

FREETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL  
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1992-1993

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Freethorpe P. Council  
held at Village Hall on Monday, 27th April 1992 - 7.30 p.m.  
Present - 7 Parish Councillors, 3 Parishioners + the clerk.

1. Election of officers - Prop A. Alexander Sec. D. Gint that  
Mr. Roger Pipes be re-elected as Chairman. All in favour,  
Vice-chairman. Prop. R. Stokholm Sec. A. Perfect that  
Mr. Alec Alexander be re-elected - all in favour.  
Prop. A. Alexander. Sec. D. Gint that Mrs. E. Moll be re-appointed  
as Clerk - all in favour.

2. Minutes read. Signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising. Mr. K. Gint had been granted <sup>conditional</sup> all planning  
permission for single storey dwelling at The Green,  
Freethorpe. Speed limit - Highways Dept gave no  
hope of this in the near future, clerk was asked to  
reply noting comments but pointing out that various  
requirements mentioned are met in Freethorpe.  
letter to Dept of Transport, Cambridge asking for  
clarification of Press reports.

Parish Tree Warden - Mr. Roger Wade has shown  
some interest and literature has been passed on to him.  
letter to be sent to Mr. Wade stating that P. Council  
would be happy to appoint him as Parish Tree Warden  
(further literature to be sent if he accepts this appointment.  
Clerk is awaiting details from Community Policeman  
re volunteer groups willing to clear village ponds.

4. Planning - Sub comm. had no objections to  
amendments to Stage 5 old Cricket Ground development.

5. Finance - cheques signed for Clerk's Salary + expenses <sup>210.75</sup>  
Freethorpe Churchyard fund £50, Freethorpe Methodist Church  
Council £50, Freethorpe Village Hall £250 + £45 (hire)  
= £295.00

6. A.O.B. Clerk was asked to write to Wherry  
Housing Assn. re dangerous branch on tree  
outside Nos 8/9 Council Houses, The Green.  
P. Council to vote for Mr. B. Tibbeman of  
Ade Parish Council for committee of Local  
Assn. of Town - Parish Councils



It was noted that Village Sign is disintegrating -  
D. Gint to see D. Goodley about this.

D. Gint said that residents at Old Cricket Ground are concerned  
about Abbatir lorries using narrow road instead of usual way.  
possibility of P. Council will keep a close watch on situation.

It was decided to ask for a Can Bank  
at Freethorpe Village Hall (contact R. Stenholm).

Next meeting Monday 1st June 1992  
7.30 p.m.

changed to Monday 11th May 1992  
7.30 p.m.

*[Signature]*  
11.5.92

Minutes of meeting of  
Freethorpe Parish Council held Monday,  
11th May 1992 - 7.30 p.m. Freethorpe Village Hall

Apologies - D. Gint, R. Stenholm.

Present R. Pipes (Chairman) A. Alexander, B. Horsley,

A. Perfect Mrs. M. Woodgate, 5 Parishioners + Clerk.

1. Minutes read - signed as true record.
2. Matters arising - Mr. R. Wade has been appointed Tree Warden.  
Enquiry from Mrs. Ryan (letter saying that appointment has been made)  
Village Sign - matter deferred until next meeting.  
Highways Dept - nothing to add to previous letter re. Speed limit.  
Clerk still making enquiries about Village Pond clearing.
3. Finance - Norwich Union Premium of £250 felt to be steep -  
chairman to make enquiries about possibility of cheaper  
insurance cover elsewhere. Cheque signed £50 Wickhampton  
Church Yard  
letter signed to transfer £350 from Deposit to Current acc.
4. Planning - Application by J.W. Fisher Meats Ltd for Housing  
Development on site of redundant Abbatir. After some  
discussion agreed No objection, but P.C. hope that  
likely requirements of Freethorpe C.P. School will be taken into account  
since there is already overcrowding.
5. A.C.B. Mrs. Woodgate reported complaints of speeding by  
blue bus on Thursdays from Wickhampton to Ade Sale.  
Clerk to write. It was noted that slab of concrete  
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Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held at Freethorpe  
Village Hall on Monday 2nd April 1992 8 p.m.

