



Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; 12th May 1978

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 Ann Jennings	Clerk	Present
Mrs Margaret Cook	District Councillor	Present
Mr Geoffrey Woollard	County Councillor	Not Present

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

It was proposed by Mr Harrison and seconded by Mr Johnson that all officers be re-elected en bloc for the coming year (see notes 6.5.77 for details).

[This meeting then closed and the normal Parish Council meeting took place].

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Correspondence

A letter from ECDC was read out in which it was stated that Parish Council elections will take place in 1979 and in future every 4th year thereafter.

4. Grass Verges

A letter from Mr Aldridge, County Surveyor, has been received re grass cutting in villages, in which it was stated that due to restrictions in finance, grass verges would not be maintained as frequently as in the past and suggested that if the Parish Council wished to carry out grass cutting on highway verges they could do so at their own expense. The Clerk was asked to reply stating that whilst the verges within the village had been maintained, those roads leading from the village (ie Swaffham and Burwell Roads etc), had not been cut during 1977 and hoping these could be attended to in the current year, especially as a complaint had been received in this connection.

5. Planning Applications

Retrospective planning permission has been granted for the erection of a car port for Mr Linwood. Outline planning application for conversion of a barn to dwelling for Mr M Warrington was discussed at length and whilst the council had no objection to the proposed conversion, the Clerk was asked to point out to the Planning Authority that the right of way would be shared by three people, one of which is a Public House and the access is at present used as an overspill area for the Pub's car park. Also, there is no indication on the plan of the whereabouts of the Pub Car Park, nor does it show the recent extension to the rear of the Public House. The property is on the right of the access.

6. Cheque

The following cheques were authorised and signed. Cornhills £14.86; Nat Association of Local Councils £9.00; ECDC (half year rates) £7.08; Swainland and Son £8.64; Village Centre £5.00; Reach Sports (loan) £30.00.

7. A.O.B.

Mr Houseden stated that a great deal of rubbish (ie large household items etc) had been dumped in the ditches and along the grass verges down Hightown Drove. The Clerk was advised to write to the Environmental Health Dept, Ely, asking if they could take steps to have this removed.

8. Sports Day

Mr Harrison reported that Reach Sports and Social Club committee had reformed and would eventually take over the running of Sports Day from the Parish Council. The main problem was one of finance and he requested an advance of £30 (to be repaid at a later date) to be made, primarily for the use of prize money. Mr Housden proposed that this was in order and the seconder was Mrs Harrison.

9. Donation Hall Fund

The Chairman brought up the matter of a Hall Fund donation and it was proposed by Mr Harrison and seconded by Mr Housden that the Parish Council make a once only donation of £5. *

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

Signed by: A W Johnson

Dated: 2nd June 1978

* The Chairman reported that the £10 from Mr Harris (fair amusements) is to be paid into the bank and earmarked for the cemetery fund.