

FREETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
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Chairman

Council Meeting held in the Village Hall
7.30pm 6th April 1966.

Chairman - Mr S. Riseborough
Councillors present: A. Alexander B. Dack Sear
Kerry & Webster - Herbrook.

Minutes of last Council Meeting were read & confirmed.
Mr Riseborough indicated that he wished to resign
as Chairman, although it had been proposed &
seconded that he be re-elected Chairman.

Pro: A. Alexander Sec. B. Dack that we place on record
our appreciation of the services of Mr Riseborough as our
Chairman.

Pro: A. Alexander Sec. Sear that
Mr Webster be Chairman Pro: B. Dack Sec. Kerry
that Mr Alexander be Vice Chairman & Mr Herbrook
be Clerk on same terms. Carried unanimously.

Pro: B. Dack Sec. Sear that Mr Alexander be
the Council representative on V. Hall management
Committee.

Agreed that we precept for £10. as usual

Agreed that we open a banking^g as requested by District Auditor
that cheques be signed by Chairman or Vice Chairman or the clerk.
That the Post Office interest of £4. 3. 5 accumulated in book held by
clerk be added to the banking^g & the P.O. a/c closed. ^{8/4/60}
Pro. A. Alexander. Sec. J. Kerry that Parish Notice Boards be erected
near Robert Bates & at the Pump. Pro. S. Riseborough Sec. A. Alexander
that we ask for an additional Letter Box attached to phone pole
near Blacksmiths Shop. ^{8/4/60}

J. Webster
Chairman

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held
at 8pm 6th April 1960 in Village Hall.

There were 4 Parishioners present in addition to the
councillors. Mr J. Webster was Chairman.
The minutes of the last A.G.M. were read & confirmed.
After much discussion regarding complaint from Mr W. Land
regarding smell of drains it was proposed by A. Alexander
seconded by S. Carr that we write the R.D.C. on
this matter. ^{also suggest cesspit near chapel be emptied again.}
Pro. A. Alexander. Sec. R. Harris. Sec.
that we ask R.D.C. to continue the paving of footpath
from Fred Howards to the Southwood boundary.
J. Webster Chairman

Council meeting held in the Village Hall
7.30pm 20th March 1961.

Chairman - Mr J. Webster
Councillors present: - A. Alexander S. Carr J. Kerry S. Riseborough
J. Watson - A. E. Brock
Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.
Mr Webster re-elected Chairman A. Alexander Vice Chairman
A. E. Brock - clerk on same terms & conditions. Agreed
accounts for year & that we precept for £10.
Pro. Mr J. Watson Sec. Mr A. Alexander that we contact
the Parish Council & see with a view to joining if they
can help us on the question of obtaining a council house in the
village.
J. Webster Chairman

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Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held in the
Village Hall 8pm 20th March 1961.

Chairman Mr Webster. There were 4 parishioners
present in addition to the Comptroller.
Minutes of last AGM were read & confirmed.
Regarding request from Mr Fred Brundell's daughter
re Miss Beck after much discussion it was agreed
that nothing be done in the matter as it was for the
R.D.B. to provide accommodation for Miss Beck.
Pro: Starr Sec: Gerry that Mr D. Alexander represent
the Parish Council on the Village Hall Management
Committee.

Pro: R. Harris Sec: D. Alexander that we write Council
re paving at Top Common. 30/3/61
Pro: D. High Sec: M. Penty
that road at Sutton Crescent be made good. 30/3/61

Pro: R. Harris Sec: D. High that R.D.B. be asked
to pipe & fill in ditch opposite "Rampart Horse" in the
interest of safety to children going to school. 30/3/61

Pro: R. Shearing Jnr Sec: R. Harris Jnr that
we ask R.D.B. to provide Bungalows in the village
as there are many cases of one or two persons in
3/4 Bedroomed houses who would like a small
Bungalow to ease housing shortage. 30/3/61

~~Pro: Brock~~ Clerk
J. Webster - Chairman

Council Meeting held in Village
Hall at 7.30pm 6th April 1962.

Present:- Chairman Webster. D. Alexander
B. Dack S. Carr. J. Rixborough & J. Watson &
~~Pro: Brock~~

Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed
& the a/c for the year agreed.
Mr J. Webster re-elected Chairman & D. Alexander

new Chairman. A. B. Brook Clerk & Treasurer on same terms.
Agreed that we precept £10. Pro. A. Alexander Sec. Skirbeck
that we join Norfolk County Playing Fields Assoc. & also the
Parish Councils Association.

S. H. 63. A. B. Alexander. A. B. Brook. Clerk.
Chairman.

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held in the
Village Hall 8pm - 6th April 1962.

Chairman:- Mr. Webster. There were 5 Parishioners present
in addition to the 7 Councillors.

Minutes of last A.G.M. were read & confirmed.

Pro. Mr. Wilson Sec. R. Harris Sec. that we press for the ditch
opposite Rampant Horse to be filled in completely. Pro. D. High
Sec. B. Dack that we write R. D. B. re condition of road
at Sutton Crescent. Pro. Mr. B. Dack Sec. Mr. J. Watson that
Mr. A. Alexander be representative on V. Hall Committee.

Pro. J. Watson Sec. Skirbeck that we enquire from Parish
Councils Association what, if any, jurisdiction the Parish Council
has over local charities. Pro. D. High Sec. Mr. Wilson
that we ask our Doctors if it would be convenient to
have a Consulting Room in the Village Hall.

Pro. Mr. B. Dack Sec. Mr. A. Alexander that we have
a wire mesh guard placed over Parish Notice Boards.
Agreed that we press for a NOTICE re children crossing at Blacksmith Shop.
A. B. Brook. Clerk.

S. H. 63. A. B. Alexander. Chairman

Minutes of Council Meeting held
in Village Hall 7.30pm 5th April 1963.

Present:- Chairman A. Alexander - Councillors
J. Watson B. Dack. A. B. Brook. Apology was
received from Mr. Webster.
Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed.

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Agreed that Mr Webster be re-elected Chairman
& Mr A Alexander vice Chairman & Mr Brook Clerk
& Treasurer on same terms & conditions. That
we precept for £10 as usual & continue our membership
of N.H. County Playing fields & - Parish C.A.s.
Chairman - J Webster

Minutes of Annual Parish
Meeting held in the Village Hall
8pm 5th April 1963.

Chairman - Mr A. Alexander - there was
only one parishioner present (Mr Wilson) in
addition to councillors.

Minutes of last AGM were read & confirmed
By Mr Wilson Sec Mr B. Dack that we write
R.D.C. re Repair to Road at Sutton Crescent.
Some considerable discussion took place with
regard to the Almshouses & concerned was
expressed about their appearance.

Agreed that we write Halvergate P. Council
as suggested by the Doctors & also to Dr Fletcher
as the meeting felt the decision regarding
our request for surgery was one the D^r should
make.

