



Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; 16th July 1980

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 M Evans	Clerk	Present
Mrs Margaret Cook	District Councillor	Not 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. Appointment of Caretaker

Mr Johnson reported that Mr Greenhill had been appointed to look after the Burial Ground. A draft of a proposed agreement between the Parish Council and the contracted person was then read - the contract to be reviewed annually and the salary this year - ie until April 1981 - to be £105 pa. With one addition the Council resolved to accept this agreement which was then to be signed by the contractor.

3. Agreement with Eastern Electricity

The revised agreement with the reduced charges for the new lights was then seen and signed.

4. Listed Buildings

No further suggestions for additions to the existing list had been received.

5. Vine Cottage

Another letter from Mr Helliwell was read to the meeting expressing his continued concern about the further deterioration of Vine Cottage and requesting the Council to approach the owner. The Council felt that it was unable to act on this suggestion because it has no powers of enforcement in planning matters. The Clerk was [asked] to point this out to Mr Helliwell and suggest that he take this up with the Planning Department if he wished.

6. Eastern Electricity

After reading a letter from Eastern Electricity inviting suggestions for simplifying methods of payment the Council decided that quarterly payments of bills by direct debit would be most convenient.

7. Cambridgeshire Naturalists Trust

As a results of an appeal the Council decided that it would be beneficial to join the Cambridgeshire Naturalists Trust and requested the relevant forms.

8. Bottisham Pool

There had also been an appeal to the Council for a contribution towards the cost of covering the Bottisham Swimming Pool. After discussion the Council resolved to give £20 - a cheque for this amount was therefore authorised and signed.

9. Cornhill Insurance

The Council then reviewed its current insurance policy. It was felt that the value of certain properties had increased since first issued and that additional items ie the motor mower should be included. The Clerk was asked therefore to inform the company of these suggestions and make a final decision on their advice.

10. Clerk's Appointment and Salary

As the appointment of the new Clerk had not been inuted originally - it was resolved that Mrs Margaret Evans should be Clerk (appointed from September 1979) at a salary of £75 pa.

9. Cheques

It was resolved that it was necessary to buy a mowing machine to be the property of the Parish Council for the upkeep of the Burial Ground.

The following cheques were authorised and signed.

Eastern Electricity	£14.16
Cambs County Council (street light maintenance)	£14.88
J L Newman and Sons Ltd	£4.14

10. Donation

Mr Johnson had been given £1.00 as a donation towards the upkeep of the Burial Ground [which was given to the Clerk to be banked.

11. Swings

Two swings were in need of repair - to be decided after investigating suitable types of seats.

12. Bier

As the bier in the shed in the Burial Ground was no longer used the Council decided to make enquiries about selling it.

13. Heavy Lorry Meeting

It was reported that at the recent meeting in Cambridge to discuss the problem of heavy lorries through villages views had ben aired but no decisions taken.

14. Village Centre Grass

Some discussion took place about the upkeep of the grass in front of the Village Centre - no decision taken.

As there was no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed by: A W Johnson

Dated: 13th August 1980