

FREETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
ARCHIVE MINUTE BOOKS
1995-1996

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting - 15th May 1995
8 p.m.

M. Roger Pipes presided.

Present - 5 Parish Councillors and the Clerk.

1. Minutes read & signed as a true record.

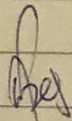
2. No matters arising

3. Walpole Armshouse Charity report was given by the Secretary (Mrs Edith Mow).

4. Appointment of Parish Council representative to Playing Field Committee

Prop - M. Woodgate Sec. R. Stenholm that Roger Pipes be re-elected. All in favour.

5. No further business. Meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.



Signed

20.5.96 date.

Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting - Mon. 15th May
1995
- 7.30 p.m.

The newly formed Parish Council met in the Village Hall. Present - R. Pipes, M. Woodgate, R. Stenholm, A. Perfect, D. Wright, Parishioners + the clerk.

Apology - D. Grint.

Appointment of officers - Prop. R. Stenholm, Sec. A. Perfect that Roger Pipes be re-elected chairman. All in favour.

Prop. A. Perfect Sec. D. Wright that Mr. D. Grint be vice-chairman - all in favour.

Prop. R. Stenholm, Sec. A. Perfect that Mrs. Moll continues as clerk. All in favour.

Mrs Linda Turner was co-opted as seventh councillor.

Declarations of acceptance of office were signed.

Chairman to send letters of thanks to two retiring councillors - A. Alexander (49 yrs) B. Horsley (17 yrs).

Clerk to send report of their resignation to Y. Mercury.

1. Minutes read - signed as true record.

2. Matters arising - clerk to contact B.T. again re glass in telephone kiosk at Wickhampton.

3. Planning - no further applications.

4. Finance - cheques signed for Cub Scouts ^(£130) £15 for village clean-up. Cornhill Insurance £158.82

Signatories for cheques to be two of the following - R. Stenholm, D. Grint, R. Pipes.

5. A.O.B. Highways to be told that state of road near Abbatir has been reported to the Police, road at junction near Mace shop has been rutted by large vehicles, also posts are still missing and one stump left is a hazard.

Re Village Clock - Pump Area - tenders to be invited from John High and from Richard Seago (S. Walsham)

Broadland D.C. to be asked for a Saturday morning collection of household refuse (Village Hall)

Village Pond, Wickhampton - concern has been expressed that this is kept as property of the Parish. Yarmouth Mercury report to include mention that glass clippings etc are being deposited on Parish owned land at Youngs Crescent / Old Chapel Rd junction.

Various booklets etc were distributed.

Next meeting - Monday 12th June 1995 7.30 p.m.

Signed
date

[Signature] 12.6.95

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Freethepe Village Hall on Monday, 12th June 1995 7.30 p.m.

Apologies - Mrs. M. Woodgate, M. R. Stenholm.

Present - Messrs. R. Pipes, D. Grint, A. Perfect, D. Wright,

Mrs. L. Turner - the clerk. In attendance - M. J. Smithson (District Councillor).

1. Minutes read - Signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising - Clerk has again contacted B.T. regarding glass in the Wickhampton Kiosk. Mr. Smithson promised to look into this matter. Highways replied to letter, but no action. Broadland D.C. fixed dates for collection of refuse at Village Hall - 3rd Feb 1996 - 22 June 1996. 8.30 a.m. - 11.15 a.m.

3. No further planning applications

4. Finance - Cards signed by new signatories - R. Pipes, D. Grint - R. Stenholm.

Cheques were signed for Mrs E.A. Moll £268.16.

Freethepe Methodist Church Council £50.00 Freethepe Churchyard

Fund £50.00 Wickhampton Churchyard Fund £50.00

Broadland D.C. £40.29 NCAPT £93.12

Freethepe Village Hall £500.00 (10 meetings £50.00 donation £450.00)

cheque for VAT repayment had been sent direct to Girobank £53.67.

5. A.O.B.

Village Pump - Clock Area - tenders had been invited from John High and Richard Scago. Chairman or Vice-chairman to meet these people at the site to help them assess the work which is needed. Enquiry to be made re grant from National Lottery.

Clerk to find out from Rev. Hardy (S. Walsham) procedure to apply to National Lottery for a grant.

