

FREETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL  
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MEETING OF FREETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT FREETHORPE VILLAGE HALL -23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2001 -7.30.p.m.

Present: Roger Pipes, Dennis Grint, David Wright, Janet Church, Linda Turner, Michael Blake, David Lake, Mike North over [District councillor], four parishioners and the clerk.

The clerk welcomed those present, and invited the councillors to nominate a chairman for the coming year. Proposed D.Grint, Sec. M.Blake that Roger Pipes be re-elected - all in favour. The chairman then asked for nominations for Vice-chairman - proposed David Lake, sec. David Wright that Dennis Grint be re-elected - all in favour. Proposed by Dennis Grint, Sec. By Linda Turner that Edith Moll continues as responsible financial officer and as clerk for the coming year at a salary of £480.00 per annum plus expenses. All in favour. Internal auditor for coming year - proposed Janet Church, sec. Roger Pipes that Michael Blake be appointed. All in favour.

1. Minutes had been circulated, and these were signed as a true record.

2. Matters arising: Mike Northover to make enquiries at B.D.C. with regard to provision of dog bins. The clerk had spoken to Adrian Barber re village clean up, and the cub scouts are willing to undertake this work - probably some time in May. Councillors had studied the Government White Paper which proposes sweeping changes for Parish Councils. Following comments to be made to B.D.C. with a copy of letter going to Keith Simpson [M.P. for Mid Norfolk] : councillors felt that the White Paper is geared to much larger councils, that training time for councillors and clerks would be excessive and result in less participation in work of Parish Councils by parishioners in full time employment thereby limiting the wide range of interests and expertise as represented on present Council. Councillors are against the grouping of parishes, feeling that this would result in a loss of local interest, and it is also felt that matters like transport would be difficult to deal with at Parish Council level, and are better left as at present.

N.C.C. had replied to letter re gulley at back Wickhampton road, and this is receiving attention.

3. FINANCE: the clerk presented copies of the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2001, and these were examined. Prop. D.GRINT, sec. M.BLAKE that these be approved. All in favour. It was noted that the insurance premium of £401.68 will become due while cheque book is at the auditors, and in between meetings. The clerk was authorized to pay this amount at the appropriate time.

4. Planning - the clerk said that the sub-committee had seen plans for an extension of the entrance at Freethorpe C.P.School. She had also received an update re application by J.W.FISHER [MEATS] for 18 houses at site of abattoir. Mike Northover said that he would make enquiries at B.D.C. with regard to this, although it was noted that the Parish Council had supported original application with a proviso regarding the upkeep of green area at the site.

5. A.O.B. following to be reported to N.C.C. Highways Dept -flooding near No. 1 Council House, Low Road, Wick Hampton -photos as proof, flooding at Wickhampton end of Palmers Lane, need for clearing dirt and stones from road at the junction of Low Road & Church Road, Wickhampton. Also, clerk to report to Fire Service that three water hydrants have been vandalised -Chapel field & The Common. It was noted that Wickhampton Society are to erect a sign at the Bridleway near to Wickhampton Church. Dennis Grint asked that Village Hall & Playing Field Committee be made aware of new rules re Disabled toilets etc. - Janet Church said that she would make sure that this is mentioned at the committee's next meeting.  
Next meeting - Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2001 -7.30p.m. Freethorpe Village Hall.

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21.5.01.



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Minutes of ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held at Freethorpe Village Hall on  
Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2001 at 8 p.m.

Present: 7 Parish Councillors [Roger Pipes presiding], Mike Northover, four parishioners and the clerk.

