

FREETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
ARCHIVE MINUTE BOOKS
1970-1974

Minutes of Trethorpe Village, ^{on 6th April 1970,} Annual meeting of parish.

Chairman, Mr. Webster, Chairman, Messrs J. Watson, S. Can; B. Dack, & J. H. Kerry attended. Five parishioners were present. Minutes of the previous village annual meeting were read and accepted by the meeting in progress. Mr Watson proposed that that the local builder who was written to by the Clerk following the meeting 27 May 1969 should again be written to concerning the provision and erection of 4 ex-m-distant square posts of ^{with} ~~1 foot~~ section should be proceeded with as soon as possible, as no action had been taken since the Parish Council's letter. It was decided that no immediate request should be made concerning renovation of clock tower as reserved for other relevant matters concerning construction and renovation. Mr Watson proposed and Mr Alexander seconded. Mr. Dack drew attention to the unsatisfactory condition of the short "Lore" at the end of the Common where the roadway itself was crumbling away. Mr. Dack put a proposal to the effect that RDC should again be written: Mr. Kerry seconded the motion, which was carried. It was decided that no further action to be taken unless further ignores request.

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^{meeting closed at 9.0 P.M.}
^{on 6th April}
Annual meeting of Parish Council at Village Hall. Mr Webster Chairman, Councillors present ~~14~~ remained for Parish Council meeting. Councillor I Watson proposed that consideration should be given to (i) naming

all Freethorpe Roads (instead of sharing the villagers' address
(between "Common" and "Green" as at present). It was also suggested
that all residential plots (Prospective of whether built on, or not.)
This motion was seconded. This comprehensive proposal was
seconded by Mr. B. Dack. The proposal was carried by the
meeting and the clerk was instructed to approach the R.D.C., the G.P.O.
and the local Police. Attention was drawn to large but shallow
hole had developed about 10 yards from the school metal railings (near
Wickhampton). The clerk undertook to write to R.D.C. for repairs.
The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.
* not within Council's Competence.

P. J. Mansour.
Clerk.

Chairman J. Webster

Meeting of Freethorpe Parish Council in Parish Hall on
31st July 1970, at 8 p.m.: Undermentioned members attended: -
Mr. J. Webster (Chairman), Mr. S. Carr; Mr. B. Dack; Mr. J. Kerry; Mr. A.
Alexander. Discussion of revised postal ^{delivery} arrangements for Freethorpe and
Wickhampton to commence on 7 August 1970. In common with all
adjacent parishes, Postmen's walks to be withdrawn in favour of
van deliveries based on Norwich. It was understood that drivers had
been instructed by local (part-time) postmen & postwomen and no concern
was felt as to the outcome although both the Common and the Green were
unnumbered. It was agreed that numbering of houses, flats, etc. which
principally concern of District (Rural) Bletford and Flegg. Two vans
were to be used dividing the "Walleys" ~~into~~ between "The Green" and
"The Common". It was agreed that no action was called for from the
Parish Council. It was agreed that the local builder would be
asked to provide post ^{in the front of the village clock tower.} of the same dimensions and height, mainly
to discourage attempts at parking of cars in the railled-off space.
A rail was to be erected across the front of the pump area and the
result would be closely observed by individual councillors.
Further measures in contemplation would be considered at the
next Council meeting. The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.
J. Webster
CHAIRMAN.

P. J. Mansour. Clerk & Treasurer

Minutes of Freeborne Parish Committee (Council) on 19 October 1970 at 8.0 P.M. Present were Mr Webster (Chairman), Mr. Alexander, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Brock. The Chairman suggested that a bigger precept should be asked for the year 1971-72 to defray the large expense of renovating the village Clock Tower, and its surrounding fences. It was agreed that the front railings were satisfactory but that they should be painted in white. Mr. Brock suggested that the maximum amount available for a 2d. rate should be requested but that the amount requested should not exceed the product of a twopenny rate. This was agreed that the annual ^{ensuing} ~~revenue~~ from the R.D.C. ^{thereafter} should be awaited. It was explained that as only the aris rail had been provided in the front of the enclosure, white paint would be ^{more clearly} ~~better~~ visible at night. It was suggested that a protective coat of Solignum would be given to the complete fence enclosing the whole plot. Mr. Alexander offered to arrange for this to be done in advance of the next Parish Council meeting, at which further plans would be considered. Mr. Alexander referred to a letter from the County ^{Playing Fields Association} ~~Parish Meeting~~ (Committee, reminding the Freeborne Parish Council that the current subscription of £1 P.A. ^{was overdue should} ~~should~~ be made to the Secretary of the Norfolk County Playing Fields Association. The Clerk was instructed to pay the current subscription and also that for the previous year (1969/70) which was outstanding. Attention was drawn to the need for willow trees in Wickhampton to be cut back as they obstructed the view of car-drivers round the bend of the road. It was agreed that casual labour ^{of Freeborne} should be requested to trim these trees back and it was agreed that the Clerk of the Council should be requested to carry out this work. The Clerk regretfully tendered his resignation explaining that he was no longer able to carry on in the way that he would have liked - owing to an unreliable memory. This was accepted by the committee, and the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

