

FREETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL  
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1997-1998

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 21st April 1997 - 7.30 p.m.

Apology - Mr. R. Pipes.

Present - Mr. D. Gint presiding, Mr. A. Perfect, Mr. D. Wight,

Mrs L. Turner, Mrs J. Church. In attendance the Community Policewoman.  
+ the clerk

1. Minutes were read - signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising - Mr. D. Gint reported on the excellent work being done at Village Pump Area by John High, but request to be made re more detailed invoices. No reply re recreation area at Youngs Crescent, but BDC are hoping to get Bottle Bank replaced by newer model from which bottles cannot be removed by would-be vandals. Highway Dept. are repairing pot-holes in April. Temporary work had been done at bend on Halvergate Road.
3. Finance - an essential payment of £1285.00 had been authorized between meetings in order to settle John High's account, but he is to be informed that this is a one-off emergency measure. Clerk was asked to contact Paul White re promised grant for Clock Area repairs.
4. Planning - P.C. supported revised plan 'E' for dwelling at 45a, The Green, Freethorpe (Ruth & Kevin Gint)
5. A.O.B. - at Mrs. Woodgate's suggestion, P.C. asked clerk to write to Planning Inspectorate expressing pleasure at outcome of Public Inquiry & supporting re-classification of CRB 2 & 10 as Bridleways.  
The Community Policewoman was asked to look into hazards of cars parking at night without lights and of speeding esp. 6.30 - 7.30 a.m.  
10 employees at Anglian Water had offered to work on a Village Project. At suggestion of Community Policewoman, P.C. discussed possibility of repairs to the



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Financial position as at 12.5.97

Balance in Giro account      £4410.43  
(at 11.4.97)

Precept payment  
banked    29.4.97                      1500.00

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5910.43  
1285.00

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4625.43

Due for payment on May 12th 1996 :

Payments made

April 14/97 J.High      £1285.00

J. High	3394.00
Cornhill Insurance	177.88
Matthew Smith	311.37
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	3883.25

## DUE FOR PAYMENT IN JUNE

3 cemeteries	150.00
Village Hall & Hire      ....	500.00
Clerk      approx.	265.00
Ann. sub to NCALC	101.00
+ stationery approx	10.00

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1026.00

N.B. Payment to Matthew Smith will be recouped from  
Insurance (£75.00 excess)

Grant from P.D.C. to come.

No other large payments until precept on 1st October 1997 -£1500.00



Village Pump.

next meeting - <sup>Monday</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> May 1997 7.30 p.m.  
(Annual P.C.)

Annual Parish Meeting 8 p.m.

Signed *AP*

date: 12.5.97

Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting held at  
Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 1997 7.30 p.m.

Apology from John Smithson (District and County Councillor) + D. Grint

1. Nomination of chairman - Prop. Alan Perfect. Sec. Janet Church  
that Roger Pipes be re-elected. All in favour

(Present - Mr. R. Pipes, Mr. A. Perfect, Mr. D. Wright, Mrs L. Turner,  
Mrs J. Church, 3 Parishioners and the Clerk).

Vice - chairman - Prop. D. Wright, Sec. L. Turner  
that Dennis Grint be re-elected. All in favour.

Clerk - prop. A. Perfect. Sec. J. Church that Edith Moll  
continue All in favour. (Salary as before)

2. minutes read + signed as true record.

3. m/A - no further contact with Anglian Water re  
work at Pump - as no funds available and would  
encroach on present work by John High.

Letter to Planning Inspectorate had been acknowledged  
- but Mrs Woodgate said this is not on file at County Hall.

A new enquiry is planned because of objections to  
ruling on bidleways (CRB 2 + 10).

4. Planning - P.C. Supported application by M. Smith  
for single-storey extension at 'Rogjan'. The Common.



5. Finance - Roger Pipes reported on all aspects of work at the Village Clock - Pump Area. P.C. finances only permit the one outstanding payment of £3394.00, and work must stop until further funds are available. It is expected that BDC will make a Minor Works Grant, and also donations to be invited in Y. Mercury report - to be made via the Clerk.

Cueques authorized - signed for J. High £3394.00.  
M. Smith £311.37. Cornhill Insurance £177.88.

Date for audit - 9. 6. 97.

6. A.O.B. Casual vacancy - BDC had no requests for a decision, so P.C. asked to Co-opt.

Two people interested - Michael Blake - Ted Brisler. P.C. felt that Wickhampton should be represented so Ted Brisler was unanimously appointed.