Highways - Mr. D. Gint mentioned that some councils have found it advantageous to have their own contractors to cut verges etc. Chairman said this might be considered in the future.

Mr. Gint to contact the clerk re play area at Youngs Crescent where grass needs cutting.

Following to be reported to Highways Dept. -
Top Common (opposite The Lodge) - flooding.

School Road Pot holes and flooding.

Chapelfield - Flooding between Methodist Church and Rampart Horse Public House.

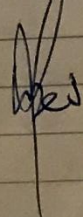
Subsidence opposite Post office and up to Aitchison Bros. Garage - serious problems and major repairs needed.

Auditor's report noted and various questions were answered for his information.

Various booklets were distributed.

(Halseygate) Matter of School Governor nomination to be dealt with by Mr. Smithson
Next meeting - Monday 17th July 1995 7.30 p.m.

Signed
date

 17.7.95

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Freethorpe
Village Hall on Monday. 17th July 1995 4.30 p.m.

Apology - Mr. R. Stenholm. Present - Mr. R. Pipes (Chairman)
Messrs D. Grint, D. Wright, A. Perfect, Mrs M. Woodgate, Mrs L. Turner
the clerk, and 1 parishioner.
in attendance - Mr. J. Smithson (District Councillor)
and Mr. Peter Codling, Solicitor, acting for Hirst Farms Ltd.

1. Minutes read - signed as a true record.
2. Mr. Peter Codling addressed the meeting re proposed development at the Church Farm House area.

Nature of proposal is that the present Church lane entrance to which is on a dangerous bend - should be done away with. A new Church Drive would be part of the proposed development which would also include car parking space, barn conversion, two houses from present farm-house and 3 new dwellings at the back of the plot.

Mr. Peter Mitchell opposed the plan and was supported in this by Alan Perfect. While it is obvious that the farm-house badly needs repairs, it was felt that the 3 new dwellings at the back would not be acceptable, and the Parish Council are against the idea of selling the site to a developer.

The chairman thanked Mr. Codling for explaining the position.

3. Matters arising from the minutes :- Mr. John High has looked at the Village Pump and Clock area, but no price has yet been forthcoming. Clerk has obtained necessary form from National Lottery re grant from National Heritage Memorial Fund. Clerk to telephone Highways Dept re post stamp opposite The Storos, also to query speed limit - report thistles growing through new farmland path along The Common.

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No financial transactions.

4. Planning - following sub-committee was appointed
- Roger Pipes, Dennis Gint - David Wight.

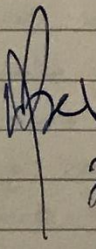
J.W. Fisher (meats) Ltd - application for housing development to replace beef unit.

P.C. supported but with proviso that drainage must be adequate to prevent more water on a highway which is already subject to flooding.

- 5 A.O.B. Dennis Gint to fix date for a meeting between himself Mr. J. Smithson and a representative of the Highways Dept. (7th - 24th August 1995 suggested)
Mr. Dennis Gint pointed out that cars parking opposite the Methodist Church constitute a hazard for people driving out of Youngs Crescent.

next meeting - Monday, 21st August 1995

7.30 p.m.


21.8.95

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday, August 21st 1995 - Freethorpe Village
Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Apology - Mr. Dennis Grint.
Present - Mr. R. Pipes (Chairman), Mrs. M. Woodgate,
Mrs L. Turner, Messrs R. Stenholm, A. Perfect, D. Wright
and the Clerk.

1. Minutes read & signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising - Pump - Clock Area - Chairman & Vice-chairman had met to see what work is needed. Chairman pointed out that form re Heritage Lottery Fund grants suggests that the project cost must be over £10,000.00 to be eligible, but it would seem probable that this amount could easily be spent on this historical feature, in order to conserve it for the future - work could probably be done in stages. John High and another suitable craftsman to be asked to give firm quotes.
Highways Dept have placed new posts opposite ^{Maze} The Stores, The Common, will use weed-killer on tuistics growing in new footpaths. To be asked again about time scale for speed limit.
3. Finance - cheque (£51.70) signed for Audit Commission.
4. Planning - application for Mr. & Mrs Hce (extension at "Cargia", The Common) - David Wright was appointed to look at the site - contact the Chairman because councillors were not clear about what is involved - how neighbouring properties would be affected.