J. Webster
Chairman.

J. Marshall
Clerk & Treasurer

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Minutes of Meeting of Incehorpe Parish Council held
at 8.0pm. on Monday 31st of November 1970; the following councillors
were present: Mr. J. P. Webster (Chairman); Mr. Alexander, Mr. A. Brock; Mrs.
Watson; Mr. B. Dack - also Mr. Christopher Dack, Clerk and
Secretary designates. The retiring clerk (P. Emmond) expressed
his regrets at surrendering the post - for the reason that his
memory was unreliable owing to advancing age. Messrs Webster
(Chairman) and Mr. A. Alexander expressed regret at the loss of the Clerk
~~and~~ and Treasurer and thanked him for past services. The retiring
clerk thanked the Committee for ~~assistance~~ assistance and tolerance
during his term of office. The Committee thereupon elected Mr.
Christopher Dack to the vacant post. Mr. Webster drew attention
to the unsatisfactory condition of the roadway at Beck's corner. Followed
a discussion on general matters concerning road ~~surface~~ surface
following which it was agreed that, in view of the difficulty in getting
actual repairs it was decided not to pursue the matter further.
It is perhaps germane to the issue here to record that a
letter has been received instructing Rural Parish Councils to
cease referring ^{to their R.D.C.} matters concerning road ~~deterioration~~ deterioration
but to refer all such matters to the responsible office at the
County Office (Norwich). During discussion Mr. Brock
expressed the opinion that if roads were provided
before the provision of new houses in undeveloped
areas scheduled for further growth the result might
well be worse delay in providing ~~houses~~ houses ^{over} due for
erection: this appeared to be vicious circle. After further
discussion the meeting was closed at 8.30pm.

J. Webster
Chairman.

P. Emmond.
Clerk & Treasurer.

Minutes of ^{open} meeting of Freethorpe Parish ^{Council} held at 8 pm on Monday 21st December 1970; The following councillors were present: Mr J. Webster (Chairman): Mr A. Alexander, Mr I. Watson, Mr A. Brock, Mr B. Dack, also present 2 parishioners and Mr P. Le Marquand retiring clerk and Treasurer. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed to by the meeting in progress.

1/ Retirement of Nurse Jackson

Mr A. Alexander proposed that a house to house collection should be arranged for Nurse Jackson in view of her services to the parish over the previous 30 years. The proposition was seconded by Mr Brock.

Discussion then took place as to whether a letter should be circulated to the parish stating that a collection would be made. Mr Watson was asked if such a letter be agreed to, would he kindly arrange for this to be duplicated. Mr Watson agreed to duplicate the letter and arrange for its distribution around the parish by the schoolchildren stating the collection would take place 11th-18th Jan.

Mr Alexander suggested that all monies collected for Nurse Jackson should be passed to the Parish Clerk for keeping. It was proposed by Mr Alexander and seconded by Mr Brock that ^{the present} ~~a cheque~~ should be in the form of a cheque.

After much discussion it was proposed by Mr Alexander and that the cheque be presented to Nurse Jackson at the Old Peoples party on the 20th Jan.

It was proposed by Mr B. Dack and seconded by Mr Alexander that ^{Mr Brock} ~~an official person~~ should present the cheque to Nurse Jackson. The time of the presentation to be arranged at a later date.

2/ Presentation to Mr P. Le Marquand

Mr Webster stated that Mr P. Le Marquand has served as Parish Clerk/Treasurer for over 4 years. He thanked the Retiring Clerk for his services to the council.

over the past years.

On behalf of the members of the Parish Council, Mr Brock presented a walking stick to Mr Le Marquand.

Mr Le Marquand expressed his pleasure at having been concerned with the Parish Council and Council matters, he regretted having to resign from his post owing to his failing memory. He thanked the Parish Councillors for his gift.

At this point Mr Webster welcomed the new Parish Clerk to her first meeting.

