oh Billy said to Johnny, "How ode bin yer", "I bay sure whether I'm 5 or 6" said Johnny "Yo bay sure" said Billy, "Dun yo drink?" "Are", "Dun yo gamble ?" "Are" "Dun yo smoke" "Are", "Dun yo goo with wimen" "I doe" said Johnny, - "Well" said Billy "Yo'm only 5 then"
- W.W. By the way Councillor Doity, did you read that article in the Bormal Times about the importance of Councillors maintaining a good appearance in public?
- D.D. I did, I agree we ought to be much posher than we bin, none of us bin too clane, but look at you Ali - your hands are the dirtiest of the lot.
- A.K. Well, I'm the oldest bay I.

- I.S. I say Aynock yo're Sally got married last month. Does she like her new life ?
- A.C. Oh are, she says its lovely and wouldn't change back for worl'is. The only drawback is that she do care for her husband much - but there - yo cor have everything.
- I.S. I say Dick, someone told me yo've been bad lately. Have yo fully recovered ?
- D.D. I ay ser bad. But I ay as well as what I was afore I was as bad as I am now.
- W.W. Didn't the Doctor advise you to go to the seaside .
- D.D. I doe want to go to the sayside. If I wants to look at waeter I can ave a walk along the cut.
- A.C. I see little Joe's bin bad agen .
- A.K. Little Joe. What's bin the matter with him.
- A.C. Pains. Very cruel pains.
- A.K. Pains ? Where was they.
- A.C. He doe rightly know. He's that little he ay sure as to whether its his head aching or his corns a bothering him.
- I.S. I say Dick, was I luckily in that raffle that should have been drawn last wik?
- D.D. (taking out book). Come to think on it, I think yo won it Isacc, Let me see. Are yo bin a lucky mon. If yo'd had number 38 instead of 39 yo would have won a 20-stone bacon pig. As it is yo've won half a pound of dripping.
- I.S. Well I goot tan.
- A.K. I see ode Bill's jed.
- A.C. Him that day do any work.
- A.K. Are, his missus had him cremated and his ashes put in an egg timer. She said although he day do any work when he was alive she was a gooin to see he made himself useful now he's jed.
- I.S. By the way Dick how's yower Percy getting on with his new job.
- D.D. Oh great. He's solved one problem already. A problem what's bin bothering them for years.
- A.C. And what problem was that Dick.
- D.D. Well the gaffer was always kicking up a row about so many men coming in to their work after the bull had blown, but Percy has solved all that. He's arranged for the last man in to blow the damn thing.
- A.K. I say Aynock yo know that our Bill tode yo his gaffer was always shouting and grumblin at him.
- A.C. Are.
- A.K. And yo remember telling him to give his gaffer a cussing like yo am always giving yowers.
- A.C. Are.
- A.K. Well Bill did as yo tode him and the gaffer sacked him. Why do yo get the sack.
- A.C. Yo ay got to let the gaffer hear yer cussing him yer fule. I only cuss him when he ay there.
- W.W. Sorry to interupt but are you aware of the time Mr. Chairman.
- D.D. Where's me waitch. Goot tan only an hour and a half before they close. We shall go home thirsty again I can see.