Trees - preservation order on <sup>oak</sup> tree between M. Smith's "Oakleigh" and Manor Farm Pond. Clerk to report dead oak tree at Halvergate Rd as being dangerous.

Post office had asked for any comments re operational aspects at new site - privacy for customers and consideration of needs of the elderly (chairs etc).

Any ideas re presentation to retiring Postmistress to be passed on to B. Yaxley or B. Horsley.

Kingwood - N. Burlingham P.C. had asked for copy of letters supporting changes in traffic control at White House Corner. N. Burlingham

Next meeting - Monday 23. 6. 97  
Village Hall 7.30 p.m.

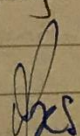
Signed  
date



Minutes of  
Annual Parish Meeting held at Freetho  
Village Hall (following Annual Parish Council)

Present - 7 Parish Councillors, (Roger Piper  
the clerk and 1 Parishioner.

1. Minutes read - signed as a true record.
2. No matters arising.
3. Walpole Almshouse Charity - Edith Moll  
gave a report in which she said that the  
have applied to Charity Commission to amalgamate  
the charities, also an application has been made  
to de-register from the Housing Corporation.  
The accounts to 31. 3. 96 were available  
for examination.
4. Alan Parker agreed to continue as P.C. representative  
on the Village Hall & Playing Field Committee

  
signed  
date. 23.6.97



Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1997 at 7.30 p.m.

Apology - Mr. John Smithson (County & District Councillor)

Present - Mr. R. Pipes presiding, Messrs A. Perfect, D. Grint, D. Wright, E. Brister, Mrs J. Church, Mrs L. Turner, 3 Parishioners and the clerk.

1. Minutes read and signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising - Public Inquiry re bidleways - CRB 2 & 10 at Freethorpe Village Hall - 10 a.m. - 30<sup>th</sup> July 1997. Andy Dunlop has sent out letters about probable costs if no new evidence.

Dead oak tree is in Halvergate  $\therefore$  their Parish Clerk will be reporting it as dangerous.

3. Planning - applications by Mr. J. Browne for extension at 7 Youngs Crescent, S.G. Bell - extension at "West View". Grint Dry hirings extension to storage shed - all these were supported by P.C., but application by Vodafone for 15 metre telecommunications pole at The Garage, The Green - clerk was asked to obtain more information about this affecting radio & T.V. reception etc.

4. Finance - District Auditor requires approval of accounts to 31.3.97 by whole Council. Accounts book and statements were examined. Proposed: Dennis Grint, Sec. A. Perfect that accounts be approved. All in favour.

Broadland District Council have promised grant of £3000 for urgent repairs at Village Pump & Clock Area. Letter of thanks to be sent to Paul White, also request for early payment.

Cheques received - (d/c) H.M. Customs - Excise £17.50 repayment of VAT, and £236.37 Cornhill Insurance re claim (Village Sign damage)

Clerk to request new assessment from Cornhill for newly renovated clock and pump.



Cheques were signed for churchyard Funds at All Saints, St. Andrews Wickhampton & Methodist Church

- £50.00 each. , Clerk's salary and postage £260.57 and NCAPTC £104.18.

An appeal received from A.V.A, but P.C. felt unable to contribute at present time.

<sup>5</sup>  
A.O.B.

Various booklets were distributed, and dates of meetings were noted.

Mrs. B. Taylor (member of Waverley Community Health Council) spoke about some aspects of its work, and CHC Booklets were distributed to Councillors

Mr. David Wright stated that some elderly parishioners are being inconvenienced by the loss of transport into Ade on Thursdays. Letter to Blue Buses - query chance of a smaller coach being a more economic proposition.

Next meeting - Monday, 21st July 1997  
7.30 p.m. village Hall.

*A.P.*

21.7.97



Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall - Monday, 21st July 1997 - 7.30 p.m.

Apologies from Roger Pipes, Dennis Grint & Ted Brister.  
Alan Perfect was elected as acting chairman.

Present. Messrs A. Perfect, D. Wight, Mrs J. Church, Mrs L. Turner  
& 2 Parishioners and the Clerk.

