



Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; 30th September 1977

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

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	Not Present

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as correct.

2. Hedge Meddlicotts Corner

The Chairman has spoken to Mr Kisby and reports that the council has cut the hedge on the last occasion but suggested that in future it should be cut by the Council and charged to Mr Meddlicott.

3. Swings (Seats)

Having replaced same and [received] an invoice from Wicksteed for replacement seats, it was agreed that we should send our remittance and then attempt to claim the amount of £11.86p back from the insurance company.

4. Van Dwellers

A letter was read out from Councillor Woollard re van dwellers parking in and around the village. Mrs Cook commented that the Act had not been fully implemented due to the current financial situation in the county.

5. Standpipe

A letter has been sent to the A.W.A. requesting that the standpipe on the edge of the green be disconnected. An acknowledgement has been received and the matter has also been dealt with.

6. Electricity Lines

A letter has been sent to Eastern Electricity stating that if the Amenities Scheme is reintroduced could they consider re-routing the electricity wires underground, therefore improving the appearance of the village. The reply from the Board advised us to write to the County Planning Department in order to

register our interest in this project.

7. GPO Lines

A letter has also been sent to the G.P.O. requesting, if possible, that the telephone wires be placed underground. A reply has been received to the effect that the promoting authority would be expected to pay for this as they [the G.P.O.] have no funds to cover work of this nature.

8. Reach Burial Ground

The Clerk read out a letter from the Newmarket and District United Reformed Churches in which it was stated that the United Reformed Church in Burwell is prepared to donate a maximum of £50 towards tidying up the Burial Ground. Mr Reed has submitted an estimate for £50 to cover the work and we are to send the estimate for approval, together with a letter to Mr Human (Isaccson Rd.) confirming that after the work has been carried out, maintenance of the Burial Ground would then be the responsibility of Reach Parish Council.

9. Clerk's Resignation

A letter of resignation from Mrs A. Housden was read out. The Chairman expressed his gratitude for her valuable assistance during the past three years and proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to her, together with a cheque for the sum of £25 for a half year's salary.

10. Donation

A £1 donation was received for the cemetery fund.

11. Post Office Road Signs

A letter has been received from Mr Kisby of the Highways Div. stating that an additional chevron sign has been erected. The Chairman reported that this matter has been attended to and the sign is now in position.

12. Questionnaire

An "Announcement and Questionnaire" from the National Association of Local Councils was read out and completed. This is in connection with the Legal and Advisory Service provided by the National and County Associations.

13. Horse Dock (Dr Moseley)

Letters from Dr Moseley and his solicitors, Wild, Hewitson and Shaw were read out and it was agreed that Mrs Cook should pass on a copy of the solicitor's letter to Mr Poole, requesting further advice.

14. Drying Ground

The Chairman reported a conversation with Mr Kisby when it was suggested the Councillors and Chairman should visit Soham to see a similar site. This meeting has been arranged for Monday 3rd October. If this idea is acceptable, it can then be adopted for the Drying Ground.

15. 30mph Speed Limit

Correspondence from the County Council was read out and no comments were made.

16. Planning Applications

It was noted that Mr Cannon of 23 Great Lane had received planning approval for alterations and extensions including a new access and garage, incorporating the suggested amendment by the Parish Council. It was noted that Planning Approval has been granted for the double bay swings, this covering the period up to 5th September 1982 (ie 5 years).

17. Trees

It was agreed that the Chairman and Councillors should meet and agree on sites for the 50 new trees. 8 replacement trees are required. The Clerk is to contact Mr Megginson to apologise for [the] delay in

submitting our order, this being due to Council meetings not being held between the period 1st July to 30th September.

18. County Structure Plan

A letter and enclosure has been received from the County Planning Officer re county structure Plan. This was read out and no comments were made.

A letter from Councillor Woollard was read out by the Clerk, in which concern was expressed in connection with the future welfare of Cambridge, owing to the proposed cutback in finance. It was resolved that a letter be sent to the Dept. of the Environment stating how we, as a village, would be affected by any future cuts and also informing them that Cambridgeshire is one of the largest growth areas in the country. It was also felt they should be advised that reductions in educational finance could possibly affect our local reception class teacher. It was also pointed out by Mrs Harrison that as there was a Council Rubbish Tip in the village, precedence ought to be given to [the] maintenance and repair of our Parish roads, owing to the fact that refuse lorries use them daily.

19. Cheques

The following cheques were authorised and signed. Mr Reed £12, Eastern Electricity £21.33, ECDC £6.54, Dept of Environment £11.88, Mrs A Housden £25, Petty Cash £10, Chas Wicksteed £12.81.

20. Insurance

The Council was advised that the Public Liability Insurance should be increased to £250,000 and property to £300 and we are to request Messrs Cornhills to amend our policy accordingly. However, it is not clear whether or not the bus shelters are covered by insurance, therefore the Clerk was asked to write to Cornhills in order to clarify the matter and if necessary ask for these to be included in the property policy for the sum of £500 (for the two shelters) and also advise them of the name of the new Clerk and her date of commencement, following Mrs Housden's resignation.

21. Replacement Swing Seats

It was reported that the replacement seats have been received by the Chairman. We are in receipt of an invoice covering these for the sum of £12.81 on which it is stated [that] a supplementary invoice will be sent in the near future, as on the date of despatch of the goods, there was a price increase which would be passed onto the Council. The Clerk was advised to settle the invoice already received and send a copy of same to Cornhills for reimbursement against our insurance policy.

22. A.O.B.

It was noted that in the "Best Kept Village Competition" Reach was again last. Mr Housden stated that a great deal has been done to improve the village over the last year and he was very disappointed with the result. Mrs Cook suggested that a note should be put in "Out of Reach" mentioning the points where we did badly. It was requested that an item be added to the agenda for the next meeting asking for the allotment Engineer to be present at the December meeting.

It was reported that Mr Estell had creosoted one of the bus shelters and when materials are available the other one would be painted also.

It was agreed that Mrs Housden would again make the Poppy Day wreath this year and a donation of £2 being made to the British Legion.

The Clerk requested that a fireproof filing cabinet should be purchased in which the Council's Minute Book and correspondence be kept. Mrs Jennings [is] to contact Mrs Ruth Stinson, Clerk of Swaffham Prior Council to ascertain where their records are kept.

The Chairman stated that Mr Crookenden had a presentation cup available for what use the Council wished, providing it was not used as a prize for the cycle race. The Chairman proposed the idea of presenting it each year to the owner of the best kept garden, thus encouraging people to keep their property in a tidy condition. No other suggestions were forthcoming.

Mrs Cook requested that in future Council meetings should be kept to once a month as there was a great deal of correspondence to be dealt with on this occasion, owing to the fact that there had not been a meeting for almost 3 months.

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

Signed by: A W Johnson

Dated: 4th November 1977