

Mr P Bowles

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RUTHERFORD LABORATORY BUILDING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held in No.4 Conference Room, Building R.1 on Wednesday, 17th July, 1963

<u>Present</u>	Mr. P. Bowles	Chairman
	Mr. G. W. Dixon	
	Mr. J. C. Louth	
	Mr. A. Miller	
	Mr. M. Snowden	
	Mr. G. E. Simmonds	

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<u>In Attendance</u>	Mr. K. H. Choate
	Mr. A. H. Fryer
	Mr. H. Hadley
	Mr. A. Hancock
	Mr. D. A. Harrison
	Mr. G. M. Harbert
	Mr. G. N. Venn
	Mr. E. W. Young

Action

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.
2. Statement of Building and New Works Policy for 1963/64.
The Chairman gave an explanation of the recent decision to suspend operations on many current building projects. He said that this action was taken in order to avoid an excess of expenditure in the current financial year. The changing pattern of industrial prices and wages has resulted in many completed projects costing more than was budgetted and it had become necessary to allow for this trend in planning expenditure for the remainder of the current year.

Mr. Bowles mentioned a meeting convened and chaired by him on 2nd July (see RLBC/M.54S) at which the future of all current projects was decided. He said that project officers had been informed by letter of the decision in each case, and he asked all concerned to ensure that the necessary action had been taken in relation to orders for plant and equipment.

Mr. Simmonds
Mr. Choate

Mr. Simmonds said that it had been agreed with the Southern Works Organisation that a statement was to be prepared of all current design work. The Chairman said that in some cases design work could reasonably be proceeded with in anticipation of resumption of building work. He asked that such a statement be made available to him as soon as possible.

3. Matters Arising

A. Mercury Maintenance Block (M2 (6))

Mr. Louth said that the future of this project must be considered in the light of the medical aspects of mercury contamination.

B. Helium Bubble Chamber Plant Building (M7)

The decision as to the future of this project had been deferred at the special meeting on 2nd July. The Chairman told the committee that it had later been agreed with the Director to suspend work and Mr. Choate said that the order for steel structural components had been rescinded. Mr. Bowles asked how long it would take to re-instate this order should it be decided to resume work on the project, and Mr. Choate thought a month would suffice to regain the supply position obtaining at the time of the cancellation.

C. Irradiation Building for Radiation Protection (M10)

Mr. Snowden reported that the siting of this project had been agreed with S.W.O. in a position to the South West of the projected R.33 site. Since the project was in abeyance it was decided that final siting was to be settled when work thereon is resumed.

4. Minor Works Orders. There was a nil return for the period under review.
5. Progress on Existing Schemes - See Schedules A, B and C attached.

Mr. Nott

6. Any Other Business. Mr. Bowles asked for a statement showing the number of building contractors staff on site before and after action was taken to implement the decisions made at the meeting of 2nd July. Mr. Nott said he would supply this data.

Date of Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held on Monday 2nd September, at 9.0 a.m.

E. W. Young
Secretary

Rutherford Laboratory

29th July, 1963.

Distribution - See List Attached