1. Minutes read - signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising - Reply from Blue Bus Company who have not been operating Ade Market Service since 1995.  
David Wight to make further enquiries, then the clerk to contact John Smithson (re N.C.C grant).  
Insurance - Village Clock and Pump - Clerk read reply from insurers, but P.C. felt that Paul White might be able to advise about increased premiums.  
Clerk read B.D.C. reply re Vodafone telecommunications mast to be erected at rear of Garage, The Green, Freethorpe. Appears to cause no problems e.g. radiation interference with radio & T.V. reception.
3. Planning - Site meeting re Tree Preservation Order at "Oaklands", The Green, Freethorpe. Preservation Order has been confirmed.
4. Finance - Clerk has forwarded copies of John Hgh's paid invoices to Paul White (B.D.C.) as requested.
5. A.O.B - Lingwood & N. Birmingham P.C. - arranged a meeting - Lingwood Village Hall - Wed. 6th Aug 97 7.30pm re problems of the A.47. Councillors agreed to attend.  
BDC - Meeting 2nd October 97 District/Parish Councillors (7.30pm) - Janet Church - Alan Perfect will attend.



Large refuse skip at Village Hall on Sat.  
27<sup>th</sup> September 1997 8.30 a.m. - 11.15 a.m.

Mrs. Woodgate spoke about Public Inquiry to be held at Village Hall on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> July 1997 10 a.m.

Mrs. Barbara Taylor told P.C. that she has been appointed to Broadland Health Forum - survey is forthcoming plus offer of grants to bodies like Playing Field Committee.

next meeting Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1997  
7.30 p.m. Freethorpe Village Hall.

per. 9.9.97

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> Sept. 97 at 7.30 p.m.

Apology from Alan Perfect.

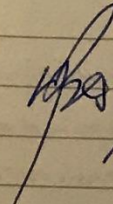
Present - Mr. R. Piper (Chairman) Messrs D. Gint, D. Wright, E. Brister, Mrs J. Church, Mrs L. Turner & the Clerk.

1. Minutes read - Signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising - David Wright has been informed that Ambassador coach to Ade on Thursday mornings was discontinued from Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1997 - clerk has spoken to John Smithson who will enquire at County Hall about position. P.C. felt that insurance cover for Clerk - Pump should be raised to £20,000 - Roger to speak to John High before this figure is forwarded to Cornhill Insurance Co. We still await invoices from John High for work at Pump Area. Clerk to contact Kingwood P. Clerk re. petitions for improvements on A. 47.



3. Planning - sub committee had seen new plans for K. R. Gint's dwelling at 45a The Green - no objections.
4. Finance - clerk had received payments from BDC. for Bottle Bank contents 65.82 + Re-cycled paper £86.41
5. A.O.B. letter from Norfolk Constabulary - not advising speed limit for Wickhampton. Ted Bister to consult parishioners and report to next meeting.  
Clerk was asked to enquire about status of wheelwright's Close; to mention danger on bends near Hall Cottages, Southwood (Cantley P. clerk).  
water on road near Mace Shop.  
Planning Dept re rumours of work at the Abbatteir. Norfolk Constabulary to be contacted re speed testing 6 a.m onwards and from 5 p.m to 7 p.m (in mornings)

Next meeting - Freethorpe Village Hall  
Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 1997  
7.30 p.m.

  
17.10.97



Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at Freethorpe Vill  
Hall - Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 1997 - 7.30 p.m.

Present - Mr. R. Pipes (chairman) Mr. D. Grint Mr. D. Wright.  
Mr. A. Perfect, Mr. E. Bister, Mrs. L. Turner, Mrs J. Church.  
2 Parishioners and the Clerk.

1. Minutes read & signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising - John Smithson had made enquiries about some form of transport to Acle on Thursday mornings, and N.C.C. had sent details re Community car. David Wright will take names of parishioners who are interested in such a scheme and make enquiries re suitable vehicles which might be available.  
A 47 petitions had been sent to Kingwood Clerk for Sept 30/97. Ted Bister had made enquiries in Wickhampton re speed limit, and suggestions to be forwarded to Norfolk Constabulary re times and venue for speed checks. Clerk has established that Wheelwrights Close is not adopted, and residents are responsible for upkeep - sign to be requested to this effect. "Slow" signs to be placed on Southwood bends
3. Planning - no further applications.
4. Finance - Clerk had prepared financial statement - Grant of £3000 had been received from BDC towards Pump Area Repairs, also £1500 precept payment.  
Letter of thanks to be sent to Paul White. (B.D.C.)  
It was decided to waive donation to Village Hall & Playing Field for this year, explaining about P.C. spending at Clerk - Pump area. Cheque signed £50.00 for hire of Village Hall for P.C. meetings.  
Clerk reported that an Onyx Bin Lorry had struck the base of a street light at Cricketers Walk on or about 22nd September 1997. As this was a hazard for children



because of bare wires, clerk had arranged for repairs to be carried out. Mr. Gint proposed and all agreed that Onyx be informed that any cost incurred would be their responsibility.