5. A.O.B. - School Governor (P.C. representative)
Mr. Alan Perfect said that his wife, Glyris, would be willing to serve in this capacity.

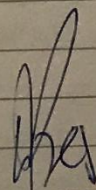
Various booklets were placed together for circulation.

The Chairman told the Council about a B.D.C. notice placed on recreation area at Youngs Crescent stating "No ball games. Area reserved for mothers and toddlers". Chairman had received complaints from parents and the clerk had spoken to B.D.C. who stated that this is not a Parish Council matter, and any complaints should be addressed to Broadland District Council.

Highways Dept to be reminded (as reported in March 95) that concrete drains placed on the bends at Halvergate Road constitute a hazard. Drains are wedged in and obviously blocked.

Mr. Alan Perfect spoke about his concern re lack of facilities ^{in the village} for young people in the 14-18 yr old age group.

Next meeting - Monday, 16th October 1995
7.30 p.m.



16.10.95

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 16th Oct. 1995
at 7.30 p.m. at Freethorpe Village Hall.

Apology - R. Stenholm, A. Perfect (who arrived late)
Present - Mr. R. Pipes (chairman) Mrs. M. Woodgate, Mrs
L. Turner, Mr. D. Gint, Mr. D. Wight

1. minutes read & signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising - Highways Dept have entered ^{in their forward} programme
~~for~~ the widening of Halvergate Road (probably 1997-8).
Speed limit - forms signed & returned by the Chairman.
Time scale - likely end of Summer 1996.
Planning app. (Carynia) supported (after site visit
by David Wight)
Pump/Clock Area - Quote received from The High.
Brighton Builders price expected soon..
Clerk to enquire whether start of work must be
postponed until grant has been promised.
3. Planning - Mr. & Mrs Baggis, side extension at
1 Bowler's Close. Council supported this.
4. Finance - cheque signed (£15.00) - sub. CPRE.
Precept payment of £1275.00 had been received.
5. A.O.B. - letter to Mrs Jane Jones re untidy state
of building sites at Blacksmith's Shop Corner.
Letter received re Sale of Cricketer Club Sightscreens.
- D. Gint contacting Ted Brister, Clerk to reply
pointing out that P.C. are not the owners.
Shelrey Trust Xmas Hampers - councillors to inform
Clerk of ^{needy} cases among elderly or single parent families.
Proposed new Sports Hall at Ade High School
- to be shared with the Community. P.C. support
this proposal.
Police questionnaire completed - add comments

re cars parking at night with no lights, also appreciation of the work of P.C. Chris Harshawe - Community policeman.

Highways - clerk was asked to report hole in the road opposite Granary ~~Close~~, water on School Rd. and remind about weed spraying on new footpath along The Common.

Next meeting - Monday, 20th November 1995
7.30 p.m.

[Signature] 20.11.95.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall - Monday, 20th November 1995 - 7.30 p.m.

Apology - Mr. D. Gint.

Present - R. Pipes (Chairman) Mrs. M. Woodgate, Mrs. L. Turner, Messrs. R. Stahelm, D. Wright, A. Perfect, Mr. J. Smithson (District Councillor) + the clerk.

1. Minutes read - Signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising - no further quotes re Clock Tower etc. Clerk had seen Ted Brister re sight screens.
3. Planning - Council supported application by J.W. Fisher - small housing development on site of present beef fattening unit (provisore drainage), also supported. M. Sutton's Trustees application for 2 dwellings from redundant farm building.
It was noted that Mr. & Mrs K. Kelman had withdrawn their application for holiday cottages.
4. Finance - cheques were signed for Royal British Legion £12.45
Norfolk Accident Rescue Service £20.00
5. A.O.B. following Mr. Paul White's visit to the Amenity Area at Youngs Crescent, BDC had sent a plan of proposed shrub planting for P.C.'s approval. Clerk was asked to write saying P.C. understand what BDC are hoping

to achieve, but have grave doubts about the success of this plan. Probably a better solution would be provision of seating for mothers rather than shrub planting.