Agreed that Mr Watson represent the Parish
Council when Mr Crawley comes to Blacksmiths
Shep comes re Notice

Mr A. Alexander was re-elected to represent
Parish Council on V.H. management Committee

Discussion took place regarding the
clock & a suggestion that this could be
converted into a Bus shelter but no
decision was reached on this subject.

Chairman J Webster

Minutes of Council Meeting held in
the Village Hall 7.30pm 28 April 1964.

Chairman:- J Webster

Councillors:- A. Alexander Sec. B Dack Shrubrough
J Watton & H C Brook

Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.
Mr Webster re-elected Chairman Mr A Alexander
Vice Chairman. H C Brook Clerk, Treasurer on the
same terms & conditions.

Agreed that we precept for £10. ✓

Balance ^{Sub} read & confirmed.

Agreed that we continue our membership of the UK
Country Playing Fields Association & the Parish Councils
Association.

That Mr H C Brook be nominated on Board of Governors of
Steele Lee Modern school for a further 3 years.

That Mr A Alexander represent Parish Council on
the V. Hall Management Committee.

Sign Posting of footpaths was discussed & it was
agreed that we write R.D.C. to the effect that we
had no footpaths which warranted sign posting.

Pro. A. Alexander Sec. B Dack that we inform R.D.C.
that council member would be pleased to attend
Steele Office on the question of Village Development
preferably on a Tuesday evening.

H C Brook
Chairman. J Webster

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held in
the Village Hall 8pm 28th April 1964.

Chairman:- J Webster. Only 1 parishioner present
(Brian Carr) in addition to councillors.
Minutes of last AGM were read & confirmed

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Agreed that Mr. Watson approach local Doctor re Box
on Blacksmith Shop corner & that in June we write
Dr. Gray Leopold re Surgery in Village Hall.

The subject of Bus Shelter & the clock was fully
discussed & it was suggested that Parish
Council might pay for repairs to clock & that
advice be sought re making the pump into
a Bus Shelter.

Chairman. J. Webster

A. B. Brook
clerk.

Minutes of Council Meeting held in the
Village Hall 7.30pm 31st March 1965.

Chairman:- Mr. J. Webster Councillors A. Alexander
S. B. Dack J. Watson & A. B. Brook
Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.
Chairman - Mr. J. Webster was re-elected.
A. Alexander as Vice Chairman & Mr. A. B. Brook
agreed to carry on until a new Clerk could
be appointed preferably before a new Council
was elected as he would like to be elected
a Councillor. Agreed we precept £10 as usual.
Balance Sheet was read & confirmed & signed.
Agreed that we continue our membership
of the County Playing Fields Assoc & the Parish
Councils Association. Agreed that we recommend
Mr. A. Alexander & Mr. J. Watson as suitable members
of the Almshouse Trust. The Chairman agreed to
find volunteers to carry out the Winston Churchill
appeal. No comments on Box 7. Official Guide book.
It was considered that the Marsh Rd Wimples
should be added to the Private Street list.
The Council having stood in silence as a
mark of respect for the late Councillor

Shirborough the Clerk was asked to write a letter of sympathy to the widow.

J Webster

Chairman

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting
held in the Village Hall 8pm 31st March 1965.

Chairman :- Mr Webster.

There was only one Parishioner present (Horsley) in addition to the Councillors.

Minutes of last Annual Meeting were read & confirmed.

Agreed that we leave the question of Doctors Box unless further complaints occur as the abolition of fees for medicine had altered the position.

Pro: Mr Alexander Sec: Mr B Dack that we write RDB re drains blocked between Mod's mill & Dacks corner due to drains being full of sediment.

Mr Horsley stated that the ladder under clock was missing & it was suggested a notice be posted asking for its return so clock could be repaired.

Ad Brock

Chairman J. Webster

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, Freethorpe at 8.0 P.m. Tuesday 1st June, 1965.

Chairman :- Mr. J. P. Webster; Councillors;

Mr. A. B. Alexander, Mr. S. Carr, Mr. B. J. Dack, Mr. J. Watson.

Clerk. Mr. P. J. Steward.

Minutes.

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Webster proposed, Mr. Watson seconded that Mr. P. J. Marquand should be appointed Clerk & Treasurer: Carried unanimously.

Mr. Webster proposed and Mr. ^{Dacks} ~~Alexander~~ seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr. A.C. Brock for his long and valuable services as Clerk to the Council. This was unanimously agreed and the Clerk was instructed to convey this in writing as Mr. Brock was absent from the meeting.

Mr. Dacks stated that a parishioner concerned had complained of not being told beforehand when the blocked drains at the Common were to be cleared. This was agreed to be inevitable as the Rural District Council Highway Committee had failed to approach the Parish Council beforehand as promised in the letter of 11. May from the Clerk of the R.D.C. Mr. Dacks further stated that although some of the piping had been sucked dry two months ago, flooding still occurred near his premises - presumably due to a blockage in the direction of Blacksmith's Shop Corner. Mr. Alexander suggested that further time be allowed for completion of any outstanding work, after which an inspection should be made by members of the Committee. This was agreed.

The County Council having turned back the proposal to include Marsh Road in the "Private Street Works Scheme" it was agreed that no further action should be taken. It was decided that no nomination should be submitted for the Norfolk County Association of Parish Councils annual meeting on 3rd August.

Mr. Alexander proposed that a public meeting should be called at an early date to discuss, and attempt to discover, the extent of the local demand for a playing field in Freethorpe and, if possible, the amount of public support that could be expected locally. Mr. Alexander stated that he had been approached from outside with a view to these facilities. Mr. Carr seconded the motion and spoke in support of the project. Mr. Webster pointed out that the Parish Council could take no official action as the provision and running of a playing field did not come within the scope of normal Parish Council activity. Mr. Webster was of the opinion that a specially appointed committee of parishioners would have to be constituted if the meeting revealed sufficient public interest - and if the actual demand and probable

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usage were large enough and likely to be sustained. Following a discussion in which all present spoke in favour of the project, it was agreed that a public meeting should be called for 8.0 p.m. on Tuesday 15th June, 1965 in the Village Hall. It was also agreed that every encouragement should be given informally, but only if the meeting showed reasonable prospects for the venture. "Acceptance of Office" forms and "Declarations of Election Expenses" for all Councillors were handed to the Parish Clerk at the meeting, which closed at 9.0 p.m.

J. Webster

Clerk.

Chairman.

J. Webster

Minutes of Special Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall at 8.0 p.m. Tuesday 15th June, 1965.

