

# REACH VILLAGE

## Minutes of Annual Reach Parish Meeting held on; Friday 7th May 1954

### Attendance

Mr W. Aves	Councillor	Present
Mr E. Cole	Councillor	Present
Mr A. J. Housden	Chairman	Present
Mr R. A. Smith	Councillor	Not Present
Mr R. B. Wood	Vice Chairman	Present
Mrs E. E. Bendall	Clerk	Present

plus eleven members of the Reach public

The Honorary Clerk asked that she might say a few words to those present and congratulating the village on becoming an independent parish, she said that as a small token of appreciation for the kindness, helpfulness and co-operation she had received from everyone during the three happy years she had worked there with the children, she would like to give her services for as long as they were required as their Parish Clerk. In addition she would like them to accept a small gift of note paper lettered with Reach Parish Council which would be of help to all at the beginning of an expensive time. She was sure that with such a spirit as there was in the village, things could not go far wrong and with patience and co-operation a great deal could be done. The Parish Council was honoured to be the first of the new parish but it was not an unmixed blessing for there was very little with which to start and there was much for all to learn.

### 1. Chairman's Address

Mr Housden then addressed the meeting and said that with the election expenses and the cost of various books, stationery and postages it would be necessary to ask for an 8d rate. This would be very much the same as the rate had been previously, perhaps a little less on [the] Burwell side and slightly more on the Swaffham side. Mr Warren proposed and Mr Smith seconded that an 8d rate should be levied, there were no amendments and the meeting passed this unanimously.

### 2. Burial Ground

Mention was made of the present Burial Ground and Mr F. Bowyer then informed all present that the present Burial Ground was a private one, that in a very short time it would be full and that the Parish Council would have to take steps to procure another. An entirely new cemetery would have to be bought but the private Burial Ground could be used until this was done.

### 3. Village War Memorial

Mr Bowyer then went on to say that as the only member left of the Village War Memorial Committee, of which he had been Chairman for many years, it was his wish that the Parish Council should take over and care for the Village War Memorial and that they should take the £3.16.0 left in the Fund and add to it to get the stone cleaned and a suitable railing put round it.

#### **4. Village Green**

Complaints were expressed by several members present about the roads which were being cut across the Green by traffic. The whole appearance of the Green was being spoiled and the Parish Council was asked if steps could be taken to prevent this. Mr Smith proposed and Mr Warren seconded that a board should be erected to prevent traffic crossing. The Chairman asked the Hon. Clerk to make enquiries concerning this and together with other matters mentioned, it will be dealt with by the PC at their meeting early in June.

**A. J. Housden**

March 11<sup>th</sup> 1955