Present - Mr. R. Pipes (Chairman) Ms. M. Woodgate, M. A. Alexander  
M. B. Horsley, Mr. R. Stenholm, Mr. D. Gint, M. A. Perfeer  
3 Parishioners + the Clerk.

1. Minutes of last Parish Meeting read. Signed as true record.

2. No matters arising.

3. Walpole Almshouse Charity - accounts etc were made available for inspection. The Chairman of the Charity Trustees (M. A. Alexander) gave a favourable report and told the meeting that all the cottages are now occupied, the Charity Commissioners having allowed a change in the rules of tenancy so that single men over 60 years of age are now eligible.

4. Representative to Playing-field committee -  
Prop. R. Stenholm, Sec. D. Gint that Mr. Roger Pipes be re-elected. All in favour.

5. A.O.B. Mr. Horsley brought a request from recent Village Hall Management Committee meeting that a letter be sent to local Education Authority requesting a grant towards upkeep of Village Hall Car Park which is used daily in term time by teachers and parents of children at Freethorpe C.P. School. Other parishioners spoke in support of this.

Mr. David Wright reported that one of the posts opposite The Stores was removed and taken away on Saturday 2nd April (during hours of darkness) Highways Dept to be informed.



meeting closed at 8.35. p.m.

Signed.

date. 20.4.93.



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has been removed from cover of underground shelter  
at Palmer's lane. Agreed to write to Mr. Hirst.

Next meeting Monday 1st June 1992  
7.30 p.m. Freethorpe Village Hall.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Freethorpe  
Village Hall on Monday 1st June 1992 7.30 p.m.

Apology - Mr. D. Gint.

Present - Mr. R. Pipes (Chairman) Mrs. M. Woodgate, Messrs  
B. Horsley, R. Strickland, A. Alexander, A. Perfect, 2 Parishioners  
and the Clerk.

1. Minutes read & signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising - it had not been possible to  
find a cheaper minimum insurance premium than  
amount quoted by Norwich Union.

It was agreed to pay N.U. and to make further  
enquiries for another year.

Village sign repairs - the Clerk was asked to  
contact Mr. D. Gint so that he is ready to report  
to next P.C. meeting on quote by John High for new sign.  
Clerk to contact Mr. E. Forster of Acle for quote  
for fibre-glass sign. Mr. Perfect to enquire a price  
from Derek Allen.

3. Finance - Education officer had promised one-off grant  
of £250 towards Car Park Repairs at Village Hall.  
Clerk to write letter of thanks when cheque is  
received. Cheque signed for Norfolk Assn. Local  
Councils £71.35, Norwich Union £250.  
Mr. Alexander offered to make a loan of £250  
to P. Council, to be repaid when 2nd instalment  
of precept is received in Oct 1992.



4 Planning - there were no objections to the application by Mr. A. Bland for extension to "Bethant", The Common, Freethorpe.

Sub. comm. had no obj. to garage extension at "Tapela"  
The Common.

5. A.O.B.

Mr. Wade (Tree Warden) had agreed to act as warden for Halvergate also.

Letter from B.D.C. stated that the only Tree Preservation Order in the Parish concerns trees at Church Farm, Wickhampton.

Mr. Alexander said that Tree Preservation is a subject which needs to be discussed soon.

B.D.C. sent information about setting up of a District Glass Bank. Prop. R. Stenholm.  
Sec. A. Alexander that <sup>P. Council</sup> agree to join scheme with R. Stenholm as contact person.

Clerk to telephone re land-owners of areas through which there are foot-paths - to suggest that I.D.B. could help identify owners of marshes.

Mr. A. Perfect said that a Homework Meeting had been arranged for July 15th 1992. 7.30 p.m.  
Letter to be sent to Highways Dept re dangerous state of path at "Cartref", also reporting that Post opposite the Stores has again been hit and is dangerous.

