



Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; 3rd October 1979

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Attendance

Mr Ray Folkes	Councillor	Present
Mrs Joyce Harrison	Councillor	Present
Mr Harvey Harrison	Councillor	Not Present
Mr Rodney Housden	Vice Chairman	Present
Mr Albert Johnson	Chairman	Present
Mrs M Evans	Clerk	Present
Mrs Margaret Cook	District Councillor	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. Gas Survey

Mrs Cook reported from the Swaffham Bulbeck meeting that a total of sixty replies had been received from Reach and both Swaffhams requesting gas and a joint request had been made to the Gas Board.

3. Lodes

Mrs Cook explained that the Health and Amenities Committee were in agreement with maintaining the high level system. The Financial and Policy Committee also agreed but were concerned about method of payment. It had been suggested that the District and County Councils should meet together and jointly approach the Anglian Water Authority to discuss the question of costs. Mr Woollard reported that the Planning Committee at Shire Hall had met that day and agreed in principle, by a majority vote, to give a cash contribution towards the upkeep of the Lodes. The next stage was the Finance and Policy Committee. The Council decided, therefore, to write to Councillors James and Cumber reiterating the Parish Council's views on the matter.

4. Footpath Maintenance

Mr Kisby had confirmed that it was the responsibility of the County Council to maintain the footpath along the Devil's Dyke. Although a section of this had been cleared by the boys of Burwell House, it was decided to ask the Highways Division if they would undertake further clearing.

5. Parochial Charities

Mr Day, Clerk to the Trustees to the Charity explained in a letter that allotment rents were so low that the income from the lands over the past few years had been very small.

Money had been allocated to Reach, ie £20 was donated to Reach Sunday School last year. It had been difficult to ascertain cases of "hardship" although the Trustees made it clear they would be most willing to consider suitable cases of need in Reach.

6. Precept

It was decided that the sum of £450 should again be asked for the year 1980-1981 and the form was duly signed.

7. Parking Facilities

Mrs Cook said the District Council was trying to improve the car parking for its houses in the area and she asked about the arrangements at Ditchfield. The Councillors also reported that the edge of the Swaffham Road in that area was, in fact, being damaged especially by heavy loads passing the cars parked in the road and hoped something could be done.

9. Metal Detectors

There were complaints that people using metal detectors were digging holes in the Green and its verges making mowing very difficult. An appeal not to damage the turf would be put in the Parish magazine.

10. Cheques

£10 to Mr H. Harris (of Harris and Harris Amusements). Another attempt to return the deposit for the Fair, the original postal order having been returned by the Post Office undelivered.

Boundaries to be discussed at the next meeting.

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

Signed by: A W Johnson

Dated: 7th November 1979