N.C.C. re-classification of road to Berney Arms. Mrs. Woodgate spoke of concern in Wickhampton about clubs use of road, speeding etc. It was noted that objections must be lodged by beginning of January.

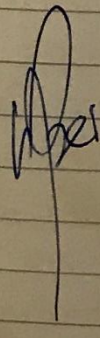
Highways Dept to be informed that one post (opposite The Male Stores) has been broken off, and there is rubble on the foot-path. Also to be reminded that Buro is subsiding near junction of Palmers Lane and The Green, also to be informed that drains along The Green (in front of Council Houses) are blocked. Also broken sign post at Blacksmiths Shop Corner.

Mrs Woodgate stated that Wickhampton Play Area Committee are applying for a grant for climbing frame etc, and it is possible that the Parish Council will be asked to contribute.

Mr. D. Gint to telephone J. Smithson (01603 270420) re meeting with Highways Dept representative.

Various booklets were distributed.

Next meeting - Monday, 18th Dec 1995 7.30pm


18/12/95

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 18th Dec. 1995 - 7.30 p.m.

Apology received from Mr. Ron Steinhilber.

Present - Mr. R. Pipes (chairman), Mr. D. Gint, Mrs M. Woodgate, Mr. A. Perfect, Mr. D. Wight, Mrs L. Turner, 14 Parishioners + clerk.

In attendance - Mr. David Barrett R.S.P.B (Barney Marshes)

1. Minutes read & signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising - Broadland (P. White) regard shrub-planting as being preferable to seating at Ameilly Area, Youngs Crescent, but councillors still wish to have seats placed there.

Mr. Gint had contacted Mr. Smithson, and a meeting is being arranged together with Highways representative.

3. Planning - P.C. supported applications by G.F. Moll for double garage & extension at 'North View', 39 Chapel Field and M. Sutton's Trustees' for 2 dwellings from redundant farm buildings (this being listed building copy of last month's application)

4. Finance - cheque signed (£8.00) for G.F. Moll photocopying petitions and 400 slips to encourage objections to re-classification of CRB 2 & 10.

It was noted that Parish Council election costs have been raised to £50 for uncontested and £700 to £900 for contested elections.

5. A.O.B. David Wight was appointed to serve as contact for Public Transport. (replacing Mr. Alexander).

Highways - David Wight asked that the clerk requests that The Common be gritted in ~~rainy~~ icy weather, also Wickhampton.

Dog posters to be placed along The Green.

Re-classification of CRB Nos 2 & 10 :- there was much discussion about this matter.

Mr. David Barrett show copies of evidence from Corporate Solicitors Dept at County Hall.

Several parishioners from Wickhampton spoke against the re-classification.

The following points were noted -

1. There is almost certainly to be a Public Enquiry and even if re-classification goes ahead there will be opportunities to raise objections under Traffic Regulations.
2. Breckland and Rover Club are keen for the track to be reclassified as a byway.
3. It was agreed to leave the matter until Jan. 6th 1996, by which date objections have to be lodged.

Clerk to obtain copies of evidence.

Mrs. Woodgate is to seek coverage of the matter by the media.

Appl. 22.1.96.

next meeting - Monday, Jan 22nd 1996
7.30 p.m.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, Jan 22/96 - Freethorpe Village Hall 7.30 p.m.

Apology received - Mr. R. Strehelm.

Present - Mr. R. Pipes (chairman) Mr. D. Gint Mr. A. Perfect

Mr. D. Wight Mrs M. Woodgate Mrs L. Turner 15

Parishioners - the clerk. In attendance - Mr.

J. Smithson, District Councillor.

1. Minutes read - Signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising - N.C.C Highways Dept have informed the clerk that the Common is in Priority 3 group for gritting in icy conditions. Wickhampton in Priority 4 letter to be sent saying that P.C. consider that Wickhampton should be in Priority 3 group. also asking whether it might be possible to have grit supplied

to Wickhampton for volunteers to spread.

Dog posters were distributed.

3 No further planning applications.

4 Finance - councillors studied financial position
i.e. cash in bank, likely expenditure for 1996/7,
and chairman (R. Piper) proposed - D. Gint seconded
that precept be set at £2,500.00. All agreed.

Request by British Legion to be reported in
Press announcement re meeting - for £36 re Poppy
Chain.