1. Minutes of last Annual Parish Meeting were read and signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising: re Bus service - it was eventually decided that the only solution to the problem was to continue using Youngs Crescent as this seemed the only way in which elderly parishioners living on the Common would be saved from walking down to the Blacksmith's Shop corner to catch buses into town.
3. A report on the work of the Walpole Almshouse Charity was presented by Mrs. Freda Pipes who stated that alarm systems had been provided for the tenants. Talks are under way with regard to the installation of showers. The accounts book was made available for perusal, also the audited accounts for the previous year.
4. In his chairman's report, Roger Pipes said that, as usual, roads, drains etc. had taken up most of the council's time during the past year, but they had also made a grant of £2,000 towards the new roof at the Village Hall, and had earmarked a sum of £500 for tree planting to mark the Millennium [ this being in connection with the Countryside Scheme in which Hirst Farms are participating] He thanked Mike Northover, [district councillor] for his help and interest during the year, and also mentioned Shaun Murphy who had been our County Councillor, but who will be standing for another area at the June elections.
5. Representative to Village Hall & Playing Field Committee - Prop. Janet Church, sec. By Michael Blake that Linda Turner be reelected. All in favour.
6. A.O.B. Andrew Dawson, a parishioner, said he had four matters to bring to the attention of the meeting. 1. Urgent need for roads to be re-surfaced - pot-holes everywhere and uneven surfaces make things very difficult for cyclists, and make for water standing on roads, splashing from cars etc. 2. Dogs fouling foot-paths make for bad conditions for children walking to school and for pedestrians especially at night. 3. He complained about poor work done by council workers who trim banks etc. 4. He expressed concern about evidence that young people who frequent cycle shed at Freethorpe C.P.School in the evenings are leaving evidence of drug abuse, and he is concerned about effects on younger children at the school who may be drawn into the drugs scene. The chairman explained that the Parish Council has made several requests to the Highways Dept. re pot-holes etc., but have been told that a major road programme is still some time off because of shortage of money. The dogs fouling will be included again in Yarmouth Mercury report, the district councillor is looking into the possibility of provision of dog bins, and the clerk pointed out that little else can be done unless parishioners are prepared to name dog-owners who allow fouling to take place. State of footpaths will again be reported to Highways Dept, as will drainage problems. Hedge-cutting policy, said the chairman, is probably made to help preserve wild life. The clerk was asked to contact Terry Ogden [HEAD TEACHER] re problem at school, and report to next P.C.Meeting. Peggy Watson asked that flooding At Palmers Lane [WICKHAMPTON END] be reported to the Highways Dept.

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2001 at 7.30.p.m.

Apologies had been received from Dennis Grint & Michael Blake.

Present Roger Pipes [presiding], David Wright, Linda Turner, Janet Church, David Lake, 3 parishioners and the clerk. In attendance - District Councillor -Mike Northover

1. Minutes had been circulated, and were signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising - Monica Harrold of B.D.C. has said that dog bins are available, but she suggested that both Parish Council and Playing field committee be asked to suggest suitable venues, and these will then be notified to N.C.C. Highways Dept. for a decision on the most suitable. P.C. suggested the following places;- near Electricity sub-station on Chapelfield, on green area at corner of School Road and on corner between the Green and Palmers Lane.  
The clerk had spoken to Mr. Terry Ogden [Head teacher] re problems mentioned at Parish Meeting, and he had raised the issue with the School Governors and matter is being dealt with.  
The clerk reported that the Cub Scouts had taken part in a Village Clean-up, and it was agreed that a donation be sent from next meeting [as books are at the Auditors]
3. Finance - the clerk reported that an internal audit had been carried out before the books had been taken to the District Auditor.  
The following amounts had been paid into the Parish Council's Giro account by direct debit - £1,000.00 [first part of the precept], and £21.67 [VAT repayment]. It was noted that a cheque for Cornhill Insurance [£401.68] will be paid out as soon as the books are returned from the Auditors as this becomes due on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2001.
4. Planning - sub-committee had supported an application for extension at Bumblebee Cottage, The Common, Freethorpe.
5. Any other business -the clerk had been advised of a change of licensee at the Rampant Horse Public House - from R.J.Alexander to David & Jacqueline Crowe. B.D.C. had asked whether the Parish Council would like to change back to them for servicing Paper Bank, but it was decided to keep with N.C.C. as at present.  
Mr. Fielding, parishioner, spoke about vehicles exceeding speed limit, especially between 7.30. and 8.30a.m. and 5.30. and 6.30.p.m.- clerk to report to Norfolk Constabulary, and suggest need for monitoring speed of vehicles.

Next meeting at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2001 -7.30.p.m.

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Minutes of Freethorpe Parish Council meeting  
held at Freethorpe Village Hall on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2001 at 7.30.p.m.

