

REACH VILLAGE

Minutes of Annual Reach Parish Meeting held on; Friday 7th April 1978

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	Not Present
Mr Geoffrey Woollard	County Councillor	Present

Seven members of the public also attended.

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

Matters arising;

It was reported that Mr E Cole had still not levelled off the rubble deposited on Straight Drove and the Clerk was requested to write asking that this be done as soon as possible.

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.

It was proposed by Mrs A Folkes and seconded by Mr J Robinson that a Sports Day should be arranged, by the Parish Council, on May 29th. Mr Harrison volunteered to carry out a house-to-house survey to see how many children would be willing to provide refreshments for the children's tea.

County Council Report

Councillor G. Woollard reported that the street lighting will, in due course, be changed over to the sodium type. Hopefully this work will be completed within the next two years. Mr Woollard also stated that the crisis of the primary school teacher at Swaffham Prior had passed, owing to keen lobbying from Reach and Swaffham. With regard to the increase in rates for the year 78/79, Mr Woollard reported that the County had imposed the highest increase in the £ in the whole country. He also said that the Refuse Pit should be full in the near future. In conclusion Mr Woollard said that the village had improved enormously during the past year.

Any Other Business

General Crockenden raised the question of when would a start be made on the new road through Fair Green. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr B Aldridge, County Surveyor, copy to Mr Kisby, Divisional Surveyor, stating how keen we were that the work should be completed, but at the same time expressing our concern at the rumour that the road from Burwell Corner down the Burwell side of the Green be closed and used for access only. The letter was also to state that the road from Reach leading to the fen is in a bad state of repair. We are also to request that a sign be erected at the Reach/Upware/Swaffham Prior crossroads in the fen, saying that the Reach/Upware road is to be for access only and not used as a through road, as heavy goods drivers are having difficulty in negotiating the narrow roads and bends in the village.

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

Signed by: A W Johnson