



## Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; 4th March 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	Present
Mr Albert Johnson	Chairman	Present
Mrs M Evans	Clerk	Present
Mrs Margaret Cook	District Councillor	Present
Vacancy	County Councillor	Not Present

Two members of the public also attended.

### 1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as correct.

### 2. Boating Facilities at the Hythe

Mr Edson (a representative of the Cambridge branch of the Inland Waterways Association) told the meeting of his suggestions for possible improvements to both the boating facilities and the physical appearance of the Hythe. As a letter had also been received from the Greater Ouse Boating Association, making similar enquiries and suggestions, it was decided that a "joint venture" might be the most practical solution.

### 3. Ownership of the Hythe

Before proceeding any further it was decided to deal with the correspondence which had been received from the Commons Commissioners concerning the disputed ownership of part of the Hythe – ie the land around the sewage works. As there appeared to be some dispute about the extent of the Anglian Water Authority's land, the Clerk was asked to write to see if it might be settled. When this is clear the Parish Council would then be able to pursue the suggestions of the Waterways Association.

### 4. Swaffham Prior Parochial Charities

Mr Housden reported that the queries of the Parish Council had been put before the Trustees but as yet no reply had been received by the Clerk. A letter containing a draft of amendments to the present scheme for the Swaffham Prior [Parochial] Charities had been received from the Charity Commission in London. This was summarised and discussed at some length but as the council does not have a copy of the existing scheme it was decided to ask the Commissioners for this before proceeding any further.

## 5. Meeting Re: Twinning

Mr A Johnson and Mrs J Harrison agreed to represent the Council at the meeting at Ely on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

## 6. Planning Applications

1. Mr J Reed for [the] erection of a car port at 10 Swaffham Road.
2. Mr A Dudley for [the] demolition of Vine Cottage and erection of a swimming pool, garage and flat over.

These plans had been circulated before the meeting and the comments had been passed to the Planning Dept.

[An] application for erection of [a] headstone for the late Mr Sturgeon + £10 fee had now been received.

## 7. Electricity Charges

Notification of increased electricity charges from April 1<sup>st</sup> 1981 was read.

## 8. Retirement [of] Mr Martindale

The Council was informed of the retirement of Mr Martindale, the secretary of the Association of Local Councils for many years. It was resolved unanimously that a gift of £5 should be given.

## 9. Cheques

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

Reach Old School Committee (Hire of Hall)	£5.00
Mr Greenhill (for petrol and oil for mower)	£6.02
Mr A Johnson (for J L Newman)	£12.00
Mrs H W Evans (half yearly salary)	£37.50
Mrs S Greenhill [for husband Ron Greenhill] (half yearly salary)	£55.00
Mr Martindale (retirement) to Mrs A Gibbons	£5.00

£1 had been received as a donation for the cemetery – to be banked.

## 10. Reach Fair

The Clerk was asked to inform the City Council of the proposals and plans of the Fair Committee for the activities of Fair Day.

## 11. Old Chapel [and] Hythe House

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Eastwood, District Planning Officer about the dangerous state of the Old Chapel and Hythe House.

## 12. Footpaths

Mr W Estall came to the meeting to draw the Council's attention to the state of most of the footpaths in the village. The Clerk was asked to write to the County Surveyor about this. She was also asked to write to Mr J Reed to suggest that he did not obstruct the footpaths with his gardening materials.

## 13. Old Railway Bridge

Some anxiety was also expressed about the state of the railway bridge and a letter [is] to be sent to Mr Oldridge re: this.

As there was no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

**Signed by:** A W Johnson

**Dated:** 7th April 1981