5. A.O.B. Mrs Margaret Woodgate asked the Chairman to look at agreement re Wickhampton Play Area, as land has changed hands.

B.D.C. are reviewing Parish boundaries, numbers of Parish Councillors etc. Letter to ask for a copy of map showing Parish boundaries, and also stating that it would seem appropriate to increase number on Parish Council as population has doubled in the past 40 years.

Letter to Norfolk Constabulary stating that P.C. values contribution of the Community Police Constable.

Letter to Highways Dept. re footpath along The Green and also need for path to be continued <sup>further</sup> from outside Mace Shop along Old Chapel Road. Councillors were pleased that the Inspector at Public Inquiry had upheld decision on bridleway status for CRB 2.10. Mr. J. Barney to be thanked for his help in this matter.

Next meeting - Monday, 10th November 1997 7.30 p.m.

signed

date.

10.11.97

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 10th November 1997 7.30 p.m.

Apologies from Dennis Gint and Alan Perfect.

Present - Roger Piper (chairman) Linda Turner, Janet Church, Ted Brister, David Wight, 1 Parishioner and the Clerk.

1. Minutes read - signed as a true record

2. Matters arising - Only 2 people had contacted David Wight about transport to Ade on Thursdays. Map to be forwarded to BDC showing wheelwright's Close.

Clerk read letter from NCC Highways Dept re footpath at Old Chapel Rd. it was agreed that rather than marking



on map, matter would be better resolved on site.

Roger Pipes stated that agreement re Wickhampton Play Area was until 1999 no matter who owns the land and <sup>at</sup> a peppercorn rent. To be discussed early in 1998 so that new agreement may be drawn up.

3. Planning - no further applications.

4. Finance - cheque signed £14.00 Royal British Legion and £20 Norfolk Accident Rescue Service.

5. A.O.B. Shering Trust had offered Christmas hampers for people in need, but no nominations this year.

Clerk stated that there is a vacancy at Walpole Cottages, The Green. - applications by November 23rd 1997.

Janet Church mentioned that a hole in the Pump and Clock Area needs attention - Roger to contact John High.

next meeting - Monday, 8th December 1997 7.30 p.m.

Freethorpe Village Hall

Signed

date.

8.12.97



Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1997 - 7.30 p.m.

Apology - Ted Brister

Present - Roger Pipes (presiding), Janet Church, Linda Turner, Dennis Gint, David Wight, Alan Perfect, one parishioner and the Clerk.

1. Minutes read - Signed as a true record.

2. Matters arising. Clerk read letter of thanks from Norfolk Accident Rescue Service, also letter from B.D.C. stating that Private Road sign will be placed at Whedwight's Close. David Wight reported on meeting with N.C.C. representative re footpath at Old Chapel Rd. long delay is expected, but letter to be sent requesting work be listed.  
village clock - Pump Area - Roger reported that John High will re-commence work shortly.

3. No further Planning applications.

4. No financial transactions

5. A.O.B. The Tree Memorial for Diana Princess of Wales - B.D.C. has offered one tree for each parish in Broadland district, and it was agreed to request an Oak or Horse Chestnut either to be planted at Primary School or Playing Field. Janet Church to enquire about cost of a suitable plaque. Parish maps - copies given to Councillors. Form re Sports Council - passed to Dennis Gint for completion.

Clerk read letter from Gr Yarmouth Crime Prevention Panel re mobile unit for marking property. Visit to be requested some time March 1998 onwards.

Soak away drain opposite Mace Shop - Highways Dept to be reminded of need for this to be cleared out, also concern about flooding on boundary of Freethorpe/Southwood at Top Common.



Precapt to be fixed at next meeting when financial statements will be available.

next meeting - Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 1998

7.30 p.m.

*[Signature]* 5.1.98

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 1998 - 7.30 p.m.

Present - Mr R. Pipes (Chairman) Messrs D. Wight, D. Gint, A. Perfect, E. Bister, Mrs. J. Church, Mrs. L. Turner + the clerk.