Present: Roger Pipes [presiding], David Wright, Janet Church, Linda Turner, Michael Blake, one parishioner and the clerk. In attendance - Mike North over [District Councillor]. Apologies from David Lake and Dennis Grint, and from Brian Iles, newly elected County Councillor.

1. Minutes had been circulated, and were signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising: Janet Church reported that the following venues had been suggested by Village Hall & Playing Field committee for placement of dog bins - Youngs Crescent, Near Telephone Kiosk, near Electricity Sub station, at corner of Palmer's Lane. Council agreed to send these suggestions to B.D.C., together with a request for a litter bin to be placed at Youngs Crescent [green area]. It was agreed that the donation to Cub Scouts funds be £20.00.
3. Planning - council supported further application by Peter Key for barn conversions and garages at Grove Farm, Moulton St. Mary. Sub-committee had supported amended application by Mr. N. Spencer for extensions at Bumblebee Cottage, The Common, Freethorpe, and an application for extensions at Cherry Tree Cottage, Wickhampton.
4. Finance - The chairman read the District Auditor's report, and the comments were noted. The audited accounts were examined by councillors, and the chairman signed the auditor's report ready for posting.  
Cheques were signed for burial grounds funds at All Saints Church, Freethorpe, St. Andrew's Church, Wickhampton and Freethorpe Methodist Church @ £150.00 each, the clerk's salary £480.00 plus expenses of £14.47, Cub Scouts £20.00 and NCAPTC £114.60. The clerk was authorised to transfer £300.00 from the deposit to the current account with GIRO.
5. A.O.B. -Dennis Grint to be asked to look at seat near Village Pump as some repairs are needed. Highways Dept. to be informed about three drains on Old Chapel Road which are blocked by mud. Wickhampton Society secretary, Betty Lacey, had written to ask for help with regard to cleaning out the Village Pond, and the clerk was asked to enquire about the possibility of grant aid etc. The chairman had received complaints from parishioners about the traffic hazard caused by parking of large vehicles at the Garage, and the clerk was asked to write to David and Kevin Grint about this problem. Various books & leaflets were distributed.

Next meeting - Freethorpe Village Hall -Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2001 -7.30.p.m.

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall  
on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2001 at 7.30.p.m.

Present: Roger Pipes [presiding], David Wright, Janet Church, Linda Turner, Michael Blake, David Lake and the clerk. In attendance - Brian Iles [Norfolk County Councillor]

APOLOGIES were received from Mike North over [District Councillor] and from Dennis Grint.

1. Minutes had been circulated, and were signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising: the clerk read a letter she had received from David Grint re unsatisfactory parking of large vehicles outside the Garage. Highways Dept. have said that they will clean out the three blocked drains at Old Chapel Road during the next month. The clerk had been in touch with Mr. Woollacott of Norfolk County Council re possible grant towards clearance work at Wickhampton Village pond, and he is to arrange a meeting with a member of the Wickhampton Society to assess the situation. Dennis Grint had carried out a temporary repair to the seat at the Village Pump area, and will be doing a more permanent job later on. The clerk had sent a sketch map showing venues suggested for dog and litter bins, and we await approval from Highways Dept.
3. There were no further planning applications.
4. Finance: Prop. M. Blake, Sec. D. Lake that the P.C. sends donations of £25.00 each to Norwich & District Citizens' Advice Bureau and to Norfolk Accident Rescue Service - all in favour, and cheques were signed for this amount. It was noted that the clerk had received a cheque for £113.83 for contents of the Paper bank. Michael Blake to carry out internal audit.
5. A.O.B.: It was noted that foot and mouth restrictions had been lifted. Janet Church [chairperson of Freethorpe Village Hall & Playing Field Committee] reported that there had been a letter of complaint to Broadland District Council re state of the Playing Field, and the committee had received a long list of items needing attention. Nick Spencer is applying for a Lottery grant towards this work. The clerk mentioned sign post at bottom of School Road as needing attention. Mr. Iles, newly elected County Councillor, said that he would be querying the amount charged for audit of Parish Council accounts [bearing in mind that internal audits are carried out at regular intervals], and lack of proper sign-posting for the villages in this area.