Next meeting - Monday 6th July 1992  
7.30 p.m.

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6.7.92



Minutes of Parish Council meeting held Monday 6th July 1992  
at Freethorpe Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Apologies from Messrs R. Strahm & D. Gint.

Present - Mr. R. Piper (Chairman), Mrs. M. Woodgate, Messrs  
A. Alexander, B. Horsley, A. Perfect, & Parishioners + the clerk.

1. Minutes of previous meeting read - signed as true record.
2. Matters arising - insurance - suggested by Dis. Auditor  
that a quote be obtained from municipal - mutual.  
Councillors agreed that no fidelity insurance is necessary.  
Home watch meeting to go ahead on 15th July 1992 7.30 p.m.

3. Planning. No objections to: Replacement bungalow - garage  
at Port à doris, The Green (S. Youngs)  
+ Replacement windows at Thatched Farm, Wickhampton  
(Mr. Adey).

(Sub. comm. had no obj. to extensions at 314 Brickyard Court)  
Letter of reply sent to Mr. Kingwell (B.D.C. Planning Dept)  
- that P.C. stand by their decision that route two village  
for abattoir traffic is hazard for children. Junction is  
unsuitable for size of lorries.

Mrs. K. Dempsey told P. Council that E. Electricity have  
erected sub-station in front of her lounge window and  
on Children's Play Area. Letter to B.D.C. (copy to E. Electricity)  
deploring siting. Also to report condition of Play Area  
to B.D.C. and clarify position re. upkeep.

4. Finance - cheque for £250 had been received from  
Chief Education Officer (one-off grant towards Car Park  
repairs) this amount paid by cheque to Village Hall.

Quotations for replacement village sign -

John High £485 (wood)

Ted Forster £550 (fibreglass - would to be retained  
by P. Council)

Deck Allen - £225 (wood)



Mr. Alexander said he thought fibre-glass to be most suitable material and if P.C. decided on this he is willing to give £250 already loaned to P.C. as donation towards cost of new Sign.

Letter to be sent to Cantley Sugar Factory requesting possibility of a donation.

Parishioners have asked about possibility of P.C. providing two seats for pensioners who walk to collect pensions at Post office. To be considered when next precept amount is set.

S. A.O.B. Clerk read letter of reply from Mr. John Hirst re underground shelter at Palmer's lane.

Copies had been received of correspondence between Miss Nichola Bland and Richard Ryder M.P. & Education office re overcrowding & lack of facilities at Fickthorpe C.P. School.

P. Council agreed to support School Governors in suggestions to Highway Dept for improving safety at Blacksmith's Shop Corner.

B. Horsley hopes to represent P.C. at B.D.C. Open Day on July 17th 1992.

A. Perfect stated that path near "Lantref" is in a very dangerous state. Letter to Highways Dept.

Mr. D. Gint to be reminded about collecting Footpath Signs. Further enquiries to be made about Wick. Pond.

Next meeting - Monday, 7th Sept 1992  
7.30 p.m.

Res 7.9.92.



Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at Freethorpe Village  
Hall - Monday, 7th Sept 1992 4.30 p.m.

Apology - M. R. Stenholm.

1. Present - M. R. Pipes (Chairman) Mrs M. Woodgate, Messrs  
A. Alexander, B. Horsley, D. Gint, A. Perfect, Roger Wade  
(Tree Warden) one parishioner and the clerk.

2. Minutes read & signed as a true record.

3. m/aring - British Sugar had donated £150 towards cost  
of new Village Sign. Council agreed that clerk write  
to Mr. Ted Forster asking him to make a new sign in  
fibro-glass (as quoted £550).

Easton Electricity had written re screening of sub-station at  
old Cricket Ground - reply that this would seem to be in  
order providing Dempsey are in agreement BUT P.C. do not  
accept responsibility for shrubs.