5 A.O.B. Clerk distributed posters re Refuse collection
from Village Hall on SAT. 3rd Feb 1996
between 8.30 and 11.15 a.m.

Speed limit - Stanley Youngs to be thanked for
his letter, but N.C.C. comments to be passed on
re placement of signs on Reedham Road.

Free standing goal posts - literature re danger
for players was passed on to Playing Field Committee
(by Dennis Gint)

Highways matters to be reported - Parking outside
school constitutes a hazard to children.

Double yellow lines might be the answer.

Drain opposite school has been cleared but flooding
still occurs.

Mrs Jane Jones to be thanked for tidying building
site on Blacksmiths Shop Corner.

Mr. J. Smithson said he would enquire about underground
petrol tank on this site.

Tennis courts need attention - Roger to report this at
a Playing Field Committee meeting.

A considerable time was spent in discussing the proposed
re-classification of CRB 2 to 10. It was finally decided
to give the whole of the February meeting to this subject and
to invite all interested parties to attend.

(Postponed due to snow) Monday, February 19/96 7.30 p.m.

Next meeting March 4/96

Chairman *[Signature]* date 4/3/1996

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at
Freethorpe Village Hall on Mon. 4th March 1996. 9.30 p.m.

Apology received from Roger Pipes.

Present - D. Gint (presiding), Mrs. M. Woodgate, Mrs. L. Turner,
Mr. D. Wight, Mr. A. Perfect, Mr. R. Stenholm.

Mr. Stenholm resigned as a Parish Councillor due to
ill health. Dennis Gint expressed thanks to Ron for his
work as a Parish Councillor and also for his service
to the community.

1. minutes read & signed as a true record.
2. m/aring - reply from N.C.C. said it is not possible
to upgrade Wickhampton for gritting in icy conditions.
Parking at School - N.C.C. representative has met with
D. Gint, Mr. J. Smithson - possibility of zig zag lines being
extended. Drains opposite school had been inspected
and it is hoped that suggested work will help to
prevent flooding. Mr. Smithson is awaiting reply from
BDC re underground petrol tank at building site
on Blacksmiths Shop Corner.

Youngs Crescent - new seats have been delivered.

British Legion Poppy chain - clerk has had no response
- to be left until next meeting.

3. Planning - K. Francis change of position of Garage
at No. 3 Plot Whitehouse Farm
P.C. Supported application.

4. Finance - new signatory for P.C. cheques
(to replace R. Stenholm) - prop. A. Perfect sec. M. Woodgate
that David Wight be appointed. All in favour.

5. A.O.B. - David Wight is uncertain that gritting has
actually been carried out on B1140.
Wickhampton - P.C. supported local resident's
request for a speed limit.

Re. N.C.C. proposals on Cartley cell hierarchy
 - P.C. totally disagree with proposal to use the
 Halvergate back road for traffic leaving Pettitts.

- ① Unsuitability of road which is too narrow
 for cars to meet.
- ② Extra traffic along this road would make it
 very difficult for residents at Wickhampton to
 cross over the road at junction with Low Road.
- ③ Chapelfield House corner at junction with
 Church Road, Wickhampton is a blind spot
 anyway, and extra traffic would make this
 even more of a hazard.

P.C. also disagree with the downgrading of
 the B1140, and fear that such a move
 would:-

- ① mean a reduction in maintenance work.
- ② Result in a lack of gritting and
 salting in bad weather.

letter to Mrs. Branby by 7th March 1996.

Dennis to put up posters re Police Crime Watch Desk.
 letter to be sent to Ade High School Head Master
 re speeding of Ade - Reedham School Bus.

Large Pothole near Medhursts Butchers' Shop.
 Hole on side of road opposite "West Dene", Wickhampton
 letter to R. Dunthorne re hedges needing trimming.
 It was noted that Owen Woodgate has cleared
 our Village Pond at Wickhampton.

3 Posts at Mace Shop awaiting collection.
 Wickhampton Play Area committee have been told
 that safety surfaces are compulsory and it may
 be necessary for them to apply for a P.C. grant.
 next meeting - Monday 1st April 1996 (Re-classification)
 7.30 p.m. of CRB 2+10

[Signature] 11/2/96