Next P. C. Meeting - Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2001 - 7.30.p.m. at Freethorpe Village Hall.

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# **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2001 at 7.30.p.m.**

Apologies received from Mr. B. Iles [Norfolk County Councillor], and Mr. M. Blake.

Present Roger Pipes [presiding], Dennis Grint, David Wright, Janet Church, Linda Turner, David Lake, 2 Parishioners and the clerk. In attendance -Mr. M. North over [District Councillor].

1. Minutes were signed as a true record.

2. Matters arising - Mr. Iles is meeting Martin Shaw re road signs, and understands that priority for change is being given to our local villages.

Sign-post on School Road has been repaired. Form for grant aid for Wickhampton Pond clearance has been received. Wickhampton Society are obtaining the two quotes which are needed. P.C. will then apply. Later on a letter to be sent to Mr. Kendle at "The Orchards", Low Road, Wickhampton explaining ownership details etc.

The chairman said that the Parish Council would expect to contribute to cost, this to be budgeted for on next precept.

Four dog bins and one litter bins have been placed at various points in Freethorpe, these however need to be permanently fixed, and David Grint has kindly agreed to get this work done [map to be sent] David Lake requested that the P.C. ask for a further dog bin [to be positioned on grass verge near Children's Play Area at Wickhampton]

3. Planning - P.C. had received notification of two breaches of planning regulations - building at rear of Rampant Horse P.H., and satellite dish on listed building -67, The Green, Freethorpe.

4. Finance - Mr. Michael Blake had carried out an internal audit -everything satisfactory. Letter had been received from B.D.C. re possible curtailment of payments for materials collected for re-cycling, but N.C.C. have set price to 2002 for waste paper. Clerk to attend meeting at Thorpe Lodge on 26.9.01 when subject is Waste Management Strategy. Clerk had received price list of Golden Jubilee items, but no action to be taken at least until enquiries are made about C.P.School arrangements.

5. A.O.B. -Shelroy Trust again offering Xmas hampers for needy people - Parish Councillors were asked to write down suggestions for recipients, and hand to clerk at the next meeting. Electoral review - clerk was asked to request an increase in number of councillors on the grounds of population being doubled in past thirty years. Evening News has asked for agendas and minutes of P.C.Meetings -clerk to send these. N.C.C.Highways to be informed of pot-hole which has appeared on Old Chapel Road [opposite Nellie's Cottage]. Low Road residents have informed N.C.C. about further flooding.

Margaret Woodgate informed meeting that family of the late Andrew Lees wish to erect a memorial to him near Wickhampton Church - P.C. have no objections.

Margaret also expressed concern about safety of children and pedestrians [especially senior citizens] at road junctions near School and Post Office. P.C. decided to write to N.C.C. asking for their suggestions for dealing with these hazards [speed of vehicles being a key factor] -

Janet Church said she would expect a committee to be formed at next Village Hall and Playing Field meeting to deal with arrangements for celebration of Queen's Golden Jubilee.

Next P.C.Meeting - Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2001 at Freethorpe Village Hall.

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Minutes of Meeting of Freethorpe Parish Council held on Monday, 22nd October 2001  
at Freethorpe Village Hall at 7.30.p.m.

Apology received from Mr. B. Iles [Norfolk County Councillor]

Present - Roger Pipes [presiding], David Wright, Janet Church, Linda Turner, Michael Blake,  
 David Michael Lake, one parishioner and the clerk. In attendance - Mike Northover [District Councillor].