3/ Any other business

^{Propose 1971/72}
Mr Watson stated that this should be discussed at a Parish Council Meeting. Mr Alexander proposed and Mr Dack seconded that the council propose for £90 for 1971/72.

This being all relevant business the meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Chairman.

Dack
Clerk/Treasurer.

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held ^{at 8pm} on 25th February 1971 in the Village Hall.

Present. Mr. J. Webster (Chairman) Mr. Brock, Dick, Alexander Carr & Watson.)

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed upon.

2. Precept 1970/71

As the precept for 1970/71 had not yet been claimed and that it was still possible to draw £50 for the Parish Council.

Mr Alexander proposed that the £50 be claimed. This was seconded by Mr Brock. The Precept signed at the end of the meeting in progress.

3. Any Other Business

a). Clock Tower.

Discussion took place as to providing a new clock for the clock tower. Mr. Watson ^{proposed} ~~proposed~~ that the clerk be instructed to ^{make} ~~obtain~~ enquiries as catalogue for such clocks, i.e. probably a battery clock being most suitable in this case. It was also brought thought that repairs to the slates and roof would also be required on the clock tower. Mr Watson suggested that a plastic weather vane could be fixed to the tower. The matter left in clerk's hand.

b) Doctors Box

Mr Webster ^{informed} ~~asked~~ the councillors that some parishioners had lost tablets and money be in possible danger of theft. Mr Watson said that children could be from the Doctors Box. After considerable discussion it was decided that in view of previous requests to the Doctors that nothing could be done.

c) Playing Field.
~~Parish Council Meeting~~

At the Annual General Meeting of Parish
It was proposed by Mr Brock and 2nd by Mr Watson that a member of the P.F.F.M.C. be asked to give a report on the progress of the Playing Field.

There being no further business the
meeting closed at. 9.10 pm

Chairman J. Webster

Clerk.  sec.

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Minutes of Freethepe Parish Meeting held at 8pm on 26th March 1971 in the Village Hall.

Present. Chairman J. Webster, S. Carr, I. Watson, A. Buck, B. Jack, ^{A. Alexander} and twenty one parishioners.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and agreed upon.
Matters arising

Mr Alexander asked if the repairs had been carried out to the entrance of the lake in the Common. Mr Webster stated that this had been carried out satisfactorily.

1. Playing Field

Mr Webster asked ^{a member of the} ~~the~~ P.F.M.C. to give a report on the progress to date. Mr Alexander agreed to read the report on behalf of the P.F.M.C.

To present the facts to the meeting in progress Mr Alexander read the minutes of several past minutes of the P.F.M.C.

Mr Alexander said that the total ^{approx} price for provision of playing was in the region of £14000. of which the P.F.M.C. had raised to date £4689-12-1. Mr Alexander then read a letter from the Playing Fields Assn dated 23/4/71 in which it was stated they would pay £6000 for purchase of land, seeding and preparation of cricket square, but at present there was a dispute in the asking price of the land.

After reading the report Mr Alexander invited questions from the meeting.

One parishioner asked what % of grant was available to the P.F.M.C. ^{stated that a} ~~amount~~ ^{of the value agreed by District V.}
This was replied fixed at 50% by the Playing Field Assn.

Mr Watson suggested that the P.F.M.C. should be elected annually and that this system should be continued. It was suggested that the requirements of the Model Deed should be met in the formation of the ^{P.F.M.} committee.

After much discussion it was thought that an election should be held as far as the people elected by the Parish were concerned. Mr Alexander proposed, Mr Carr seconded that all be re-elected but that a replacement be found

for G. Bawson.

Mr B Cam was proposed for the vacant post by Mr Watson.

This motion was seconded by Mr B Ginter.

At this juncture ^{Mr Webster} ~~Mr Webster~~ was ~~not~~ on behalf of the meeting.

Thanked the P.F.M.C. for all their efforts over the past few years.

2. Any other business

Mr B Brune asked if village signs be provided, but

Mr Alexander suggested this be left in the hands of the R.D.C.

Mr Watson proposed the Clerk write to the R.D.C. on

the matter of village & road signs.

At this juncture

Mr Alexander proposed that ~~the~~ Parish Council adopt the 1833 Lighting and Watching Act so that roads and lighting would be provided by the RDC when constructing new sites in the village.

Mr L. Wilson asked if Suttons Crescent could be repaired, the meeting agreed that the clerk be asked to write to R.D.C.

