



Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; 1st October 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	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. Insurance Policy Cheque

The additional premium for the comprehensive policy amounted to £6.14. Two cheques for £5.71 and £0.43 for this amount had been signed since the last meeting.

3. Vine Cottage

Mrs Cook told the meeting that there was nothing further to report as no planning applications had been received. Mr Eastwood of East Cambs District Council intended to see the owners.

4. Swings

It was decided to replace the broken seats with similar models – to be ordered.

5. Burial Charges

It was reported that Mr Martindale of the Association of Local Councils is, at present, getting information from other parish councils about charges made for burials in local cemeteries. [It was] decided to wait therefore until this investigation had been completed.

6. Bottisham Pool

A letter of thanks from the "Cover the Pool" Committee for the Council's donation was read.

7. Cheques

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

Clerk's half yearly salary	£37.50
For Hire of Hall	£6.00
Petty Cash	£5.00
Cambs and Isle of Ely Naturalist's Trust	£3.00
Mr Greenhill's half yearly salary	£50.00
Mr A W Johnson (for creosote)	£7.50

8. Broken Bridge

The foot bridge onto the Hythe had been damaged when a horse, being led across it, fell through the railings and there was some discussion as to who might be liable for the repairs to it. Mr Woolward [is] to make enquiries at Shire Hall.

9. Village Sign

A discussion took place about the possibility of having a village sign in Reach. It was suggested that the idea should be advertised in the magazine in the first instance, making enquiries re possible designs and about how the necessary money should be raised.

10. Letter of Thanks

It was decided that a letter of thanks should be sent to Mr Estall who had kindly repaired the damage to the bus shelters and also creosoted the (copy of the letter to the magazine).

11. Footpaths

After some discussion on the subject of footpath maintenance Mrs Cook reminded the meeting of the need to walk the footpaths regularly in order to keep them open.

12. Precept

Mrs Cook also pointed out to the meeting the need to be as thoughtful as possible when deciding on the amount of money to be precepted for the following year because of [the] current financial climate.

13. Ownership of Land

The question of the ownership of the piece of land between the White Horse and Mr Cole's farm was raised – local enquires [are] to be made.

14. Planning Meetings

The Clerk was asked to advertise the Planning Meetings to be held at regular intervals throughout the winter with Mr Aldworth of the Planning Dept. These are open meetings to explain planning procedures.

15. Burwell United Reform Church

The Clerk was also asked to contact Mr Human of Burwell United Reform Church to re-open the question of a contribution towards the cost of the initial clearing of the Burial Ground.

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

Signed by: A W Johnson

Dated: 12th November 1980