

REACH VILLAGE

Minutes of Annual Reach Parish Meeting held on; Friday 15th April 1977

Attendance

Mr Ray Folkes	Councillor	Present
Mrs Joyce Harrison	Councillor	Present
Mr Harvey Harrison	Councillor	Present
Mr Rodney Housden	Vice Chairman	Present
Mr Albert Johnson	Chairman	Present
Mrs Alison Housden	Clerk	Present
Mrs Margaret Cook	District Councillor	Present
Mr Geoffrey Woollard	County Councillor	Present

plus six members of the Reach public.

The Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting were read and signed as a correct record.

Matters arising were;

1. Nothing has yet been done by the Council house tenants as regards laying down shingle for a driveway.
2. The Parish Council have taken over the responsibility for the upkeep of the cemetery and a caretaker has now been appointed.
3. The community magazine was started during the year.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman then read a report of last year's activity

Finance Report

It was resolved that the Financial report be adopted.

Reach Bridge

Mr Hudson from the County of Cambridge gave a very informative talk on how the engineers checked the safety of the bridge. The method used was the same as the army used during the war. This was done by working out the axle loads on the centres of the bridge. The Council will continue to watch the bridge and checks will be made approximately every three months. Councillor Woollard and the Chairman thanked Mr Hudson for coming.

District Council Report

Councillor Mrs Cook stated how impressed she was that the Council were doing a lot of the work themselves as the District Council has little money to spend. Very little to report from the District Council except further restrictions are to be made and regrettably the rates had to be increased. The main item to suffer is the housing programme. At the moment there are approximately 1,000 names on the District Housing List, 43 awaiting a house in the 3 villages. The District Council now state that only people in need can go on the housing list. There were seven planning applications in the village during the past year. The owner of the Chapel should start repairing and tidying it up in the Spring. All in all very depressing as there is very little money available.

County Council Report

Councillor G. Woollard said that after his very outspoken remarks last year, how delighted he was at the massive improvement in the village, for example the cemetery, pub and village hall also the private dwellings seemed to have improved. Reach is becoming a very popular and well known village. There has been a change of position on the situation of the Lodes, all being well Reach lode is safe. The rates have had to be increased, the Council were expecting ten million pounds from the Government but this is not to be forthcoming. Councillor Woollard then thanked the members of the Parish Council especially the Clerk and the Chairman.

Queen's Silver Jubilee

A discussion then took place on what to do for the Silver Jubilee and it was finally agreed by the majority present to give the village children under the age of sixteen a tea and to hold some sports. A crown would also be given to each child. A house to house collection is to take place later in the month with a view to raising sufficient money to pay for the crowns and village mothers are to be asked to provide the tea. It was also suggested that a village photo should be taken on Jubilee Day.

Fouling by Dogs on Footpaths

A request was made that a paragraph should be put in the village magazine asking dog owners to stop dogs fouling on the public footpaths. If this should have no effect, signs should then be put up stating that dog owners will be prosecuted.

Councillor G. Woollard is to ask Mr E Cole if he will tidy up the site rubbish he has dumped down Straight Drove.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Signed by: A W Johnson

Dated: 6th May 1977