Subject:- Playing Field for Freethorpe. Mr. J. Webster was in the Chair. Councillors A. B. Alexander; A. C. Brock; S. Carr; J. Watson; the Parish Clerk and 19 parishioners attended. The chairman explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discover whether parishioners were in favour of acquiring a local playing field and whether they were prepared to give active support and help towards such a project. Mr. Webster then explained how this could be achieved, what grants were available and what monies would have to be raised locally. A locally appointed committee would be required to organise and handle a fund-raising programme. General discussion followed: this embraced the problems of (i) initial purchase and (ii) running expenses after purchase. The meeting recognised, with appreciation, existing recreational facilities in Freethorpe made possible by the benevolence of the late Mr. Myres Sutton, the courtesy of his executors and the sympathetic cooperation of Mr. A. C. Brock of the Manor House. The meeting was, nevertheless, strongly of the opinion that

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this fortunate state of affairs could not reasonably be expected to last for ever and that immediate steps should be taken to safeguard local sports facilities for the future. It being an indispensable condition that any local Committee should be in a position to put down at least 25% of the overall cost of the project before a grant from the Department of Education and Science will be entertained by that Department, ^{and another 25% by an agreed sports body} a preliminary committee had to be set up for the purpose of raising funds. Mr. L. Wilson proposed, and Mr. R. Shearing seconded, the formation of a Fund Raising Committee: this motion was carried with acclaim by the meeting. The initial target was estimated at £1,000. The undermentioned were elected to the Fund Raising Committee: - Mr. H. Aitchison; Mr. B. Brown; Mr. B. Carr (Secretary); Mr. J. Cator; Mr. G. Dawson (Treasurer); Mr. D. London and Mr. L. Wilson. Mr. P. J. Marquand (Clerk) was co-opted as liaison with the Freethorpe Parish Council. The Chairman thanked those present for their interest and enthusiasm and the meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

Chairman. J. Webster

P. J. Marquand
Clerk.

Minutes of Council Meeting held in Freethorpe Parish Hall at 8.0 p.m. Friday 4th February 1966.
Present: - Chairman Mr. J. Webster
Councillors, Mr. A. B. Alexander.

Mr. A. C. Brock.

Mr. S. Carr

Mr. B. J. Dack.

Mr. J. H. Kerry

Mr. J. Watson

Clerk & Treasurer Mr. P. J. Marquand.

Minutes of previous meeting. These were read by the Clerk, and confirmed. Matters arising from previous meeting. Mr. Dack stated that flooding no longer occurred near his premises: as further

Complaint had not been received, no further action to be taken.

Frequency of Committee meetings. It was unanimously decided that, in conformity with the requirements of the "standing orders of Parish Councils" publication (a copy of which is now held) a minimum of four meetings a year would be held — three statutory meetings at quarterly intervals in addition to the Annual General Meeting in the latter half of May.

Playing Field Scheme

The clerk reported that the playing fields project was proceeding satisfactorily with continued parochial interest and support. The fund-raising committee, which was set up at the last ~~Parish Council~~ general meeting, had raised over £500. The County Planning Officer had given permission for site planning to proceed and the way was now clear for positive action when the time arose.

Registration of Common Land (or town or village greens)

A copy of Circular H. 2/65 has been received from the Ministry of Land and Natural Resources. After careful consideration it was agreed by the Committee that Freethorpe Council was not involved as no such land exists within the envelopes of Freethorpe and Wickhampton.

The clerk submitted a questionnaire from the County Offices, in connection with the "Review of County Districts and Rural Parishes" required in accordance with sections 28 and 33 of the "Local Government Act of 1958." The Committee considered each question in turn and the clerk recorded each reply on the spot.

Proposed disposal of Freethorpe Sewage.

Following requests for information from several Councillors, the Chairman invited Mr. Brock (who is a member of the Freethorpe Sewage Board) to supply further information. Mr. Brock stated that a more up-to-date and efficient installation than the sprinkler plant was proposed. Mr. Brock and Mr. Henry Preston had visited such an installation at Newmarket and they had both been impressed by

by the absence of offensive fumes at the Newmarket installation which employed a technique of stirring and aeration. The proposed Sewerage plant ~~the~~ will not cater for Wickhampton.

Public access from the Common highway to Sutton's Butchers Shop.
 "Mr. Watson stated that enquiry had been received regarding the withdrawal of pedestrian access to Sutton's Butchers Shop via the forecourt of the old Brickmakers' Arms. A full discussion followed all the attendant circumstances, including the later closure of the butchers' shop. The Council were unanimously of the opinion that, should the shop reopen, the absence of long-enjoyed pedestrian access would cause much local inconvenience - which would be regrettable. The Clerk was instructed to forward an extract of this Minute to the new owner of the old Brickmakers Arms, Mr. H. Whittaker." This action was proposed by Mr. Watson and seconded by Mr. Brock.

Discontinuance of fidelity bond.

Mr. Brock proposed that fidelity insurance should now cease as current monies, previously ready cash in the custody of the Treasurer, was now on deposit at Barclays Bank. This was seconded by Mr. Alexander and the motion was carried.
Closure. The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Chairman

P. J. Emeryman
 Clerk.

Minutes of Annual Parish meeting held in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Friday, 27th May 1966.

Chairman. Mr. J. Webster.

Councillors: Mr. A. B. Alexander, Mr. S. Carr, Mr. B. J. Dicks, Mr. J. H. Kerry and Mr. J. Watson.

As no parishioner attended the meeting, the Chairman elected to proceed with the Parish Council annual meeting intended to follow the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.0 p.m. At the termination of the Parish Council meeting the Parish meeting was resumed, still in the absence of any parishioners.

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discussion
General of the playing field project followed and a specimen plan of a five-acre playing field (contiguous with the village hall) showing one possible layout was examined by the Councillors. The Clerk explained that the specimen field plan had first been submitted to the Norfolk Chief Education Officer, with his prior Concurrence. This had been done in order to secure the benefit of the Ministry of Education's wider experience ~~in order~~ ^{so as} to avoid anomalies or other snags which might have occurred in schemes already completed. The plan we submitted had been approved essentially in its original form subject to elongation of the "Wicket" space suggested and a change-over of the "Bowls" and "Tennis" areas proposed. It was further explained that approval for the ground-plan would be sought at a parochial general meeting and that a constitutionally-appointed Committee (on the general lines of a "Village Hall Committee") would have to be formed before final approval was sought from the Ministry of Education and before Grant ⁱⁿ aid could be obtained. The amount of cash already raised had reached the goodly sum of £670. Mr. Alexander proposed, and Mr. Carr seconded that an appreciation from the Parish Council should be conveyed to the Fund-Raising Committee congratulating them upon the splendid results of their efforts to date and wishing them continued success for the future. The meeting closed at 9.10.

J. Marwood
Parish Clerk.

J. Webster
Chairman.

Minutes of the Annual meeting of Leethorpe Parish Council at 7.10 p.m. on Friday 27th May 1966 in the Village Hall.

Chairman Mr. J.P. Webster.

Councillors Mr. A.B. Alexander, Mr. S. Carr, Mr. B.J. Dock, Mr. J.H. Kerry and Mr. J. Watson.

Mr. Alexander proposed, and Mr. Kerry seconded, that Mr. Webster should continue as Chairman for the year 1966/67. This was unanimously agreed.