1. Minutes read - signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising - John High has re-commenced work. Princess Diana Memorial Tree to be planted at C.P. School, and Head master has requested a wild cherry tree.
3. No further planning applications.
4. Finance - Prop. D. Gint, Sec. A. Perfect that precapt be set at £2,500 All in favour - form completed.
5. A.O.B. Norfolk C. Council will not be recommending speed limit for Wickhampton, N.C.C. will not be opposing Bridleway ruling for CR 3 2+10, for the present.  
Following matters to be reported to Highways Dept.  
danger on bends at Halvergate Rd where new drain has narrowed road. Flooding has been occurring at several different parts of the village, and it seems that all the drains need to be cleared out.

Next meeting - Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 1998 - 7.30 p.m.

*[Signature]* 9.2.98



Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 9th February 1998 - 7.30 p.m.

Apologies from Dennis Gint, Ted Bislér and Alan Perfect who is in Hospital - Get well card to be sent.

1. Present. Mr. R Pipes (Chairman) Mr David Wright, Mrs J. Church, Mrs L. Turner and the Clerk.
2. Minutes read & signed as a true record.
3. M/Aising - two letters had been received from Highways Dept - drainage problems to be looked into, also other items to be placed on future programmes. Old Chapel Rd footpath - time for assessment to be suggested 8-10 a.m. or 3 to 5 p.m. Princess Diana Memorial tree to be collected from Taverham Garden Centre. It was decided that no notice board is necessary at Village Pump Area.
4. Finance - Clerk had received cheque from B.D.C. for recycled paper and glass - total of £98.11  
Cheque signed for John High £3025.00
5. Planning - Sub-committee had seen updated application by Kevin & Ruth Gint for bungalow at rear of Garage, The Green, Freethorpe. Reiterated that access into Garage Yard is unsatisfactory, aggravated by further building since previous application.
6. A.O.B. - offer of Dog Bin by B.D.C. (following more complaints of dogs fouling footpath along The Green. Roger to see Dennis about best site for bin.  
No objections to ruling on bidlaway status for CRB 2, 10 seem to make High Court Action unlikely.  
Decision to be taken at next meeting re choice of County Boundary Sign.



Letter to be sent <sup>to</sup> Norfolk Education Committee re proposed charges for children on School Buses.

It was noted that there is a need to appoint a new Tree Warden for the parish.

Mr. Ken Adey to be informed of offer of free basket-ball equipment.

Next meeting - Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 1998  
7.30 p.m. Freethorpe  
Village Hall.

Wick Play Area - new agreement

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16.3.98

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting - 16<sup>th</sup> March 1998  
7.30 p.m. at Freethorpe Village Hall.

1. Present - all Parish Councillors, 3 Parishioners and the clerk. Mr. R. Pipes presiding.
2. Minutes read - signed as a true record.
3. matters arising - suggested site for Dog Bin - at Aitkinsens Garage, also bin to be requested for placing under P.C. Notice Board next Mace Shop. The Common. Norfolk Boundary signs - decided on No. 3 (majority decision).  
No reply re School bus charges, noted that there are petitions in local shops for signing. Decided to ask Robert Waters if he is interested in becoming Parish Tree Warden. Princess Diana Memorial



Tice to be requested for Wickhampton.

4. No further planning applications.

5. Finance - cheques signed for Audit Commission  
- £86.10 and John High £1132.00.

Clerk had received further payment of  
£20.17 for recycled materials (B.D.C.)

6 A.O.B. Clerk has received notification of new  
licensee for Rampant Horse P.H. (CARL WARBURTON)  
Millennium celebrations - Ben Horsley was asked to  
inform Playing Field Committee that P.C. wished to  
support plans for celebration - Ben to report back  
to P.C. Mr. Horsley congratulated P.C. on work  
carried out at Village Clock - Pump Area;

Margaret Woodgate spoke of her concern that although  
classification of CRB 2 - 10 as bridleways has been confirmed,  
no signs have yet been put in place. Letter to Mr.  
Dugdale (NCC) asking for this to be dealt with as soon as  
possible. Mr. Nicholas Spencer expressed concern at speed  
of traffic along The Common, Clerk to report <sup>this</sup> to  
Norfolk Co-Constabulary plus speeding along The Green.

Highways - letter re danger on bends a Hawergate  
Road - narrowness near new drain, also pot. holes

Letter to Steve K. Smith re white van hazard at  
Pond Barn. Planning Dept - telephone re  
trees being planted at new dwelling on Blacksmith's  
Shop Corner.

Next meeting - Monday, 20th April 1998  
7.30 p.m.

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