



Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; 27th April 1954

These Minutes were originally hand written and have been copied into this document reflecting the way the Minutes would have been presented in 2010. The original Minutes can be viewed upon request of the Clerk. Any significant changes from the original, including explanatory comments, are shown in square brackets.

Attendance

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| Mr W. Aves | Councillor | Present |
| Mr E. Cole | Councillor | Present |
| Mr A. J. Housden | Chairman | Present |
| Mr R. A. Smith | Councillor | Present |
| Mr R. B. Wood | Vice Chairman | Present |
| Mrs E. E. Bendall | Clerk | Present |

Before the minutes were read, the Chairman said that on this first occasion of his chairmanship he would like to say to Councillors that they were all honoured members of the Council of a new parish and as such he hoped they would work well and happily together and do their best for everyone.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as correct – there were no matters arising. It was agreed that a letter of thanks and appreciation should be sent to the Clerk of the County Council for the help given and interest shown by members of the County Council and for their generous gift of a minute book to the new parish of Reach. This was proposed by Mr Woods, seconded by Mr Cole and passed unanimously.

2. Council Bank

The question of a Bank for the Parish Council was then discussed. Mr Aves proposed and Mr Smith seconded that it should be Barclays Bank, Newmarket; there were no other proposals and this was passed unanimously. Mr Woods proposed and Mr Cole seconded that the Chairman and Clerk should go to the Bank to open the A/C and this was unanimously agreed.

3. Precept

The amount of money required for the ensuing year was the next matter for discussion. As a debt of about £12 was owing for election expenses and as the levy of an 8d rate would bring in an income of £20, it was considered that an 8d rate would be necessary to cover [the] cost of stationery, postage and other incidental expenses which might arise. Mr Cole proposed and Mr Smith seconded that an 8d rate should be asked and it was decided that this should be placed before the Parish Meeting to be held on Friday May 7th at 7.30pm.

4. Complaints

Complaints about the junction of the concrete road with the highway and the dangerous state of the pavements along Ditchfields had been made to the Council. These complaints were considered and the Clerk was asked to write to the Clerk of NRDC drawing the attention of the District Council to this and asking if something could be done.

5. School Managers

In reply to a letter received by the Clerk from the Education Committee the following Councillors were elected as Managers of the school. Mr A. J. Houseden and Mr E. Cole, proposed by Mr Woods, seconded by Mr Smith and passed unanimously.

6. Press Reports

It was decided that if possible, reports of meetings should appear in both editions of Friday's Weekly News but if this was not possible it should be in the Newmarket edition.

7. Road Complaints

Complaints about the waste water from drains oozing through the road in two places and causing an objectionable smell were discussed but it was decided that no action should be taken until the trouble arose again when the cause could more easily be traced.

Signed by: A. J Housden

Dated: June 2nd 1954