Mr. Carr proposed and Mr. Dock seconded that Mr. Alexander should remain Vice Chairman. This was carried by a Unanimous vote. A copy

dated 22.2.66

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A copy was read of a letter from the Clerk of Blifield & Hogg R.D.C. addressed to District Councillor Mr. H. Preston. This letter stated that instructions had been issued to an R.D.C. official for necessary work to be carried out to remove the cause of flooding near Deck's Corner. As Mr. Deck stated that flooding still occurs after heavy showers, Mr. Alexander proposed that a follow-on letter should be sent to Mr. Hellin at the R.D.C. Mr. Deck seconded the motion which was carried. Mr. Alexandria reported having been approached by a parishioner living in Palmer's Lane with a view to the hedge and undergrowth at the junction of Palmer's Lane and Sutton's Crescent being radically trimmed down. This vigorous growth produces a 'Blind Corner' and is therefore a danger to pedestrians; especially to children emerging from Sutton's Crescent. Mr. Alexander proposed that the R.D.C. should be informed and requested to cut down the obscurant natural growth in the interests of public safety. Mr. Watson seconded and the Clerk was instructed accordingly. Mr. Alexander proposed, Mr. Cox seconded that the Parish Clerk's salary should be raised to £10 per annum*. As the preliminary Precept estimate had already been sent to A.C.E. at their request it was decided to adhere to the postulated figure of £10 for 1966/67 in view of the balance in hand.

* This motion was passed by the Council. The National Association of Parish Councils' circular letter announcing their triennial National Conference was read. It invited all Parish Councils to send one of their members to the Conference. During discussion Mr. J. Watson spoke in favour of sending a local delegate. He was supported by Mr. Alexander. A conference of £2-10-0 would be payable, in addition to the travelling and accommodation expenses of the delegate. Date of Conference 2nd & 3rd November in Westminster Hall. Some discussion followed but no definite conclusion was reached.

Chairman.

P. J. Mansfield.
Clerk.

J. Webster

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Minutes of Council Meeting held in Treathorpe Village Hall at
8.0 p.m. Friday 22nd July 1966.

Chairman - Mr. J. Webster.

Present:- Councillors A. B. Alexander, S. Carr and S. Dack.

Apologies for absence were received from councillors not able
to ~~be present~~ ^{attend}. Minutes of previous meeting were read and

confirmed. Matters arising from previous minutes:- The
clerk read correspondence with the R.D.C. relating to
flooding at Dack's Corner, and clearance of screening
shrubby at the junction of Palmer's Lane and Sutton Crescent.

It was confirmed that obscurant shrubbery had been
trimmed back as requested, but Mr. Dack stated that
flooding still occurred near his premises despite the
action taken by the R.D.C. Mr. Dack also stated that opposite
the old butcher's shop and Fishers Slaughterhouse water
accumulated and that after heavy rain flooding extended
across the road at this point. Mr. Alexander proposed, and
Mr. Dack seconded, that this matter should again be raised
with the R.D.C. as it was considered possible that some local
misunderstanding may have occurred when the previous
representation to the R.D.C. was made. London Conference of

Parish Councillors. In view of the heavy expense involved
(which would exceed the balance in hand with the Parish
Treasurer) it was decided not to send a local delegate,
especially as a conference report had been promised for
inclusion in the 1967 new year issue of the Parish Council
Review. "Common Land" Booklet. (A copy of this booklet

had been distributed to Councillors at the previous Parish
Council meeting, at their request). Following discussion, the
Chairman ruled that no action was called for as no such
land exists in the Parish. The Chairman remarked that
marsh dykes belong to adjacent marshes - that when such
dykes were being cleaned the muck should be thrown back
on the marshes at either side and not on the Common Wall! The
Chairman stated that this infringement should be watched for!

Royal Commission on Local Government in England.
A letter from the Royal Commission Chairman, addressed to all local authority clerks, was read to the meeting, as also was an "Open invitation for evidence" and an explanation of the aims of the Royal Commission. Following discussion it was decided that, as far as could be seen at present, Freethorpe could make no useful contribution and the Chairman so ruled.

Playing Field Project - Correspondence. The Clerk read the copy of a letter from himself addressed (at the request of Councillor A. Brock) to Mr D. Waters, Valuer and Land Agent of Norwich. The Clerk then read a reply from Waters and Son and his own acknowledgment pending submission of Waters and Son's letter to the Freethorpe P.C. because of many relevant points ~~made~~ raised and enquiries made therein. The Committee considered most carefully Waters & Son's letter and indicated the nature of the reply to be sent - including a further request for a selling price for the land earmarked for a playing field.

Analysis of Allotments. The Ministry of Land and Natural Resources are conducting a statistical survey of permanent, temporary and private allotments. This is being done on a "Sampling" basis and Freethorpe has been chosen as one of the "Sample areas" for analysis. As there are no 'public' or permanent or temporary allotments in either Freethorpe or Wickhampton, and all 'private' allotments are on land farmed by Mr A. Brock, he will be requested to supply the details asked for by the Ministry.

Village Clock. Mr. Alexander proposed and Mr. Carr Seconded that Mr. Webster should approach Mr. Taylor of the Mill Road, Halvingate to repair the village clock. This Mr. Webster agreed to do. The meeting closed at 9.26 p.m.

J. Webster
Chairman.

P. J. Inman
Clerk.

Minutes of Freethorpe Parish Council Meeting held in the
Village Hall on Friday 20 October ¹⁹⁶⁶ at 8.0 P.m.
Chairman Mr. J.P. Webster

Present:- Councillors A. Alexander, A. Brock, B. Dack,
J.H. Kerry and J. Watson. Minutes of previous meeting read and agreed.
Matters arising from the previous meeting:- (a). Mr. Brock
raised a point relative to marsh walls and the Chairman
amplified his ruling of 22nd July, 1966, at the previous parish
meeting. Mr. Brock thanked the Chair. (b) Mr. Dack again
raised the question of flooding near his premises at Dack's
Corner, stating that flood water had already risen to
within one inch of the threshold of his shop. Mr. Dack
stated that a new manhole had been fitted on the corner
but contended that although this was an improvement in
some ways it did little or nothing to reduce the flooding.
Mr. Dack then pressed strongly for the "Rodding" and
clearance of existing drains between Dack's Corner
and the catchpit near the Chapel and drew attention
to the existence of two manholes between Dack's Corner
and the Methodist Church catchpit. Mr. Watson suggested
that enquiring might be made of the Association of
Parish Councils in regard to other similar cases
of persistent flooding. Mr. Alexander suggested that
the Parish Council should perhaps have these drains
cleared and recover the cost from the R.D.C. Mr.
Brock favoured clearance of drains being ~~done~~ put
in hand locally. Following general discussion, Mr.
Watson proposed, and Mr. Alexander seconded that the
R.D.C. should once again be requested to deal adequately
with this persistent flooding by "Rodding" the drains
between Dack's Corner and the catchpit near the Methodist
Church, and by cleaning out the catch-pit and the
two intervening manholes one of which is covered
by 'Tarmac'. The clerk was instructed accordingly, and
at Mr. Brock's suggestion it was agreed that Mr. H. Preston

should be sent a copy of the letter to the R.D.C. Mr. Dack stated that flooding opposite the butcher's shop in the Linpenhoe Road was about to be cleared by the R.D.C. who were to cut a dyke inside Mr. Fisher's hedge in the direction of Linpenhoe where the 'fall' is away from Freethorpe. Mr. Watson mentioned that water lies on the road near the gate of the School House following heavy rain. Following discussion it was decided that no action should be taken at present.

