



Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; 4th November 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	Not Present
Mr Albert Johnson	Chairman	Present
Mrs Ann Jennings	Clerk	Present
Mrs Margaret Cook	District Councillor	Not Present
Mr Geoffrey Woollard	County Councillor	Present

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

2. Filing Cabinet for the Clerk

It was agreed not to purchase a new filing cabinet as this item has not been included for in the current precept. However, it was agreed that the Clerk should arrange to insert an advertisement in Out of Reach magazine asking if anyone had a second-hand one for sale.

3. Drying Ground

It was resolved that a letter be sent to Mr Kisby requesting that the same arrangement be made as for a similar site in Soham.

4. Best Kept Village Competition

It was reported by Mrs Harrison that many village people were upset about the result of the Best Kept Village competition as a considerable effort had been made over the past year to improve the village as a whole.

5. Correspondence

The Chairman read out a letter from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England in which it was stated that an informal meeting had been arranged for Friday 2nd December 1977 at 10.30am at Soham to discuss the electoral arrangements for the District of East Cambs. Any person wishing to attend the meeting is invited to do so.

6. R W Smith Complaint

Correspondence from Mr R W Smith was read out in which it was stated that an old and disused

caravan had been parked on the drove overlooking his bungalow. In his letter Mr Smith also expressed concern about the amount of rubbish being deposited on the drove. The Clerk was asked to write to the owner of the caravan Mr R Hills requesting him to arrange for removal of same and also send a letter to Dr Moseley pointing out that a complaint had been made and asking him to refrain from putting rubbish on the above.

7. Litter Bins

The Chairman read out a letter from ECDC re the Anti-Litter programme and provision of litter bins. Several points were raised, ie were there sufficient bins at present, who should repair them etc and we are to send our reply answering the points raised.

8. Trees

An acknowledgement of order has been received (50 new and 8 replacement trees) and Mr Johnson is to approach Mr W Pedley for a quotation for 60 new stakes.

9. Dr Moseley Horse Dock

A letter was read out from Mr Poole of ECDC saying that he wished to meet the Chairman at the site in order to discuss the matter further. He also requested that we seek out local persons who could remember the Horse Dock actually being used and the Chairman reported that Messers Millard, Sturgeon and R Hills and others clearly recalled it being used for the designed purpose.

10. Insurance

We have received a letter from Cornhills in which they have quoted an extra premium of £3.45 to cover insurance for the bus shelters and £2.06 for the increased public liability. The Clerk was instructed to reply stating that we accepted their quotation and also enclosed cheque for £5.51 to cover these increases.

11. Cheques

The following cheques were authorised and signed. Eastern Electricity £21.80, Cornhills £5.51.

13. A.O.B.

The Clerk requested that printed letter heading be obtained for Council use and it was agreed that we should get quotations and order a quantity of 500 A4 size sheets from the most reasonable source.

It was proposed by Mrs Harrison and seconded by Mr Folkes that we increase our precept to £450 for the coming year.

Councillor Woollard advised that the enquiry into the Burwell Buckyard Pit Appeal has been provisionally arranged at the Memorial Hall Burwell for 4 days (dates to be announced later) in March of next year and that we may have to make strong representation, as before. Mr Woollard also reported that the county finance cuts may possibly not be as drastic as originally envisaged and reductions which were proposed for the year 79/80 may not be demanded in full.

It was reported that the bank balance as at 2/8/77 was £359.26.

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

Signed by: A W Johnson

Dated: 9th December 1977