Mr B Cam asked if the open sewer along lower common could be filled in, as ~~a~~ this possibly constituted a health hazard. It was suggested that the individuals themselves write to RDC to bring weight to the letter to be sent by the Clerk. This being all relevant business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Chairman. J. Webster

~~C. J. Cam~~
Clerk

Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 26th March 1971 in
the Village Hall at 9.15 pm

Present J Webster, Chairman Messrs A Brock S Cam B Dark
A Alexander and I Watson.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed upon.

Matters arising

Clock Tower

The Clerk reported on the cost of an electric clock ^{£30 approx}
and that of a battery clock £12. It was agreed that
a battery clock was probably the better proposition.

Mr Watson suggested that it might be possible to
purchase a perspex lens to cover the clock ~~as~~ ^{as the clerk}
^{reported} a battery clock would be limited by size of face and
hands to the power of battery.

It was suggested by the meeting that before any
definite action be taken that the face of the old clock
be removed.

Any other business.

A member suggested that the Clerk be requested to
write to the Village Clubs ~~to~~ to see which people were
nominated to the P.F.M.C by the various clubs.

There being no further business the meeting closed
at 9.35 pm

Chairman A. B. Alexander

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[Signature]
Clerk.

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on
24th May 1971

Present. A. Alexander, V-Chairman. A. Brock J. Kenny B. Jack. S. Carr

Apologies Mr. Watson - J. Webster.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed upon.

1. ELECTION OF OFFICES (Members handed in their declarations of office all with nil cash)

Chairman

Mr J. Webster

Proposed by Mr Jack Seconded Mr Brock

Vice-Chairman. Mr A. Alexander

Mr Brock

Mr Kenny

2. Matters arising from the minutes.

Clock Tower It was agreed by the members to pass
an account for £54.02 for work carried out by Mr S. Young

The clerk reported that work to be done on
the clock tower, was for a battery clock to be installed
in the ^{place of the} face of the old clock. The Clerk had seen Cox - Son
of Yarmouth and was to arrange for the old face to be
removed before anything could be done by Cox - Son

It was agreed for ~~the~~ the clerk to ~~continue~~ to ^{report} ~~arrange~~
for the council when this was done. Further action
would then be taken as to installation of new clock

3. Any other business

Members asked if any ^{details} ~~info~~ could be made available
Sewerage Scheme for the Parish. Mr Brock & Mr Alexander
both said that the matter was probably now going
to be started in 1973/74.

It was stated by some members that it was 100 years
since the almshouses were ^{first} ~~built~~ occupied

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8pm

Chairman J. Webster

Mr J. WEBSTER

A. Brock

Clerk

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in Hall on 27th March '79. 000059

Present J. Webster (Chairman) I. Watson S. Caw. B. Jack
Apologies A. Brock A. Alexander S. Kemp

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed upon.

1. Balance of Accounts for y/e March '79

The clerk read the balance sheets for the year and it ~~was~~ ~~was~~ agreed that the balance sheets were in order.

2. Any other Business (Annual Parish Meeting)

It was agreed that the clerk should ask the Secretary of the Playing Field Committee to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to report on the progress made so far with the provision of a playing field.

(i) Clock Tower It was proposed by Mr Caw & seconded by Mr Jack that the ^{parish council} meeting ~~decided~~ ~~to~~ proceed with ^{the} clock tower repairs, and that the Clerk contact Mr S. Youngs to see what repairs need to be done.

(ii) Development of Village

The Clerk to write to the R.D.C. to say that the Parish Council did not agree with the Parish being made a ribbon development area. Mr Watson thought that a Parish of Freethorpe size should have a three teacher school and if the Village ^{was} developed further this could increase the size of the staff at the school.

(iv) Burial Grounds

Mr Watson reported to the meeting that the cost ^{up keep of the} of the Burial Ground at the Chapel was becoming quite substantial and that the Parish Council could in the future help towards this cost as possibly the Parish Council was responsible for the Burial Grounds in the Village.

J. Webster

The Precept for the year ending March '79 was signed for £90, the maximum amount available for the year. The meeting passed two payments of clerks fee and affiliation to County Association of Parish Councils. There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.
J. Webster Chairman B. Jack Clerk

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Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Village School Rooms at
7.30 pm on 13th June 1972.

Present. J. Webster Chairman, Messrs A Gook, I. Watson, S Carr
B. Dack, A Alexander. & Mr P. M. Taylor.

Apologies. J. Kiny.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed upon

2. Matters arising from the minutes of previous meeting

a) As Mr Taylor (Clerk to the R.D.C.) was present at the meeting Mr Watson raised the point of Burial Ground maintenance

Mr Taylor did not think that the Parish Council could contribute to the upkeep of the Village Burial Grounds, but he agreed to find out and write to the Clerk with the any explanations as to what could be done in the way of subscribing to the Maintenance of the Burial Gnds.

b) Development of Village

To the date of this meeting the Clerk had not received a reply from the Norfolk County Council but would write again to try and get an answer in time for the next meeting.