Village Clock. The Chairman announced that the village clock has been repaired, but that no bill is to be submitted by the clockmender until the clock's performance has been proved to be satisfactory. It is understood that a bird's nest caused the trouble. Mr. Walter Dack has very kindly undertaken to keep the clock wound and to house the necessary ladder in his garage.

Local Playing Field — Correspondence. The Clerk, at the invitation of the Chairman, read correspondence between himself and the land agent for Sutton Estate (Mr. D. Waters of Cattlemarket Street NORWICH). In his capacity as liaison officer between the Playing Fields Fund-raising Committee and the Parish Council, the Clerk has sought to obtain a "selling price" per acre for the land already earmarked by Mr. A. Brook. The Clerk's last letter, dated 1st August 1966 had not been replied to, or its receipt by Mr. Waters even acknowledged, and direction was therefore sought on the further approach to the land agent. The Council was satisfied with the present state of affairs and considered the delay in reply by the land agent to be not unreasonable. No further action was therefore required. The Clerk was, however, instructed to approach the secretary of the Football, Cricket and Bowls Clubs respectfully and to request them to arrange for the appointment of a representative to attend the next annual general meeting. If a representative to sit on the Playing Field Management Committee when it is formed. The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

J. Nicholls
Chairman.

P. Mansard.
Clerk.

Minutes of Incehorpe Parish Council held in the
village hall at 8.0 pm, Friday 27th January 1967:-

Chairman, Mr. J. Webster.

Councillors present, Mr. S. Carr; Mr. J. Watson; Mr. A. Alexander.
Clerk, P. Jemarsand.

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.
The Clerk also read a letter despatched to the Clerk to the
Council, Blonfield and Flegg R.D.C. relative to the
unsatisfactory state of the road surface in Sutton
Crescent. Mr. Hellier's reply was also read; this promised
early attention, and the work has since been carried
out by filling up the holes and topping up with gravel.
A letter to British Railways about unreliability of
local trains through Reedham was also read, and also
the acknowledgment from Lowestoft Station Manager's office.
This letter promised rationalisation the weekday
service as from January 2nd, 1967, and enclosed a copy of
the services applicable from that date. The Clerk reported
that, in reply ~~from~~ to an enquiry from Mr. A.S. Watts,
Treasurer, R.D.C. Blonfield and Flegg, the amount to
be precepted in 1967/68 was estimated as £20. This was
agreed by the meeting. With the Chairman's approval, the
Clerk read selected extracts from his copy of a "Memorandum
of Evidence for the Royal Commission on Local Government"
received from the National Association of Parish Councils".
No other business being forthcoming, the meeting closed
at 9.0 pm.

J. Webster
Chairman.

P. Jemarsand
Clerk.

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Minutes of Annual public parish meeting held in the
Village Hall at 8.0 pm on Monday March 26th. 1967.

Chairman:- Mr. J. P. Webster.

Councillors present:- Mr. A. Alexander; Mr. A. Brock; Mr. S. Carr;

Mr. B. Dock; Mr. J. Watson.

Minutes of the previous public parish meeting were read and agreed. At the Chairman's request the Clerk gave a short summary of the playing field project - of its origin and development - for the benefit of newcomers to these public meetings. The under-mentioned five parishioners were then proposed, seconded and duly elected to membership of the Playing Fields Management Committee for the current year: Mr. Basil Browne; Mr. John Cator; Mrs. G. Croft; Mr. George Dawson and Mr. Derek London.

Other specially selected representatives (as under) having been nominated, (as indicated below) these six (together with the five named above) therefore complete the Playing Field Management Committee for the current year:-

Nominated by:- Parish Council — Mr. A. Alexander.

" " Methodist Church — Mr. A. Brock.

" " Church of England — Rev. F. Epps.

" " Football Club — Mr. J. Wilson.

" " Cricket Club — Mr. R. Croft.

" " Bowls/Tennis club — Mr. H. Aitchison.

A circular letter was read, which dealt with the provision of cooked meals at home for aged and infirm parishioners. Following discussion of probable and possible beneficiaries under this scheme Mr. Alexander proposed, Mr. Brock seconded, that this matter should be referred to the W.R.V.S. who were considered best qualified to deal with the problem. This motion was carried. Attention was drawn to the bad condition of almshouse railings. Mr. Brock then stated that two new trustees were to be appointed and said that the views of the parish meeting would be placed before the almshouse trustees.

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cheaper type of railing was suggested and one tube guard-rail. Mr. R. Harris drew attention to the danger to children of the open drain at the side of the road on the Common. Mr. Harris suggested that the County Council should again be approached to pipe this drain throughout its entire length. Mr. Dack seconded this motion, which was carried unanimously by the meeting. Mr. High proposed, and Mr. Pentony seconded that the U.D.C. should be requested to provide a footpath in Sutton Crescent to enable pedestrians to keep their footweas clean without having to resort to protective overboes etc. This was carried. Mr. R. Harris proposed, Mr. Wilson seconded, that a 30-mile limit should be imposed in Freethorpe Village. This was carried, and the R.D.C. is to be asked to forward this, with a recommendation to the appropriate authority. The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

J. Webster
Chairman.

P. Mansour
Clerk.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in Freethorpe Village Hall at 8.0 p.m. on Monday 3rd April, 1967.

Chairman. Mr. J.P. Webster.

Councillors Present:- Mr. A.A. Alexander; Mr. A. Brock; Mr. J. Kerry; Mr. J. Watson.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed.

Election of Parish Council representative on Playing Fields Management Committee.

Mr. Watson proposed, Mr. Brock seconded, Mr.

Alexander as the Parish Council Representative, and Mr. Alexander was unanimously elected.

