

# REACH VILLAGE

## Minutes of Annual Reach Parish Meeting held on; Wednesday 13th May 1981

### 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	Not Present
Mrs M Evans	Clerk	Present
Mrs Margaret Cook	District Councillor	Present
Vacancy	County Councillor	Not Present

Seven members of the public also attended.

The Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting were read and signed as a correct record.

### Civil Defence

Mr Johnson and Mr Housden had attended the course at Ely. A member of the public suggested that there might be a meeting in Reach for them to pass on what they had learned. It was agreed that this would be arranged. Mr Harvey Harrison and Mr John Briggs agreed to attend the course to be run during the winter 1981 - 1982.

### Financial Statement

This was summarised by the Clerk, circulated and adopted.

### District Council Report

Mrs Cook remarked that all five planning applications from Reach this year had been approved and said that there had been applications to buy five of the council houses here but purchases were not yet completed. At the same time the "government freeze" prevented the building of more council houses and the waiting list criteria were more rigorous.

Mrs Cook remarked on the twinning arrangements with Orsay in France and the ceremony to take place at Bottisham in September. Other ventures undertaken by the District Council in the past year included talks by its planning officer to explain planning procedures given in Reach and the two Swaffhams.

A forthcoming event was a concert to be given in Reach by the Wicken Brass Band.

Coming to the question of rates, Mrs Cook said that after a stationary period these would have to be raised because of government policy in respect of local government financing and concluded with her fears for the future of local government in general. Members of the public asked questions about the spending of rates income, the maintenance of the council houses and the planning standards now in force.

## **County Council Report**

There was no County Councillor's Report as Mr John Brookes had only just been elected.

## **Chairman's Report**

Mr Johnson, who was not present, presented a short report with [the] usual thanks and with special thanks to Mr Dudley for mowing Fair Green and to Mr Estall for maintaining the bus shelters.

## **Any Other Business**

### **Speeding**

After discussion of the speed with which cars entered the village it was decided to put a message in the magazine.

### **Thanks**

A member of the public thanked both the Parish Council and Mrs Cook for their work over the past year.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00pm

**Signed by:** A W Johnson

14<sup>th</sup> April 1982