Mr. Gint to arrange collection of sign-posts from Frotham.

Clerk had received letter re possibility of speed limit  
(Freethorpe to be added to list of those waiting)

Highways Dept are laying footpath at Blacksmith's Shop -  
Corner past Telephone kiosk (which will be replaced  
by new model).

Wickhampton residents await visit from Volunteer Group,  
re work on Village Pond.

4. Planning - <sup>P.C.</sup> Supported application for porch at  
Freethorpe C.P. School.

No obj. to extension No. 43 <sup>Plot</sup> Old Cricket Ground (S. Youngs)

5. Finance - cheque signed (Audit Comm) £34.63

6. A.O.B. letter to be sent to Highways Dept re  
flooding near "North End Cottage" unapplied (P. Shorter)  
(? Sand Bags) The Green (main drain silted up).

Path near Cartref extremely dangerous

A. Perfect - had been asked by Hamewatch organisers  
to ask for P.C. donation towards signs. Prop A. Alexander  
Sec D. Gint - £25 (when needed) All in favour.



The Tree Warden (Roger Wade) spoke about his work, explaining that one aim of the scheme is to encourage more tree planting. He said that 100% Grants are available for village projects and that he will encourage children from Freethorpe School to help with the planting. Councillors agreed to bring to next meeting suggestions on suitable areas for tree planting. Mr. Ogden had written re oak trees opposite the School. Roger Wade to look at these and give a price for making them safe.

next meeting - Monday 5th October 1992 - 7.30 p.m.

Signed

date.

5.10.92

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Freethorpe Bowls Pavilion - Monday, 5th October 1992 - 7.30 p.m.

Apolegics - Messrs. R. Strehelm, D. Gint, A. Perfect.

1. Present - Mr. R. Pipes (Chairman), Mrs. M. Woodgate, Messrs A. Alexander, B. Horsley, R. Wade (Tree Warden), 2 Parishioners and the Clerk.

2. Minutes read & signed as a true record.

3. M/aring - Mr. Forster has agreed to make new Village Sign - letters to be sent to J. High - D. Allen.

Chairman had received complaint about new foot-path making road narrow - but it was felt that there is no reason for complaint.

Nothing further to report re Wickhampton Pond. Highways Dept.

- Path near "Larkref" is included in programme of work which has been held up awaiting owners' permission for purchase of land. Mr. Wade had presented price for work needed on 2 Oak Trees opposite School - £350.

This to be passed on to Village Hall - Playing field Committee

(Mr. Strehelm) with copies of estimate & letter from B.D.C. It is expected that P. Council will be able to contribute towards cost in a few months' time.

Tree planting - suggested by B. Horsley that trees be planted along Chapel field opposite bungalows to Butt Hole.

Mrs Woodgate suggested that a few could be planted at Wickhampton (Thatched Farm area) Tree Warden to look at these sites and also to set out whether grants



are available for this project.

4 Finance - no transactions

5 Planning - sub-comm. had no objections to J.W. Fisher's Application for 18 dwellings at the Abattoir site.

6 A.O.B. Shetroy Trust is asking for names of needy people in the Parish so that Christmas Hampers can be provided. Names to be sent by 16.11.92.

Civic Service - 25.10.92 Ade Parish Church. Mrs. Woodgate and the Clerk hope to attend.

Mr. Alexander reported hole in the road near "West Bech" The Green - likely to be due to Subsidence. Highways Dept. to be informed.

next meeting - Monday 2nd Nov. 1992

7.30 p.m. Bowls Pavilion.

A B Alexander Chairman.  
2nd November update.



Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Freethorpe  
Village Hall on Monday, 2nd November 1992 - 7.30 p.m.

1. Apologies from R. Pipes, R. Stacholm, B. Horsley  
Present - Mr. A. Alexander (acting chairman) Mrs. M. Woodgate  
Mr. D. Gint, Mr. A. Perfect, 3 Parishioners + the clerk.