Mr. Watson raised the Question of Sutton Crescent road surface. It was agreed that this matter should be kept under review but it was generally accepted that no action was called for at present as the road surface had recently been improved, and that it would not be properly surfaced until outstanding bungalows had been built. The clerk read the letter recently sent to Norfolk County Council Highways Dep't

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* (see minutes of 3rd Nov. 1967)

re the open drain on the Common. Mr. Alexander expressed the view that this should have been sent via the R.D.C. (with their recommendation) and that no answer should therefore be expected. The Committee agreed that the letter requesting a 30-mile-an-hour speed limit in Freethorpe (voted for at the annual public meeting on 20 March 1967) should be sent via the R.D.C. Mr. Alexander reported that Halvingate were about to erect local "Halvingate" road signs for the information/guidance of travellers and suggested that we should take notice of the signs in order to decide whether they would be suitable for Freethorpe, or not. Mr. Watson proposed that the Parish Council should press, through both Blofield and Flegg representatives on the Norfolk County Association of Parish Councils Executive Committee, for road bridges over railway property to be maintained by the County Councils. The meeting closed at 8.42 p.m.

Mr. King recorded and the motion was carried

J. Webster
Chairman.

P. Jemmarquand
Clerk

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Freethorpe Parish Council meeting held in Village Hall at 7.15 p.m. on Friday the 26th May 1967.

Present: ~~Mr.~~ Mr. J.P. Webster, Chairman, and Councillors A.B. Alexander; S. Carr and J. Watson attended. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Election of officers for the coming year took place as follows.

Chairman:- Mr. J.P. Webster. Proposed by Mr. Alexander Sec: Mr. S. Carr

Vice Chairman:- Mr. A. Alexander. Prop: Mr. S. Carr. Sec: Mr. J. Watson

Clerk & Treasurer:- Mr. P. Jemmarquand. Pres: Mr. S. Carr. Sec: Mr. J. Watson

Members commented on the "Halvingate" signs erected. Following discussion it was agreed that boards of a more sophisticated type should be erected, but it was agreed that more thought should be given to this matter and the case reviewed at the next Freethorpe Council meeting. The meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

A.B. Alexander
Chairman.

P. Jemmarquand
Clerk

Minutes of Freethorpe Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Friday 20th October 1967. 000037

In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Webster, Mr. Alexander, the Vice Chairman, took the Chair. Councillors B. Dock and J. Watson were present. (The main purpose of the meeting was ~~being~~ to avoid delay in dealing with a letter from the R.D.C. concerning a 30 mile an hour speed limit.) The minutes of the previous council meeting were read and agreed. The Clerk read correspondence with the R.D.C. The latest letter from Mr. Hellier was agreed in principle with the exception of an assessment of future traffic and accidents arising therefrom. The clerk was therefore instructed to refute this item in the letter from the R.D.C. and to convey this in his reply.

Several small ^{local} items still outstanding were mentioned by the Clerk and it was agreed to defer ~~the~~ consideration of these until the next meeting when a normal attendance might be expected. The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.

J. Webster.
Chairman.

J. Merrett.
Clerk.

Meeting of Freethorpe Parish Council at 8.0 pm in the Village Hall on Friday, 3rd November 1967.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed.

Mr. J. Webster, Chairman. Present; Mr. A. Alexander,

Mr. A. Brock, Mr. S. Carr, Mr. B. Dock, Mr. J. Watson.

A letter from the Blenheim and Flegg District Council was read and fully discussed, as also was an enclosed drawing of the Sewerage Scheme for Freethorpe. The clerk was then instructed to express, in writing, the Parish Council's regret at the exclusion of the Brickyard and the Little Green. (In reply, the R.D.S. has since explained that the Brick Yard and the Little Green are not included as they could be connected only by providing another pumping station at prohibitive cost). Outstanding

Outstanding Items dealt with

(a) Village Clock:

This has now been put in running order. The clockmaker to be approached and again requested to submit his bill. Mr. Webster offered to deal.

(b) Sutton's Crescent. Present condition of road good. It was decided that no further action need be taken unless deterioration occurs.

(c) Meals at home for aged and infirm. Mr. Watson undertook to make further enquiries and report later.

(d) Open drain in Common verge. No Reply received from County Highways Department. No further action proposed. * (See Minutes of P.C. meeting of 3rd April 1967)

(e) Request for 30 M.P.H. through Fittlehorpe. The Parish Council's request for 30 M.P.H. has unfortunately been refused by the County Highways Department, despite the support of the R.D.C. The 'good' accident record, during the last 3 years, of Fittlehorpe, is apparently considered as a factor against the granting of a speed limit. (This premise is being challenged by Fittlehorpe as an unreliable method of assessing a future accidents. This has been put forward via R.D.C. but money is too hard.

(f) Village Road Signs. The Committee is still undecided as to the size and form of the proposed boards.

J. Webster
Chairman

The meeting closed at 8.55 P.
J. Marsland.
Clerk & Treasurer.

Meeting of Parish Council held in Village Hall at 8.0 P.m. on ~~the~~ ^{mon} day, 19th February 1969. Chairman MR. J. P. Webster, Councillors: Mr. A. A. Alexander; Mr. A. Brock; Mr. S. Carr; Mr. B. Dack and Mr. I. Watson were present. The date for forthcoming annual parish Assembly was fixed as Friday, 15th of March 1969 and the following items were chosen for inclusion in the agenda:—

(1) Purchase by the Parish Council of village clock with pump and

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super-
tiled structure (being the property of Sutton's Estate). (ii) Circular
letter from Norfolk County Council re annual competition
for the "Best Kept Village." N.F.A. The meeting closed at 8.55pm.
J. Webster
Chairman
P. Mansward. Clerk.

Meeting of 15th March 1968. Minutes of Open Parish Meeting.

Present:- Mr. J. Webster, Chairman. Councillors:- Mr. A. Alexander,
Mr. J. H. Kerry & Mr. J. Watson. Two parishioners also attended (Mr. H. AITCHISON &
Mr. B. Brown). Minutes of previous meeting were read and agreed.

Mr. Watson mentioned there was ~~no~~ ^{service} possibility of a local
volunteer messenger between Freethorpe Halvergate and Reedham. But
Nothing had been decided. This scheme ~~was~~ ^{encountered} a mixed reception: it
would be possible to include the three doctors' medicine boxes but this
was not favoured as it was considered that the present arrangement was
reasonably efficient and that an organized delivery by volunteer messengers
on a rota might be less efficient in the long run. Attention was drawn to the
unsatisfactory condition of the fence between the forge and the school
premises. It was decided that a tactful approach by Mr. Watson would
best meet requirements. Mr. Watson agreed, so the matter was deferred until
the next meeting of the Parish Council. Mr. A. Alexander proposed
that we should negotiate for the ^{village} clock if available at a nominal
sum. This was recorded by Mr. Kerry and the motion was carried.