1. Minutes had been circulated, and were agreed and signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising - N.C.C. had replied to letter requesting suggestions for safety measures at Blacksmith's Shop Corner and at junction of The Green and Palmer's Lane. Traffic Engineer will be visiting the site and reporting back. [copy of N.C.C. letter to be sent to Mr. Edward Gilder, Governor at Freethorpe C.P.School who had said that the school authorities are also worried about the safety aspect for children]  
Golden Jubilee celebrations- the matter was discussed at the recent meeting of the Freethorpe Village Hall and Playing Field committee, and it was felt that a letter to parishioners should come from the Parish Council. Some councillors volunteered to deliver letters to each house in the Parish inviting people to attend a meeting at Freethorpe Village Hall at 8.15.p.m. on 26th November 2001 [after next P.C.Meeting]  
 Mr. Iles has spoken to Mr. Martin Shaw about problems with Route Hierarchy, and will report on this to the next P.C.meeting. Councillors were asked to let the clerk have before the next meeting any specific suggestions for improvements in present sign-posting.  
 SHELROY TRUST HAMPERS - no suggestions were brought to the meeting, but later on Janet Church suggested that a hamper should be requested for Mrs. Eva Burton of 40, The Green, Freethorpe.
3. Planning - the sub-committee had supported an application by Dr. and Mrs. Edlestone for barn conversion to 3 dwellings at Church Farmhouse, The Green, Freethorpe.
4. Finance - a cheque was signed for CPRE [£17.50] -annual subscription.  
 Letter from East Anglian Air Ambulance asking for financial support - decision to be made in January when precept for 2002 -3 is set.
5. A.O.B. - Various booklets were distributed.  
 Letter had been received from Freethorpe Playgroup re siting a mobile classroom in corner of Playing Field. Clerk to enquire whether matters like planning permission, security, toilet facilities etc. had been adequately considered. P.C. would like to be kept informed of progress with this project.  
 Janet Church asked about dates for an Amenity Skip at Village Hall., and also mentioned problems with young people on Friday evenings. Enquiries are being made about possibility of providing activities to help with this.

NEXT MEETING - Monday, 26th November 2001 at 7.30.p.m. Freethorpe Village Hall.  
 to be followed by meeting at 8.15.p.m. to discuss Golden Jubilee matters.

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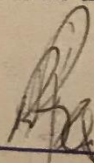


Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall  
on Monday, 26th November 2001 at 7.30p.m.

Apologies received from Michael Blake and from Mr. B. Iles [Norfolk County Councillor] who has a meeting at same time re Route Hierarchy.

Present: Roger Pipes [presiding], Dennis Grint, David Wright, Janet Church, Linda Turner, David Lake, 3 parishioners and the clerk. In attendance - Mr. M. Northover [District Councillor].

1. Minutes had been circulated, and were signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising: Norfolk C.C. had replied to letter re traffic problems near C.P. School and Post Office, but apart from putting a SLOW sign near Post Office, they thought that only other action necessary is appointment of Schools Crossing Patrol. Copy of their letter to be sent to Edward Gilder, with query regarding the advertising for someone to be employed for this post which has been vacant for approximately 2 years.  
Clerk has arranged for B.D.C. Skip at Freethorpe Village Hall - 11th January 2002.
3. Planning - sub-committee had supported application by Mr. K. Colman for access to stable at Manor House, Freethorpe.
4. Finance - following cheques were authorized for payment - British Legion £16.25 for Poppy wreath, and Audit Commission - £145.94.
5. A.O.B. - Norfolk Police Authority had sent details regarding Mobile Police Office which has been located at various points in the district for the past four weeks. Council agreed to go ahead with re-cycling of yellow pages, providing suitable arrangements are made about collection.  
Clerk was asked to send to B.D.C. for a copy of booklet re unstable memorials.  
Mr. Nick Spencer spoke about the National Lottery Grant application which he is making on behalf of the Village Hall and Playing Field Committee.  
Next meeting will be at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 7th January 2002, [Mike Northover apologised for absence on that day]  
AT 8.15.p.m. on 26th November 2001, a meeting had been called for suggestions and ideas about parish celebrations to mark the Queen's Golden Jubilee in June 2002. Although over 400 invitations had been distributed, there was no response so it is assumed that there is no interest in such celebrations.



7.1.02



Minutes of Meeting of Freethorpe Parish Council  
held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 7th Jan. 2002 at 7.30p.m.

Apologies received from Mike Northover and David Wright.

Present - Roger Pipes [presiding], Dennis Grint, Janet Church, Linda Turner, David Lake, one parishioner and the clerk.