2. Minutes read & signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising - names to be forwarded to Shelroy  
Trust - Mrs. P. Dewing, 3 Low Rd, Wickhampton  
and Mr. & Mrs Barton, Grove Farm, Moulton St. Mary.  
Oak trees at Playing Field have been made safe.

4. Planning - No objections to plan by Mr. Stanley Youngs  
for 6 2 bedrmd. Semi-det. bungalows at Wood yard,  
The Green, Freethorpe.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to Mr. J. Hirst  
and Mr. R. Hollyman, owners of derelict houses  
which are an eyesore and could be health hazard if  
there is <sup>semin</sup> rat infestation.

5. Finance - cheque signed CPRE £12.00 Ann. Sub.  
Royal British Legion £11.15 (Poppy wreaths)

6. A.O.B. - clerk to enquire when new <sup>public</sup> telephone will be <sup>connected</sup> installed.  
Highways Dept- to be informed that flooding has  
occurred during heavy rain-fall at -  
lower Green (near Farmhouse) School Road,  
Top Common near village boundary, Halvergate Road.  
Also Hole in footpath near No. 2 Council Houses  
The Green. (apparently following Eastern Electricity  
working).

Next meeting - Monday, 14 Dec. 1992 7.30 p.m.

Signed

Boris Pavilion

date

7.12.92



Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at  
Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 7th Dec 1992

Apology - Mr. R. Stokholm.

Present. Mr. R. Pipes (Chairman), Mrs. M. Woodgate,  
Messrs. A. Alexander, B. Horsley, D. Gint, A. Perfect.

1. Minutes read. Signed as true record.
2. M/aring - Hole in footpath near No. 2 Council House.  
The Green is now very dangerous - to be reported again  
as needing urgent attention. It was noted that  
flooding near Lower Green Farmhouse has been  
much less since drain was cleared by Dr. Ireland.
3. Planning - Sub comm. had no objections to plans  
for changes at Flower Shop (Mr. - Mrs. A. Moll).
4. Finance - Cheque Signed C.A.B. £10.00 ann. donation
5. A.O.B. Complaint from Mrs. Norma Roe re dogs  
fouling footpaths. Decided to support Kingwood  
& N. Burlingham Parish Council's proposals re  
Planning Policy etc. Decided to send letter  
to Mr. Frank Siddall (District Councillor) who is in  
Hospital. Flooding at Wickhampton to be  
reported to Highways Dept (mentioning drain  
near Barn at how Rd) Mrs. Woodgate asked  
about Playground Equipment and Safety regulations  
- she was advised to contact B.D.C. for  
information. Various booklets were distributed.

Next meeting Monday 11th Jan 1993

7.30 p.m. Village Hall

Signed  
date

11.1.93.



Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Freethorpe  
Village Hall on Monday 11th Jan 1993 at 7.30 p.m.

Apology - Mrs. M. Woodgate

Present - Mr. R. Pipes (Chairman), Messrs. A. Alexander, D. Gint,  
B. Horsley, R. Stockholm, A. Perfect, 2 Parishioners + the Clerk.

1. Minutes read & signed as true record.
2. Matters arising - Councillors asked the Clerk to write to Highways Dept re poor quality of work carried out on footpath near No. 2 Council House, The Green. No improvement re dogs fouling footpaths - Mr. Horsley suggested that the Clerk obtains printed notices from Broadland D.C.
3. Planning - Sub-committee had seen plans for a replacement bungalow at Port a Doris, which they supported. Representative of Planning Committee (B.D.C.) had telephoned Mr. Pipes re development next Post office. First set of plans had been turned down, but B.D.C. seem more likely to agree if development includes Hirst's farm buildings.
4. Finance - Clerk had prepared a list of Cash in hand and likely expenditure for 1993/4. Councillors discussed amount of precept, bearing in mind that a donation had been promised to Playing Field Committee re work carried out on trees, also that it had been suggested that the Parish Council might like to provide benches at two points in the village and that Wickhampton Playing Field Committee are likely to ask for help in bringing their equipment up to new Health & Safety regulations standard.  
Prop. A. Alexander, Sec. D. Gint that precept be £2000 All in favour.