The clerk stated that a request had been received from the secretary of
the Norfolk Playing Fields Association, for payment of the 1967/68 ~~by~~ ^{the clerk} subscription
of 10/- P.A. and ~~asked for~~ ^{asking for} that the £1 subscription for 1968/69. ~~and~~ ^{and} brought
direction from the Committee in view of the existence of the Freethorpe
Playing Fields Management Committee. Mr. Watson proposed that the P.C.
should continue paying £1 P.A., the ^{revised} annual subscription. Mr. Alexander

Seconded, and the motion was carried. (It is understood that the F.P.M.C.
Freethorpe Playing Field Management Committee) have expressed their willingness to subscribe independently if approached).
Mr. Watson proposed that the ~~following~~ forthcoming competition
for a village sign should be publicised in association with
the next autumn show, that designs (half scale) should be received

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in good time for display by 1.0 p.m. on the day of the ^{autumn} show. The meeting agreed that entries should be exhibited in the village hall (where ballot papers should be available to the public and a ballot-box provided). This proposal was seconded by Mr. A. Alexander. The meeting was in favour of the suggestion which was accordingly passed. The amount of £3.3.0 would be paid by the Parish Council for the most meritorious entry. The meeting closed at 8.5 p.m.

Chairman J. Webster

P. J. Mansueto
Clerk & Treasurer.

Minutes of Freethorpe Parish Meeting of Friday, 29th March 1968
Present: - Mr. J. Watson (Chairman); Councillors A. Alexander, B. Brock and J. Watson.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and agreed. The Clerk read a reply from the R.D.C. stating that Sutton's Crescent could not be "made up" as requested. The Clerk attributed this refusal to a misunderstanding by the R.D.C. of a ^{recent} ~~request~~ request for temporary repairs. (This turned out to be the case and the surface of Sutton Crescent had subsequently ~~repairs~~ been repaired.) Mr. Brock stated that no further progress had been made to date ^(in the matter of purchasing the village clock tower) but that the transaction would undoubtedly proceed to a satisfactory conclusion. Mr. Alexander proposed that the sum of £3.3.0 should be offered for the best design for a "Village sign" (representing some local interest (past or present)) instead of more nameplates at the extremities of Freethorpe parish. Mr. Watson seconded and the motion was carried. The meeting closed at 8.44.

J. Webster
Chairman.

P. J. Mansueto
Clerk.

Minutes of Freethorpe Parish Council annual meeting
Friday 24th of May 1968. Present: - Mr. A. Alexander, Mr. Dack, Mr. Brock, Mr. Kerry; Mr. J. Webster was Chairman. Members handed their election declarations to the Clerk. (no elections were held was nil in every case).

Election of officers for 1968-1969:—

Chairman: Mr. J. Webster, proposed by Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Kury.

Vice Chairman: Mr. A. Alexander, proposed by Mr. Brock, seconded by Mr. Dock.

Clerk and Treasurer: Mr. P. J. Mansuand, proposed by Mr. Brock, seconded by Mr. Dock. (MR Dock)

Mr. Alexander proposed that we should write to the R.D.C. asking that the surface of the railway bridge near Stracey Arms Hotel should be resurfaced, as full of potholes at present. This was seconded by Mr. Brock and motion was carried.

Mr. Webster mentioned that the signpost in Wickhampton situated near the Telephone Call. office should have the word "only" inserted following the direction "MARSHES", as at present motorists are apt to journey past the sign on the mistaken assumption that some outlet other than "Marshes" existed. The signpost should show this road as terminating on the marshes only and so avoid inconvenience to visitors. It was therefore agreed that this motion* should be carried (*seconded by Mr. Brock).

The meeting closed at 8.57 p.m.

P. J. Mansuand
Clerk.

J. Webster
Chairman.

Minutes of Freethorpe Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 9th July, 1968. The undermentioned Councillors attended:— Mr. J. Webster (Chairman); Mr. A. Alexander; Mr. A. Brock; Mr. S. Carr; Mr. B. Dock; Mr. J. Watson. The minutes of the previous council meeting were read and confirmed. The clerk reported that all letters prescribed ^{at} the previous parish meeting had been despatched but that no replies had been received to date. In the circumstances, any matters arising from such replies would be attended to, or reported to the council, as might be considered necessary. 'Acceptance of office' forms were signed afresh and handed to the clerk for custody. Purchase of Village Clock-tower. When replying to the solicitors' letter, Mr. Alexander

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proposed that the full purchase price should be remitted. Mr. Watson
seconded: ~~was~~ passed by vote. A cheque for £20. will therefore
be remitted to Messrs Middleton, Killin and Bruce. Official
Certificates of search forms from Norfolk C.C. and Blyth & Fyfe
R.D.C. have been duly signed and submitted to the Councillors
who have indicated their acceptance and approval. In the circumstances
the Solicitors will be advised accordingly and the purchase
agreement will therefore be proceeded with. The Vendors require
that the property should be insured: this is agreed by the
Parish Council and the sum of £500 is considered suitable.
The meeting ended at 8.55 p.m.

J. Webster
Chairman

J. Mansfield
Clerk.

Minutes of Freethorpe Parish meeting of Tuesday, 1st Oct.
1968. Present: - Mr. J. Webster (Chairman), Mr. A. Alexander and Mr.
B. Dack: - apologies were received from absentee Councillors.
~~Competition for a Village road sign~~ (Something embodying
characteristics of, or relating to village activities and/or interests.
As only one entry had been received consisting of a simple
FREETHORPE reproduction of the name "FREETHORPE" with only
the addition of a simple scroll above the first letter and below
the last letter of the name. After some discussion it was
unanimously agreed that the entry received did not fulfil the
stated requirements and that it therefore could not qualify
for a prize. Mr. Alexander therefore moved a motion that
the entrant had not complied with the letter or spirit of
the Competition. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dack and
passed by other members present. Mr. ALEXANDER stated
that complaints were still being received from residents about
the unsatisfactory condition of the new section of the road
fronting new development at the south end of the common, ~~which~~
especially at "all winds" occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Boddy. Mr. Alexander
put this forward in the form of a resolution, which was seconded by

by Mr. Dock and carried; ^{to} the R.D.C. Surveyors for attention, please.
Mr. Webster stated that request continues to be made, by local residents, that
for a second call office kiosk should be provided near the "growing end"
of "The Common". It was stated that would be ~~falling~~ ^{over} half a mile
from the existing call-office. Further discussion followed on it was
proposed by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. Alexander that the S.A.O. should
be requested (via the R.D.C.) for another call-office suitably positioned
to provide telephone facilities at a reasonable distance from
the existing call-office. Seconded by Mr. Dock, the motion was passed
and the clerk instructed to proceed accordingly. The worsening surface
of Sutton ^{Crescent} came under undivided notice and Mr. Dock's proposal
that the R.D.C. should again request attention ^{by the R.D.C.} to alleviate discomfort
to pedestrians and motorists alike using this section of road. Attention
was drawn to the pavement ~~being~~ ^{adjoining} the "loke", where
subsidence has occurred between the gravel pavement and a strip of several
yards to which ^{parish council} ~~R.D.C.~~ have previously drawn the attention of the R.D.C. No
action has taken place since the P.C.'s request of early October and the
subsidence constitutes a defect hazard to pedestrians. A further
request will ^{be} addressed to R.D.C. Clerk to follow up. The
meeting terminated at 8.50 pm.