3. Boundary Commission Changes

Mr Taylor who very kindly offered to explain the changes in the Blofield - Flegg area outlined the revised area changes and those which the Blofield - Flegg R.D.C. wanted.

After much discussion the Council agreed to write to the Blofield - Flegg R.D.C. to support them in their recommendations to the Boundary Commission and strongly state that the Council wished to remain part of a country area, and not be linked with Yarmouth.

4. Any other business

Read at Blacksmith Shop

There has been several complaints by

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Councillors and Parishioners that crossing from
the Blacksmith Shop Corner to Reedham was made
very hazardous by the bank growing to blot any
view of traffic approaching from Reedham. It was also
stated that this endangered the lives of local children
who had to cross this corner to go to school. It was
agreed that the Clerk write to the Norfolk County Highways
Department complaining of the bad situation of the
junctions at this corner.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

G. A. C.
Clerk.

A. B. Alexander.

Oct. 11. 1972

Minutes
~~Meeting~~ of Annual Parish Meeting held 13th April 1972 in
the Village Hall at 8pm.

Present J. Webster chairman, Messrs Alexander, Watson, Can
Jack Kenny (Apologies Mr Brock)

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and
agreed upon.

2. Matters arising

The repairs carried out at Sutton Crescent ~~was~~ ^{had} not been
satisfactory rectified the problem of potholes etc in this road,
it was felt that this ^{should} be reported to the RDC and to
request further action.

3. Playing Field Progress

a) Mr Alexander reported that the land to
be purchased would be staked out very
shortly, this land would be purchased in
the very near future for about £3,000 and the
Playing Field Committee would take possession after
harvest.

b) Playing Field Management Committee

Mr Watson proposed and Mr Brown seconded that
the present committee be re-elected en bloc, this
proposition was unanimously agreed. In addition
to the committee already elected a replacement
for Mr B Can was needed, Mr Watson proposed
Mr Alexander seconded the proposition that C Dack
be elected to the committee, this was agreed by the meeting.

4. Any other business

~~Mr~~ The chairman reported ~~that~~ that there was a
considerable amount of water standage outside Nos 8 & 9
The Green, and at the Abbattair Lumphreys Road, The
meeting instructed the clerk to write to NCC No 9
Highways Division.

There being no other business the meeting closed at
8.55 pm.

A. B. Alexander. 28/3/73
28th March 1973. *Clark*

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Village
Hall on 12th February 1972. at 7.30 pm

Present A. Alexander chairman, Messrs Brock, Watson
Jack S. Carr,

Apologies J. Kenny, & J. Webster.

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1/ Minutes of previous meeting were read and agreed
upon.

2/ Matters arising

The Clerk read a letter from the Clerk of RDC explaining
that the Parish Council could help financially towards
the cost of ^{upkeep of} the Burial Grounds in the Parish.

3/ Development Area

The Clerk read a letter from the Norfolk County Planning
Officer, re development of the Village, it was agreed
that possibly the letter suggested some development
could take place after the completion of the Severn.

4/ Sewerage Scheme

The Clerk read a letter from the Clerk of the RDC
giving details of the progress to date.

The meeting unanimously agreed ^{on} the poor conditions
of the road at The Green, and suggested that Mr Alexander
ring Mr Crawley to see if the road could possibly
be closed whilst the works of installing the sewer
pipes was in progress.

The Council also ~~thought~~ thought that the contractors had
no consideration for the Village People, it was
agreed that the Clerk write to the Engineer
& Surveyor of RDC ~~saying~~ complaining of the

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poor conditions etc throughout the Village.

5/ Village Clock

The Clerk reported that he had received an estimate ^{of £25.25p} from Cox & Son, G. Yarmouth for the provision of an 18" battery clock. The meeting left the matter in the hands of the Clerk to order an clock if he had no success ^{in obtaining a clock after} writing to Metamee, of Dothan who it was suggested might provide a clock cheaper if it could be used as an advertisement for their clocks.

6/ Village Seat

The Clerk had been approached as to where a bench seat could be situated in the Village. Rev Halls had raised enough money to provide one seat in the Village. Mr Watson proposed Mr Gock seconded the proposition that this should be left to The Parish Meeting to decide upon.

7/ Playing Field Progress

Mr Alexander stated that the land had been paid for and a grant received from the Ministry of Environment.