Any other business - following matters to be reported  
to Highways Dept - large hole in road  
near Church hole. Mud, potatoes, water  
holes in road near Birch House. Old Chapel Rd.

next meeting - Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 1993 7.30 p.m.

changed at Chairman's request

to 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 1993

Signed

date

15.2.93.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting - Mon. 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 1993  
7.30 p.m.

Apologies - Messrs. A. Alexander, & R. Stanholm.

Present - Mr. R. Pipes (Chairman), Mrs. M. Woodgate, Mr. D. Gint,  
Mr. B. Horsley, Mr. A. Perfect, 8 Parishioners & the Clerk.

1. Minutes read. Signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising. Notices had been displayed re  
dogs fouling footpaths.
3. Planning - 2 Appeals against refusal for <sup>planning</sup> permission
  - ① Stanley Youngs re site at Builders Yard, The Green.  
Parish Council had no further comments to make
  - ② J. W. Fisher (meats) Ltd. re extensions to Abattoir.  
Several parishioners spoke about their concerns  
if appeal is successful. Clerk was asked to write  
to Secretary of State re-affirming Parish Council's  
concern about access, safety for pedestrians  
especially children, extra traffic, larger vehicles,  
general hygiene standards. Added concern that  
abattoir vehicles will be prohibited from using  
new estate road at Youngs Crescent.



The Chairman advised Parishioners to make their objections known to the Secretary of State.

#### 4. Finance

- 5 A.O.B. Re-numbering. the Chairman reported on a meeting with Mrs Hawkes (of B.D.C.). A plan will be devised and submitted for approval. Householders will be given a certificate to cover change in address.

Highways Dept have been unable to purchase necessary land to widen footpath near "Larkref". Clerk was asked to write suggesting that path be made on opposite side of road where land is available. (Copies of this letter and those re J.W. Fisher etc to be sent to Insp. G. Hooke)

Councillors were given copies of questionnaire for N.C.C.

Letter to Highways reporting uneven road (following repairs) near 2 Council Houses, Law Rd, Wickhampton.

Wickhampton Pond - no word about clearance. Edits to contact B.D.C. Voluntary Group again.

next meeting Monday 15th March 1993

7.30 p.m.

Signed

date

11.3.93



Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at  
Freethope Village Hall on Monday, 15th March 1993

Present: Mr. R. Pipes (Chairman) Mrs M. Woodgate Messrs  
A. Alexander, B Horsley, R. Strickland, Dr Grint. 3  
Parishioners and the Clerk.

1. Minutes read - signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising - no further correspondence re Appeals against refusal of planning permission. The Clerk had contacted BDC re Wickhampton Pond - Mr. Stephen Harris to be reminded that he promised to contact Mrs Woodgate.
3. Planning - Mr. & Mrs K. Adey have appealed against refusal of Planning Permission for replacement windows at Thatched Farm, Wickhampton. Parish Council had no objections but did not wish to make any further comments.
4. Finance - cheque £289.00 signed (B.D.C.)
5. A.O.B. Renumbering - Councillors examined plans sent by Mrs. Hawkes, and decided to opt for Scheme A for The Common i.e. renumbering all houses as against keeping present numbers for dwellings. The Common to be from "Arnetta" to The Stores and the remainder to be known as Chapelfield. The Green to be numbered from Blacksmith's Shop End.

Highways Dept to be asked to give urgent attention to dealing with blocked drain opposite Village Clock.



Broadland D.C. to be told that dogs are fouling  
their Play Area at Youngs Crescent - suggested  
that a notice prohibiting dogs might be appropriate.

Annual Parish Council - Tuesday 20.4.93 7p.m.  
Meeting same evening 7.30p.m.

signed.

*[Signature]*

20.4.93.