

FREETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
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1952-1959

7 Councillors elected 1952:- S.G. Riseborough
M. Dodman A. Alexander S. Carr B. Dack
W. Dack J. Webster.

Councillors 1977

Mr. A. Alexander (Chairman).
Rev. P. Halls Messrs. A.C. Brock. S. Carr.
P.J. Upton. I. Watson D. Horden
(Co-opted July 1977)

7 Councillors elected May 1979.

Mr. A. Alexander (Chairman) A.C. Brock (Vice-Chairman)
Messrs. B. Bristle, R. Pipes, I. Watson, B. Horsley, A.A. Moll.

7 Councillors elected May 1983.

Mr. A. Alexander (Chairman) R. Pipes Vice-Chairman.
A.A. Moll. I. Watson B. Horsley B. Bristle R. Stahlman.

Tarish Council Meeting held at 8pm
13th October 1952.

Present:- S Ruseborough (Chairman) B. Dack W Dack
Starr. A Alexander M Dodman & Webster.

Minutes of previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Arising out of the minutes it was proposed by Pro:
A Alexander Sec. M Dodman that we thank Mr J Brock
for organising the flag-day for Cancer Campaign.

Pro. A Alexander Sec. B. Dack remind R D B to
empty catchpit (our letter 1/4/52) as this may be causing
some of flooding.

Pro A Alexander Sec M M Dodman that we call
a Public Meeting in about one months time
to discuss Coronation Celebrations.

Pro Webster Sec A Alexander that R D B be written
re cleaning the ditch between Wickhampton Church
or the marshes - on opposite side to Church.

Pro. A Alexander Sec. W Dack that Mr Boardman
be asked to prepare us a scheme on the lines of
No 2 Lay-out or something similar not costing more
than £2000 - Brick construction preferred but we
would consider any alternative proposal he may make.

Pro A Alexander Sec S Ruseborough that Mr R Preston &
Mr J Brock be recommended as School managers.

S Ruseborough Chairman
30/3/53.

J Brock Clerk

Annual Parish meeting held 7.30pm
30th March 1953.

There were 3 Parishoners present in addition
to the Connillor. Mr Ruseborough was Chairman.
Minutes of last years A. G. M were read & confirmed
Mr Robt Harris asked why Tar-Macadam

had not been put on path for the entire length of the curbing, why curbing did not extend to the last 2 houses in the village.

It was agreed to leave it to the Clerk to make enquiries about Tar/Mac being applied for remainder of the path.

Proposed R. Harris Seconded A. Alexander that Council be written regarding the danger to children of the open drain from Rampant Horse to Mr. Jack Brooks.

St. Roseborough Chairman W. Brock clerk

Council Meeting held 8.30pm 30 March 1953
after the A.G. M. above.

St. Roseborough (Chairman) A. Alexander S. Carr
W. Dack M. Dodman.

The minutes of last council meeting were read & confirmed. The a/c of the year ending 31/3/53 were presented & approved. It was unanimously agreed to appoint W. Brock as Clerk & Treasurer at the same salary as before.

Arising out of the minutes it was suggested by Mr. Alexander that if the cesspit needed cleaning out & nothing could be done, that Parish Council should pay the £1 & get R.D.C. to do it with their cesspool emptier & this was agreed to.

The Chairman proposed that Mr. Horsley be written thanking him for collecting on behalf of the Flood Disaster & also Coronation Fund & similar letter to Miss Eva Alexander for doing House to House collection for Coronation Fund.

St. Roseborough Chairman W. Brock clerk

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Special Meeting held 7.30pm Monday Feb 13th 1954.

A meeting of the Council was called to be addressed by Mr P Martin the Advisory Officer of the National Council of Social Service. Notices were displayed in the Village inviting all who were interested in the proposed Hall to come & hear Mr Martin.

The following councillors were present: - St Roseborough (Chairman) A. Alexander, S Carr, B. Dack, W Dack, M Dodman. There were also about a dozen Parishioners present.

Mr Martin first dealt with the various points raised by headquarters on the Trust Deed.

Proposed Rev. Gordon Seconded A Alexander & carried unanimously "that the Parish Council be the sole Trustees. Pro. A Alexander Sec M Dodman that the number of elected members of the Committee be 5 instead of 2 as originally proposed.

When Mr Martin informed the meeting that no grant would be available unless it was built by voluntary labour when up to 40% would probably be available & that a Hall similar to the one at Tasburgh would cost over £2000 he suggested we consider building by voluntary labour & starting this summer, especially as the Hall Fund was only about £918.

Proposed Mr C. Munister Seconded R. Edwards that Hall be built by Voluntary Labour - this was carried unanimously.

Proposed Mr S Carr & Seconded Rev. Gordon that Mr A Alexander be in charge. On the suggestion of Mr Rogers this was amended to "Mr A Alexander in charge as Clerk of Works with Mr C. Munister & Mr R. Edwards as assistants. This was carried unanimously.

