



Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; 7th September 1979

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

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| 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 |
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| Mrs M Evans | Clerk | Present |
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| 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. Home Defence Planning

It was confirmed that Mr Albert Johnson and Mr Rodney Housden would represent the Council and attend the seminars concerning the role of the Parish Councils in Home Defence Planning.

3. Land at Wells Close

Mrs Cook told the Council that at the recent meeting of the Resource Sub-Committee it had been agreed in principle that the land bought for development by the [District] Council should now be sold for private building plots. The final details have yet to be worked out.

4. Maintenance of Pathways

Mr Harvey Harrison confirmed that the pathway from Reach Rd to the railway cutting had now been cleared. However, a reply had not yet been received from Mr Kisby clarifying who was responsible for the pathway along the Devil's Dyke.

5. Letter of Thanks

The Council requested the Clerk to write to Mrs Ann Jennings – the previous Clerk thanking her for her services to the Council and help over the past two years.

6. Lodes

Mrs Cook reminded the Council that the next meeting of the Health and Amenities Committee would take place on 18th September 1979 when the Lodes would be discussed and [she] assured the members that she would give her support for their preservation. A memorandum of the meeting called by the Inland Waterways Association in Cambridge was the circulated.

Enthusiasm was expressed for the idea of repeating a walk along the Lode – possibly in the Spring – as everyone had so enjoyed the recently organised walk.

7. Electricity Charges

A notice of increased electricity charges was read. Mrs Harrison again undertook to deal with complaints about the faulty street light in the village.

8. Gas Survey

A total of ten replies had been received from the recent survey in favour of bringing gas to the village and it was agreed to inform Swaffham Bulbeck Parish Council of this result who would then make joint representation to the Gas Board if appropriate.

9. Fluoridation of Water

A letter from the Natural Pure Water Association was read out and the information re: fluoridation was circulated. It was agreed to postpone further discussion until concrete proposals emerged.

10. Parish Boundaries

Notification was given of a Parish Boundaries Review that is taking place. It was agreed that, with the help of a map of existing boundaries, this would be discussed fully at the next meeting.

11. Parochial Charities

Enquiries were made about the present position of “funds” for the poor and elderly of the Parish of Reach from the rents of the Charity’s land in the Parish. It was believed that although the money had previously been shared between Reach and Swaffham Prior, at the moment it had all been allocated to the upkeep of the almshouses in Swaffham [Prior]. The Clerk was asked to write to the Trustees to clarify the matter.

12. Cheques

The following cheques were authorised and signed 1) £10 for Petty Cash, 2) £37.50 to Mrs A. Jennings (salary), 3) £8.58 to ECDC (2nd instalment of rates).

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

Signed by: A W Johnson

Dated: 3rd October 1979