8/ Precept 73/74

Although the valuations had been increased and more money was available to the Parish Council it was proposed by Mr Gock and seconded by Mr Watson that the council precept for 74 as last year to keep in line with conditions of the current 'pay freeze'.

9/ Museum statistics

The Clerk had received a questionnaire from the RDC on the number and acreage of allotments in the village. This was ^{completed} ~~filled in~~ and for return to the RDC.

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The meeting thought that the Clerk should write to Mr Webster wishing him a speedy recovery from his illness and hopes that he would soon be well enough to ~~return~~ ^{take part in} the Parish Council meeting in the near future.

Yours
A. B. Alexander

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Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on
28th March 1973.

Present A. Alexander Vice Chairman, Messrs Watson, ~~Alexander~~, Jack
- Carr. ^{6 parishioners} ~~Apologies~~ Messrs Brock, Webster, & Kemp.

1/ The minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed
upon.

2/ Matters arising from the minutes.

Playing Field

One parishioner asked if the council could
inform him of the cost of purchasing the playing
field, ^{Mr Alexander} this was stated to be £3055.

3/ Playing Field Progress

As a representative from the playing field committee
told the meeting that seeding would commence in
one week, plus the removal ^{of} ~~and~~ piping of ditch along
the Wickhampton Road would be done very soon. The playing
field would be enclosed by chain link fencing and
a car park would be made along the Wickhampton Road
opposite the School.

There would be a meeting of the playing field
management committee in the near future to discuss
the planning of the playing field and various facilities
which were to be incorporated in the scheme.

Voting then took place on the village representatives
on the playing field committee, after discussion and voting
the people elected were, B. Browne, D. London, Mrs Croft
C. Jack and D. Grim.

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4) Village Seats

Rev Halls ~~announced~~ informed the meeting that enough money had been raised to purchase 1 large bench seat and 2 small bench seats, for which he invited suggestions as to the siting of these seats in the Village.

After much discussion it was proposed that 1 seat should be placed outside Heron's shop, ^{1, or pump tower} and ~~the~~ ^{another} other in the common near R Coker's wall.

Rev Halls stated that these seats were a gift to the Parish Council.

The Chairman ~~thanked~~ ^{praised} Rev Halls and colleagues for their efforts in raising the money for these seats and thanked him on behalf of the Parish Council for the gift of the seats.

It was agreed by the meeting that the Parish Council would be responsible for any maintenance required on the seats.

5) Village Clock

It was pleased to note that the Clock on the pump tower was once again in working order due to the efforts of Mr Young from Ade. ~~The meeting said how pleased it was to see~~

6) Rubbish on Common near Chapel

One Parishioner reported that some milk bottles and other rubbish had been left by the contractors laying the telephone cable along the common.

The Clerk agreed to contact G.P.O to get this rubbish removed.

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7/. Open Lower along Common


One Parishioner asked if there was any hope in getting this filled in.

The Chairman stated that this had been a topic of Parish Meetings for several years but there had been no success to date in getting this filled in.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the RDC again about this.

8/. Any other business

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

 Clerk.
Clerk.

G. B. Alexander 1/5/74.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held 28th March 1973 in
The Village Hall.

Present A. Alexander, Messrs Cam Dack & Watson
Apologies J. King, A. Brock & J. Webster.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed upon.

Matters arising from minutes

Mr Alexander stated that he was sorry that ~~not to be~~ Mr Webster was unable to be present owing to his illness.

The meeting suggested that the Clerk either writes or visits Mr Webster to convey their good wishes for a speedy recovery.

3/ Village Seats

Mr Watson asked the Clerk to minute the Parish Council thanks for the gift on two seats from the Rev Hall and his colleagues.

- 4/ The balance of accounts was discussed and the balance of £51-57 was thought to be quite enough for the next year.

Meeting closed at 9.22 pm.

[Signature]

G. B. Alexander 1/5/74

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held in the School.
on 1st May 74

Present A. Alexander (Chairman) A. Brock I. Watson and
B. Dack

1/ Minutes of the previous meeting were read and
agreed upon.

2/ Surface water along lower Common opposite Chapelfield
bungalows. After much discussion it was agreed that
the Clerk write to N.C.C. to enquire if there
was any possibility of having this problem dealt with.

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Playing Field Progress

Mr Alexander stated that the Playing field was to
be opened on May 27th

4/ Rates

After much discussion about the high increase in
rates it was agreed that the Clerk write on
behalf of the Parish to Broadland R.D.C. to support
them in their protest about the high rates in the area.