1. Minutes had been circulated, and were signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising - letter from N.C.C. said they would look at extension of speed limit at southern end of The Green/Reedham Road [2003/4 programme], also there had been suggestions from School governors re extension of parking prohibiting lines near the school gates. The clerk had received a copy of the BDC document re unstable memorials, and it was decided to send a photo-copy to Barbara Taylor and Geoffrey Moll re the church-yard at All Saints Parish Church and the cemetery at the Methodist Church.
3. Finance - a copy of the budget for 2002 - 3 <sup>(overleaf)</sup> is attached. Councillors noted that a large amount of money is needed to bring the children's Play Area at the Playing Field up to required standards, and it was agreed to make a donation of £2,000 this year, and possibly again next year. the £500 earmarked for environmental improvement [tree planting etc.] to be spent in pond clearance at the Wickhampton Village Pond. Proposed D Grint, Seconded by Roger Pipes that the precept be set at £4,000, all in favour. It was agreed that the donation to Freethorpe Village Hall remains at £600.00, and that the clerk's salary be increased to £500.00 plus expenses.
4. Planning - sub-committee had supported application by Mrs. J. Barnes for a conservatory at Elm House, Wickhampton.
5. A.O.B. - it was agreed to take part in the re-cycling of Yellow Pages, this to be advertised, and people to be asked to save their old copies to place in a bin provided for this purpose and which will be placed at the Village Hall Car Park [April] Large skip will be at Village Hall Car Park for week-end from 11th Jan. for household refuse. David Grint had kindly fixed dog bins in position, and P.C. are grateful to him. Letter of thanks had been received from Mrs. Eva Burton re Christmas parcel from Shelroy Trust, and requested by P.C. Clerk to report to Highways sign-posts removed near Village Hall and at New Corner, Freethorpe. Clerk hopes to attend seminar at Thorpe Lodge re Local Plan [2000] on 11.1.02, and clerk and chairman to attend meeting at Thorpe Lodge on 23.1.02 re new Code of Conduct for councils.  
 Next meeting - MONDAY, 11th FEB. 2002 - 7.30p.m. Freethorpe Village Hall.

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11.02.02 ----- [date]



Freethorpe Parish Council - Financial statement at 7.1.02

IN BANK AS SHEETS

Current account        £1527.04 [AT 12.12.01]

UNPRESENTED CHEQUE £144.96 [Audit commission]

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1381.10 balance.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT        :£1009.91

the clerk pointed out that payment of £645.00 is due to Village Hall & Playing Field .  
In setting precept, P.C. must remember that an amount of £500 has been earmarked  
for environmental improvement [e.g. Tree planting], also Wickhampton Society has  
asked for support for clearance of Village Pond.

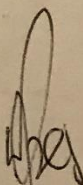
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BUDGET FOR 2002/3

Insurance	£425.00
Clerk	500.00
clerk's expenses	20.00 [approx.]
NCAPTC	120.00
Cemeteries	450.00
Audit commission	150.00
British Legion	17.50
Cit. Advice bureau	25.00
Accident rescue	25.00
CPRE	17.50
Sundries	35.00
Village Hall	600.00
Hire of hall	50.00
Grant for Play Area	2000.00
Wickhampton Pond	500.00
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PROP. D.GRINT , SEC. R.PIPES that precept be set at £4000.00. All agreed.  
It was also suggested that a further grant of £2000.00 be made for Play Area next year.

 11.02.02



**Minutes of meeting of Freethorpe Parish Council held  
on Monday, 11th February 2002 at Freethorpe Village Hall at 7.30.p.m.**

An apology was received from Mr. B. Iles [Norfolk County Councillor]

Present - Roger Pipes [presiding], Dennis Grint, David Wright, Janet Church, Linda Turner, David Lake, 5 Parishioners and the clerk. In attendance - Mr. M. Northover [District Councillor].

