



Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; 5th March 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	Not 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	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. Seats for Bus Shelters

As no estimate had been received it was decided that the councillors would go ahead themselves and put the seats in the bus shelters.

3. Reach Fair

It was noted that Mr Harris (of Harris and Harris Amusements) had now replied and sent a £10 deposit as booking fee for the Reach Fair.

4. Mr Kisby

In his reply Mr Kisby explained first that all the drainage channels in the road verges had now been dug and secondly that a new road sign "Unsuitable for Heavy Traffic" had been ordered and would be placed as soon as possible in Reach Fen

5. Clerk to Swaffham Prior

In reply to Mrs Stilton's invitation to attend a meeting in Swaffham Prior when Mr Aldworth of the Planning Dept would be present, four members of the Council said that they wished to attend.

6. Street Lighting

The new draft copy of the agreement between the County Council and the Parish Council had been circulated before the meeting. Under this agreement the County Council would do regular maintenance work and necessary repairs to all the lights in the village. The Parish Council would be required to make certain payments. The Council resolved to accept this draft agreement as it stood.

7. Post Offices

A letter had also been circulated explaining the possible changes that might take place in the methods of payment of pensions and allowances etc: and how these changes might adversely affect the financial position of rural Post Offices. In view of the effect that such proposals might have on our own Post Office the Clerk was asked to express these fears to Mr Francis Pym MP and also the other councils via Mr Martindale.

8. Encroachments

The members of the Council agreed to have another check on the encroachments on highways in the village and to inform the County Council who may then take appropriate action.

9. Cheques

The following cheques were authorised and signed.

£37.50 – the Clerk's half-yearly salary.

£5.00 – Petty Cash

£2.25 – to be sent to Cambs Assoc of Local Councils.

As there was no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed by: A W Johnson

Dated: 9th April 1980