5/ Representatives on Playing Field Committee.

It was proposed by Mr Alexander seconded by
Mr Brock that the same 5 people be selected to
the above committee.

6/ Village Sign

The Village Meeting thought that it would be a
good idea to provide a Village Sign. The Clerk
was instructed to find out costs etc.

7 Paths - Kerbs

A general complaint seemed to be the state of the kerbs and paths in the Village since the Sewerage Scheme had been completed. It was agreed that the Clerk write to N.C.C. to see what action could be taken.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

G. Allen
Clerk

A. B. Alexander 6/6/75

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 1st May 1974
in the Village Hall. at 7.30 pm.

Present Messrs A. Alexander (Chairman), A. Brock, I. Watson
& B. Dack.

Apologies S. Carr, J. Webster & J. Kenny

1/ Minutes of previous meeting were read and
agreed upon

2/ Matters arising.

Surface sewer along common Freethorpe, this was
discussed and it was suggested that the Clerk write
to ^{County Council} to ask if there were any prospects of having this
problem dealt with.

3/ Playing Field.

Mr Alexander stated that the Playing Field ^{scheme} ~~project~~ was
progressing very well and it was to be opened
on Monday, May 27th 1974

4/ Rates

After much discussion about the high increase
in rates Mr Watson proposed, Mr Brock seconded
that the Parish Council write to Broadland Council
to support them in their protest about the high
rates in the area.

5/ Beer kept Village 1975

Mr Watson hoped that in the near future that
the Village would enter the above competition, it was
thought that this could be a good opportunity. He hoped
that one or two of the eyesores in the Village would be
improved.

6/ Hedge along School Road.

The council meeting thought that the clerk should
write to Sharnham Estate and ask if they would trim
the offending hedge.

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7. Bungalow Development at Sutton Crescent
A member of the Council stated that permission for
the above scheme has been provisionally refused because
of traffic which would have to exit onto Palmer Lane.

After much discussion during which it was
stated that the Bigfield & Pegg RDC had purchased this
land sometime previously, and also that no repairs had
ever been carried out to the access road although the
Parish Council had ^{complained about} ~~reported~~ the above matter to the RDC several
times. The Council had always replied that when the
new development was carried out the access road would
be properly surfaced. It was passed onto the Clerk
to write to Broadland District Council to see if a
satisfactory answer could be obtained.

8/ Clock Tower

The meeting proposed that the Clock Tower be painted

9/ Use of Village Hall by Parish Council.

Due to an ~~error~~ oversight the Village Hall Committee
had not been paid for the use of the Hall by the Parish
Council for some years. Mr Dack proposed Mr Watson seconded
that the sum of £5 be paid to the Hall Committee.

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It was asked by a member of the Council if
the Parish Council could contribute to the upkeep of
the Playing Field or to maintenance of the Children's Corner.
The Clerk instructed to make the necessary enquiries.

11/ The Chairman read a letter from the Head of Technical
Services of Broadland Council re. Option to have footway lighting
etc. laid on new developments. The Parish Council agreed
that this would be a good idea and asked the Clerk
to write and confirm their decision.

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12/ Representatives of Parish to Playing Field M. Committee

It was proposed by Mr Alexander 2nd by Mr Guck that the same 5 people be elected to the above committee.

13/ Village Signs


The meeting proposed that the Village should have a 'Village Sign'. The Clerk was instructed to write to P.C. Ass. to enquire about provision of any such signs.

14/ Paths & Kerbs

Mr Watson and Mr Guck both complained about the state of footpaths and kerbstones in the Village since the Sewer was laid. The Clerk wrote to Goadland to ask for the reinstatement of kerbs and paths where necessary.

15/ It was agreed by the meeting to pay £1-50 clock funder insurance, £3 for clock repair, and the Clerk £10 annual fee.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05 pm

 Jack
Clerk.

A. B. Alexander.
18 / 6 / 74.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall
on 18th June 1974 @ 7.30 pm.

Present A. Alexander (Chairman) Morris Brock, Caw, Kerry Watson
a Dock.

1/ The minutes of the previous meeting were read and
agreed upon.

2/ Matters arising.

The Clerk read a letter received from Broadland
Council re development at Palmers Lane / Sutton Crescent area. The
meeting decided that in view of the letter received to take
no further action for the present time.

a) Painting of Clock Tower

After much discussion as to the colour of paint to be used
it was decided ^{that} Mr Alexander discuss with
Mr Youngs the decorating of the Tower.

c) Village Sign

The Clerk read a letter received from the Parish Committee
Aps. regarding Village Sign designs, and names of people
who made these signs. It was agreed that the
Clerk write to the two makers seeking literature on
designs and costs.

a) Footpath Pavements

The Clerk read a letter received from the County
Council regarding the reinstatement of kerbs etc which were
damaged during the sewerage works, it was agreed to
let the County Council carry on with their proposals.