1. Minutes had been circulated, and were signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising - the clerk had attended the seminar at Thorpe Lodge re B.D.C. Local Plan, and the chairman and the clerk had attended the meeting re New Code of Conduct for Parish Councillors.  
Posters re collection of Yellow Pages for re-cycling were distributed.
3. Finance - a cheque was signed for Grint Drylinings [Freethorpe] Ltd. £173.90 for fixing dog bins etc in position.
4. A.O.B. Each councillor was given copy of booklet on New Code of Conduct for Parish Councillors. The Chairman explained that a Register of Interests will be kept by the clerk with a copy at Broadland District Council offices. It is hoped that as many councillors as possible will attend the meeting at Acle Recreation Centre on 21st February 2002 - 7.30.p.m. which will deal with this subject. Parish councillors will be asked to sign new code of conduct at April meeting, and new legislation will be officially adopted at the Annual Meeting in May.  
Mr. Dennis Grint left the meeting at this point as parishioners wished to raise a matter concerning his family business.  
Mr. McMartin spoke on behalf of parishioners who are concerned about the parking of large vehicles at Aitchison's Garage, causing obstruction to the highway and damage to grass verges creating a real danger to children and other pedestrians crossing or walking along The Green. Environmental issues were also mentioned - i.e. suspected rat infestation at rear of property, noise nuisance and spillage of fuel causing a fire hazard. The clerk was asked to write to Grint Drylinings [Freethorpe] Ltd. asking for action to improve the situation.  
P.C. voted unanimously for Elsie Grimson to be Parish Council member of the Broadland District Standards Committee.  
Clerk was asked to report to Highways Dept. - damage to road sign at Old Chapel Road and to sign-post at crossing of Palmer's Lane, Church Road Wickhampton and Mill Road. Pot holes need urgent attention near Lower Green Farmhouse, Low Road, Wickhampton [near Council Houses], and at junction of Old Chapel Road and The Common, Freethorpe.  
It was noted that Wickhampton Society have received two quotes for Pond clearance - £2,500 and £2,600 - more prices to be sought with hopes for a much lower amount.  
Various leaflets etc. were distributed.  
Next P.C. Meeting - Monday, 18th March 2002 at 7.30.p.m.

-----[signed] 18/02/02-----[date]



Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall  
on Monday, 18th March, 2002 at 7.30.p.m.

Present - Roger Pipes [presiding], David Wright, Linda Turner, Michael Blake, David Lake, Janet Church and Mike Northover [District Councillor].

1. Minutes had been circulated, and were signed as a true record.

2. Matters arising - the clerk and Linda Turner had attended the meeting at Acle on 21st February 2002 re New Code of Conduct for Parish Councillors.

Chairman read letter of resignation from Dennis Grint who objects to the new legislation. Letter of thanks to be sent to Mr. Grint. A letter was also received from David Wright who, owing to unforeseen circumstances, will be resigning in May 2002.

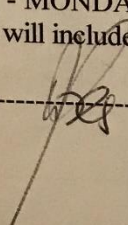
Wickhampton Society - David Lake reported that Margaret Woodgate had telephoned Mr. Barry Brooks who has offered to clean out Wickhampton Village Pond free of charge, as a service to the community.

3. FINANCE - cheque was signed for £645.00 for Freethorpe Village Hall and Playing Field Committee [donation of £600 plus £45.00 for hire of hall for meetings]  
Payment of £116.78 had been paid into current account by Broadland D. C. - payment for recycled glass.

4. PLANNING - sub-committee had agreed to support application by Mr. & Mrs. K. Grint for dwelling at 45a The Green, Freethorpe. [N.B. Janet Church had seen application instead of Dennis Grint who had an interest]  
Linda Turner was appointed to serve on the Planning Sub-committee in place of Dennis Grint. [Mike Northover to speak to Liz Ashness about position of sub-committee with new regulations]

5. A.O.B. - Clerk had been informed that a skip for household refuse only will be placed at Freethorpe Village Hall Car Park for 6th and 7th April 2002.  
New dog bin for Wickhampton was handed to David Lake, who kindly agreed to fix this in position near Children's Play Area at Wickhampton.  
Ed Wharton had telephoned the clerk asking for P.C. support for his application to join the Countryside Scheme - letter to be sent stating that the P.C. supports his application in principle subject to seeing plans denoting position of foot-paths etc. Various leaflets were distributed.

Next meeting - MONDAY, 15th APRIL 2002 7.30.p.m. Freethorpe Village Hall.  
when agenda will include councillors signing up to New code of conduct.

signed  date 15.04.02