



Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; 6th January 1981

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	Not 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. Footbridge on [the] Hythe

It was reported that the footbridge on the Hythe (which had previously been damaged when a horse being led across it, fell through the railings) had now been prepared. It was suggested that it would be helpful to include an explanatory note in the magazine to advise people not to take horses over [the] bridge to prevent such accidents happening again.

3. Burial Ground Cheque

A reply had been received from Burwell Reform Church with a cheque for £50 as a single payment towards the initial clearing of the ground as agreed some time ago. It was agreed that this money should be given to Mr Greenhill for the initial work that had been carried out.

4. Letter of Thanks - Donations

A letter had been received (including [a] donation of £2) expressing thanks for the work that had been put into the burial ground. [A] donation [of] 50p [was] also received. It was resolved that all such donations should be banked and used as necessary for burial ground maintenance. The Chairman reported that, as the hedge which lined the burial ground was difficult to maintain a suggestion had been made that it should be removed leaving the original iron fence in place. This was agreed.

5. Parochial Charities

The Clerk was asked to make further enquiries about the future policy of the trustees when deciding how the money from the Parochial Charities should be spent and allocated. (The question of the seat for Fair Green – to be discussed again).

6. Mr Geoffrey Woollard

Mr Woollard, after thanking the Council for their letters of appreciation, explained that he would still be available on a "caretaker basis" until the next County Councillor was elected in May. The Chairman, in reply, re-iterated the Council's thanks for the work, help and guidance that had been given.

7. Reach Fair

The City Solicitor had written explaining that it was quite in order to have additional stalls etc at the Fair – in reply to our enquiry.

8. Twinning of E. Cambs

The informative letters about the proposed linking of E. Cambs with Orsay were read and notification of the ceremony to take place in September. The Council [is] to consider sending a nominee to the initial planning meeting at Ely.

9. Cheques

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

Eastern Electricity	£24.93
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£10 had been received for fee for headstone.

10. Any Other Business

The Clerk asked if it might be possible to display more information of general interest on a larger notice board in eg the Village Centre. This was agreed.

Further complaints had been received about the mud on the roads in the village – no action to be taken.

Mr Harrison reported that all the trees had been received and had now been planted. Some concern was expressed about whether planning permission was required for the alterations to the village shop premises – these queries to be referred to Mr Eastwood at the meeting in Swaffham Bulbeck the following evening.

As there was no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.15pm.

Signed by: A W Johnson

Dated: 4th February 1981