Chairman

Amendment.
Clerk to the Council

22/11/68 A B Alexander

~~minutes~~ ^{minutes}
Meeting of Freethorpe Parish Council, minutes
of Tuesday 2nd November, 1968. Councillors who
attended; Mr. S. Carr; Mr. J. Kerry; Mr. A. Brock. The
meeting was called principally to consider the
reply to be sent to the circular letter from the N.C.C.
enquiring into the travelling facilities available to
Freethorpe Parishioners and how such facilities could
be organised to provide links between bus services serving
Freethorpe and between railway and bus services. It was
agreed that no possibility existed of providing through
services as neither bus service ("Caroline" or "County")
links ~~up~~ with the sole railway station (at Reckham)

It was agreed that ^{no} existing bus services served
Reedham Railway Station or any common bus stop.
as at no point did they overlap, or even meet.
The Clerk was therefore instructed to report accordingly
to the Norfolk C.C. office. The meeting ended at 8.35 p.m.
J. Webster
Chairman
P. Mansford
Clerk of Council

Minutes of the meeting of Freethorpe Parish Council in
Village Hall at 8.0 p.m. on Tuesday 11th April 1969. The
following Councillors were present: - Alexander, Brooks, Backs, Watson and Mr. Webster.
Minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed.
The clerk then read from Current correspondence with
the Rural District Council relating to road maintenance
with particular reference to (i) Palmer's Lane (ii) the lods
at the top of the Common and (iii) the Brickyard - now all
listed by the R.D.C. as subject to indefinite delay. Mr.
Webster raised the question of renovation of the Clock-tower
recently acquired from Sutton's Estates. Mr. Alexander proposed
that the Council should visit 'en bloc' and Mr. Brooks
~~should~~ seconded the motion. It was finally decided that
the Councillors should meet at the Clock Tower
at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 27 May - just prior to the
date and time of the Annual Meeting of the village. The meeting
closed at 8.17 p.m.
J. Webster
Chairman
P. Mansford
Clerk

* Minutes of Meeting of Parish Council Members at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday
27 May, 1969 following (preceding) the Parish Annual meeting at
8.0 p.m. on Tuesday 27th May in the Village Hall Freethorpe.
The Dimensions of the Clock Tower, and surround were
ascertained to be as follows: Back Fence, 22 ft. wide; Frontage
22 ft wide, and the two ^{sidings} ~~ends~~, 26 ft and 27 ft respectively. It was
decided that four posts should be erected across the frontage.
posts should be oak, 4 inches square, and ^{even} ~~square~~ - distant, so creating
five spaces of 4 ft 1 3/4" between posts. Mr. Alexander & Mr. Watson
considered that, as many other matters still remained for
decision, the ^{public annual} ~~meeting~~ was due at 8.0 p.m. only the

frontpost should be considered at this stage
undiscussed, ~~that~~ ^{until} and that outstanding matters remain
Mr. Alexander proposed, and Mr. Watson seconded. The motion
was passed.

Minutes of the annual Parish meeting in the Parish
Hall at 8 p.m. Tuesday 27 May 1969. No parishioners were present
so the chairman decreed the annual public meeting
closed at 8.15 p.m. and that the Parish Council should
now sit: Present: Mr. J. Webster, Chairman; Mr. Alexander, Mr. Dack,
Mr. Watson. Mr. Dack drew attention to a large hole in the
entry to the field behind Mr. Alexander's residence. The
Clerk stated that ^{R.D.C.} attention had already been called to
the unsatisfactory condition of the adjacent loker since the
erection of a new gantry carrying the Electricity
for the village. As this question probably involved
partly the R.D.C., the Eastern Electricity and the Parish Council
this problem should be approached with caution. The Clerk
would keep a watch upon the loker affected, and press for
a repair if necessary. The meeting closed at 8.42 p.m.

J. Webster
Chairman

Clerk. 8-Jy-1969.

A. B. Alexander

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Minutes of meeting of Freethorpe Parish Council at 8.0
p.m. on Tuesday 7th. of July 1969. Mr. A. Alexander
took the chair. Present, ~~was~~, Councillors A. Brock, J. Kerry
and J. Watson. Mr. Watson drew attention to a signpost
situated at the crossroads on the Halvergate - Reedham
road and the Freethorpe - Workhampton roads, which also
bears an indicator "Reedham Ferry 3m" which quite
confusing. It was proposed to ask the R.D.C. to take
down the "Ferry" sign as "misleading" and quite
unnecessarily diverting traffic for Reedham Ferry which

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which would be far more satisfactorily and directly
directed by continuing on the "Reedham" road
and in doing so prevent "roundabout" routing of
vehicles seeking Reedham Ferry. Mr. Alexander seconded
the motion which was accepted and passed. Mr. Alexander
proposed that the four front posts on the Clock-tower
plot should be painted, and that some missing "slot"
should be renewed. This was seconded by Mr. Kerry.
The Clerk was directed to keep a watchful eye on the
pavement near the ~~new~~ electric Co's new post. In their
present state they are not considered actually^(x)
dangerous. Attention was drawn to the roadside
condition in Wickhampton opposite the Willow Pool boundary
upon the property known as PANTILES and the attention
was to be drawn to the frontage as willows are infringing
upon the "pathway" or "edging" of willow plants. The
Clerk decided to keep this feature under control until
it becomes necessary to take this plot (which is council
property).[†]

The meeting closed at 8.43 p.

J. Webster

P. J. Menard.

Clerk.

Chairman

Memo: Pat. (x) Pavement made good. & willows trimmed back off the side.
† Posts not yet provided by local builder (15.2.70)

(Parish meeting of Mon: 6th Apr) :-

Mr. B. Carr complained that Freshford Rates were too high in view of the
restriction of facilities enjoyed by Parishioners: in this complaint he was
supported by Mrs B. Carr, Mrs D. London and Mrs Sandall. It was pointed out that there
is no street lighting and that Policemen were unefficient on the ground and rarely ^{seen} in fact that there
was no local "Bobby" as such but that Freshford had its "Share" with adjacent
villages. Complainers wanted to be informed as to the "make up" of the rates. Mr.
Watson informed that this information was given on the revenue of the Parish early rate document.

Annual parish meeting
The parish clerk states that any grievances or complaints must be taken up with RJC
Minutes of Freethorpe Parish Tuesday 3rd March 1970
in Parish Hall.

Present - Mr. J. Webster, Chairman; Mr. A. Alexander
minutes of the previous meeting were read
and agreed. The clerk reported that all jobs
outstanding after the meeting of 27th May (Tuesday)
had ~~all~~ been cleared up. The meeting closed
at 8.30, in the absence of a quorum. J. Alexander
Clerk.

Chairman for both meetings.

Chairman J. Webster for parish
council meeting
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Chairman J. Webster