2/ Precept 1974/75

It was agreed that the Council Precept for the
sum of £100 and this was duly authorised and signed.

3/ Letter from J. Webster

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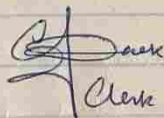
The Chairman read to the Meeting a letter received by the Clerk from J. Webster, in which he stated that owing to ill health that he would have to resign from the Parish Council. It was proposed by J. Kenny and 2nd by Mr. Brock that the Clerk write a letter to Mr. Webster for which would be signed by all the Councillors.

4/ The Clerk referred to a letter from the Head of Technical Services for Broadland Council stating that the Council would be helping some Parishes where they were planting their own trees. It was agreed to take advantage of this offer and the Clerk was instructed to write accordingly.

5/ Mr. Brock mentioned the kind provision by Mr. Alexander of some 200 Poplar trees which had been planted around the boundary of the new playing field. The meeting stressed their appreciation of ^{the gift from} Mr. Alexander.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8-15 pm.

A. B. Alexander 30/7/74


Clerk/Treasurer

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall
at 7.30pm on the 30th July 1974.

Present Messrs A. Alexander (Chairman) Messrs Brock, Watson, Dack
Apologies S. Carr, J. Webster, & J. Keny

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed upon

2. Matters arising

a) Painting Clock Tower.

Mr Alexander informed the meeting that he had contacted Mr Youngs but as yet no decision as to colour / design etc had been taken. After some discussion it was thought that Mr Watson's proposal of Brown & Gold was acceptable.

b) Village Sign

The Clerk reported that as yet he had not received a ^{reply} ~~quote~~ from his enquiries. Mr Brock proposed that if possible it would be an idea to incorporate the Walpole crest in the Village Sign.

c) Drainage on Common

The Clerk read a letter from the Technical Services Dept of the Norfolk County Council giving details of their proposals, and it was thought that as this was ~~the~~ ^{the} most favourable reply to our enquiries so far that no further action be taken.

d) The Clerk read a proposed letter to J. Webster which was thought suitable and the councillors present duly signed.

c) Village Trees

After much discussion it was thought that the Clerk write to Technical Services, Grinstead Council asking for assistance in picking trees for the Village Hall surrounds.

f) Amation to Playing Field Upkeep

The Chairman asked if there had been a reply to the question of helping towards the upkeep of the Playing Field. The Clerk regretted that he had omitted to send the letter to the Parish Councils Association asking for advice.

3/ School Governors

A letter from The Norfolk Education Officer requested two nominations for the position of School Managers. Mr Dack proposed Mr Alexander 2nd that the same ~~two~~ people be nominated i.e. Mr A. Gresh, Mr H. Proctor.

4/ Any other business

Mr Watson asked if the works being carried out in the Pond at the Long Green interfered with Village drainage into the Pond. Mr Alexander thought that Village water should by pass this pond which the farmer had done.

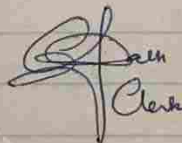
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A Cheque for £5-14 was signed being the Affiliation fee and cost of parish funds, to the Norfolk Ass. Parish Council.

There being no other business the meeting closed @ 8.10 pm

O. B. Alexander

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Clerk

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on the 9th September 74
in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present. A. Alexander (Chairman) Messrs Brock, Jack, Watson
Apologies Messrs Carr & Kang.

1/ The minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed upon

2/ Matters arising

The Clerk reported on a letter received from Mr Carter regarding the provision of a Village sign quoting the cost at £90.

It was agreed that the Clerk writing to Mr Carter asking for designs incorporating rural activities i.e. Blacksmith Shop, Sugar beet growing & water mills etc.

b) Painting of Clock Tower

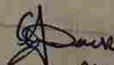
It was agreed for the colours to be Green/Gold combination, which would be left with the Chairman and S Youngs to decide design etc.

3/ Planning

The plans for some chalets at the Common were discussed, and it was agreed that the Clerk write pointing out that the land had been sold for 4 dwellings but the plans asked for 6 dwellings also that the Council did not think white rendering was appropriate.

4/ A letter asking for details of Community Services was filed in.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.


A. B. Alexander
Clerk/

A. B. Alexander 6/1/75