The plan was passed round & Mr Martin criticized one or two minor details & suggested

improvements. While the meeting considered the suggested modifications were reasonable it was left to Mr. A. Alexander to agree with Mr. Boardman & Mr. Martin on these matters & the revised plan would then be forwarded to the Ministry. Mr. Rieborough in closing the meeting thanked Mr. Martin for coming along & helping us in this matter.

... Rieborough ... Chairman

Mr. Boardman
Parish Clerk

Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.30pm
5th April 1954.

There were 6 parishioners present in addition to Councillors. Mr. S. Rieborough was Chairman.

Minutes of last A.G.M. were read and confirmed & also minutes of the Special meeting held on February 15 last re Village Hall.

Proposed Mr. R. Harris Seconded Mr. B. Dack that Council be written requesting that the curb be continued up to the last 2 houses on Southwood Rd. Proposed Mr. R. Edwards Seconded Mr. B. Dack that a further letter be written R.D.C. re open ditch near "Rampant Horse".

Proposed Rev. Gordon Seconded Mr. Ray Edwards that Council be written asking that a Cross Roads sign be placed near Wickhampton Chapel on the Reedham to Halvergate road as this is a dangerous corner.

The latest developments regarding the proposed Village Hall were explained to the meeting & the revised plan passed round for inspection & comment.

A long discussion took place & suggestions

made. Mr Ray Edwards proposed that when building had commenced a notice be erected on the site "Lay a brick for 1/-" & it was agreed this should be considered by the Council in due course.

J. Webster... Chairman
4/4/55
Hobrook Parish Clerk.

Council Meeting held at 9pm on
5th April 1954.

Present:- S. Riseborough (Chairman) A Alexander Scott
M Dodman. B Dack & W Dack.

minutes of last Council meeting were read & confirmed & signed.

Mr A Alexander proposed Mr Scott seconded that Hobrook be re-appointed Clerk & Treasurer to the Council on same terms.

The meeting also approved the provisional appointment of Mr Scott Treasurer & Hobrook Hon. Secretary of the Village Hall Fund & the opening of an account at Barclays Bank 30 London Street, Norwich.

Proposed A Alexander seconded W. Dack that we pay 10/- membership fee to Playing Fields Assoc. A letter signed by the occupiers of the 6 cottages on the Brickyard was read regarding electricity supply & it was proposed A Alexander seconded M Dodman that we write Electricity Board on this matter to R. D.C. 7/4/54

As it was nearly 10.30pm the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

J. Webster... Chairman
4/4/55
Hobrook Parish Clerk.

Public meeting held on Thursday

August 19th 1954.

Mr S. Riseborough was in the Chair & there were 11 parishioners present.

Proposed A. Alexander Sec: C Minister that we accept tender of Robert Stevenson for supplying steelwork for Village Hall & request them for a foundation plan also that Mr Boardman be asked to stake out the building on the site. Carried unanimously

Proposed H. Rogers Sec: I think that all matters relating to work on Parish Hall be left to the sub-committee consisting of the Chairman (Mr S. Ristow) Treasurer (Mr S. Gars) Hon Sec (H. Brook) Messrs A. Alexander, R. Edwards & C. Minister.

The correspondence with the Ministry of Education was read out & the meeting noted with satisfaction the approval of scheme & the grant.

Much discussion took place regarding means of raising the balance of the money needed & a number of suggestions made, but it was the feeling of the meeting that once a start was made on the actual building this could be raised.

J. Webster Chairman

4/4/55

H. Brook, Parish Clerk

Annual Parish Meeting held

at 7.30pm 4th April 1955.

There were 3 Parishioners present in addition to the Councillors. Mr J. Webster was in the Chair.

Minutes of last AGM were read & confirmed.

also the minutes of the Public Meeting held Aug 19th 1954.

A letter from Mr. Ray Edwards resigning as Hon Sec

Clerk of Works to the Village Hall was read & it was agreed that Mr. Edwards be thanked for all his help. Mr. A. Alexander explained to the meeting in detail the present position regarding the materials ordered & received for the Hall & much discussion took place. It was agreed that all questions of lighting heating etc be left to the Village Hall Committee.

Pro: Mr. R. Harris Sec: Mr. Searr: That we write again to the R.D.C. regarding the ditch near the Rempston House.

Pro: Mr. R. Harris Sec: Mr. B. Dack: That a "Halt" sign be placed at the junction of the Linsenhoe Road & the B23 Road at the corner near Mr. Dack's Shop. Mr. R. Shearing Junr raised the question of drains & the "smells" & although much discussion took place no definite proposition was passed.

Elfricborough..... Chairman

Mr. Brook Parish Clerk

Council Meeting held 9pm
4th April 1955

Mr. Webster took the Chair at the request of Mr. