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RLBC/M. 33.

RUTHERFORD LABORATORY BUILDING COMMITTEE.

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Minutes of the meeting held in Mr. Bowles' Office on Tuesday, 12th September, 1961.

Present: Mr. P. Bowles. (Chairman).  
Mr. A. Miller.  
Mr. M. Snowden.  
Mr. G. N. Venn.  
Dr. J. A. V. Willis.  
Mr. A. Shackelford. (Secretary).

In attendance: Mr. K. H. Choate.  
Mr. G. H. Flock.  
Mr. A. H. Fryer.  
Mr. J. A. Goode.  
Mr. G. M. Harbert.  
Mr. D. A. Harrison.  
Mr. J. B. Marsh.

ACTION.

1. Minutes of the last Meeting, RLBC/M. 32.

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 15th August, were accepted without comment.

2. Clearance of spoil from runways.

Spoil has not yet been reinstated on the small area on Severn Road adjacent to the southern boundary of the site (see RLBC/M31 and 32). This will be done on completion of the perimeter fence in that vicinity, and should be completed by 6th October, 1961.

Mr. J. Nott.

3. Layout of Grounds.

Copies of a new scheme, which had not previously been circulated, were tabled at the meeting. It is expected that such a scheme will be broken down into separate areas, which will be dealt with successively over a period of two or three years and Dr. Willis asked that a programme be drawn up for this purpose.

Mr. Choate explained that this scheme had not yet been fully considered by S.W.O. and Mr. Harbert observed that deep rooted trees were shown around Sub. 10 in ground where there are numerous buried cables, such situations must be avoided and Mr. Choate undertook the co-ordination of the scheme with M. & E. Services layouts to avoid any possibility of disturbance to any existing, or proposed, buried services.

Mr. Choate.

4. Contractors Temporary Buildings, etc.

Dr. Willis drew attention to the decision reached at the previous meeting (M.32), that the exposed concrete runway adjacent to Fermi Avenue could not be used as a Contractors' area, because of radiation hazard from the P.L.A. In view of this decision he felt that a ruling must be given as to where Contractors' huts and storage areas could be sited.

The Chairman said that there was no objection to Clerk-of-Works, or Site Agents, huts and stocks of materials required to meet immediate needs of construction, being located adjacent to the project concerned, in positions agreed by the R.E. Such erections must be removed on completion of the project, or when required by the R.E., but, bulk storage of materials must remain on the south-west corner of the site, and all huts and storage must be kept tidy and compact.

Mr. Nott.

ACTION.

5. P.L.A. Extension, Radiochemical Laboratory etc.

Additional financial approval has been received, but no saving could be achieved on Fume Cupboards as had been hoped and if tenders for the Ventilation Plant, which are due on 12th September, prove to be considerably higher than the estimate, then a further exceeding must be expected. Mr. Flock issued a warning that costs on building services and civil work had risen steeply during the past six months and thus it must be expected that tenders received now, must exceed estimates prepared some months ago. Mr. Flock also said that his organisation had adopted the policy of avoiding placing building contracts, wherever possible, until this 'peak' had resolved itself. The Chairman asked Mr. Flock to arrange for a 'letter of policy' to be sent, by S.W.O., to him, for guidance in this situation.

Mr. Flock.

Mr. Marsh suggested that if a further exceeding did develop, it might be practicable to equip only two of the four suites of Radio Chemical Laboratories at this stage, thus keeping within existing financial approval, this would permit research to continue for about two years, equipment of the other two suites could then follow at a more favourable time. Dr. Willis said that he would agree to this step subject to the Steering Committee being kept fully informed.

Mr. Flock reported that the estimate for this project is now being reviewed, especially in relation to C.V.C. items.

Mr. Miller.

Mr. Miller will arrange for an increase in i.t.p. to be issued.

Mr. Marsh said that the programme which had been drawn up to cover the shut-down period of the P.L.A. to permit connection of the new experimental area into the existing building, looked quite workable, but stressed the importance of the dates being achieved.

6. Phase I Contract - Final Costs.

Mr. Flock reported that 22% of this contract had been measured and costing finally agreed with the Contractor, while a further 50% had been agreed on measurement, but not on costing. The balance had not yet been agreed on measurement. Mr. Flock agreed that progress towards final settlement of this contract was unsatisfactory, but S.W.O. were taking all practicable steps to improve this and some improvement has already resulted.

7. Stores Unloading Bay - RLBC/P63.

A paper by Mr. Pickles was submitted, seeking approval for construction of unloading facilities for the stores in R.l. Link Building.

The Chairman said that he had always envisaged this store as in the nature of a 'Divisional Store', to be fed through the main stores in A.E.R.E., It had sufficient space for 'Central Stores' facilities involving receipt of heavy equipment or inspection.

Dr. Willis.

The paper was withdrawn, pending clarification by the Stores Working Party of future stores policy with A.E.R.E.

8. Huts for Maintenance Contractors.

Mr. Harrison tabled a plan showing an area to the north of R.l. car park developed as sites for Maintenance contractors huts and storage areas. The size and location of this area were discussed at some length and the matter was referred back for consideration of less conspicuous locations, such as the south west section of the site.

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9. Cycle Shelters.

Mr. Harrison submitted sketch plans for a three bay cycle shelter to house 23 cycles for an estimated cost, including access path, of £234.

Mr. Harrison. It was agreed that this should proceed, as an experiment and recommended that a small, local Contractor should be employed for this work.

10. Minor Works Orders.

Mr. Venn presented a statement of Minor Works Orders issued to date.

11. Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held in Mr. Bowles' office, Building R.1. at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 10th October, 1961.

A. SHACKLEFORD.

Building R.1. (Link).  
Rutherford Laboratory.  
20th September, 1961.

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