

# TENNIS COURT ON THE QUAY CAUSES PROTESTS

## Work Started But Matter Will Be Reconsidered

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IT took only 35 minutes to complete the public part of the business at last night's meeting of Christchurch Town Council and the only subject over which there was any controversy was a proposal to make a tennis court at Quomps Quay. When the Council went into committee, however, discussions on a variety of subjects continued for over two hours.

**The proposal to lay out the tennis court brought letters of protest from the occupiers of four houses overlooking the Quay, and these letters caused some of the councillors to wonder how the information had become public, seeing the proposal had not been before the full Council.**

"There seems to have been a leakage somewhere," commented one member, but the position was soon clarified when other members pointed out that work on the court had already begun.

"WHOSE JOB IS IT?"

The question also arose as to why the proposal should have come from the Beach Committee, it being pointed out that other developments on the Quay came under the jurisdiction of the Municipal Committee. The outcome of it all was that on the motion of Coun. T. Lander the matter was referred back for further consideration.

In their letters of protest the residents on the Quay complained that the erection of high tennis nets would obscure their view and depreciate the value of their properties. They suggested the court could be placed further down towards Wick Ferry.

SUPPORTED THE RESIDENTS

"I support these protests that the ratepayers have put in," declared Coun. Lander, who added that the putting green was not such an eyesore because it only had a low fence. Coun. McArdle said he was rather surprised at these people. "They keep on asking the Council to do something to lower their rates and when you try to do it they try to stop you," he said.

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL

The Chairman of the Beach Committee Coun. Ashcroft, explained that the reason they put forward the proposal was that they were in a position to get the necessary equipment at a reasonable price—the whole thing would only cost £80---and the idea of placing it near the putting green was so that one attendant could look after both. Coun. Kermode argued that one tennis court would not be an economic proposition. He suggested it would be better to put four courts at Highcliffe instead of the three already proposed, or alternatively put three or four courts on the reclaimed marsh at Mundeford. There was, he said, provision for tennis in the No. 1 and No. 2 wards.

About the suggestion that the courts should be placed nearer Wick Ferry, Coun. McArdle said: "We have other ideas about Quomps. We hope to earn about £500 from there this season "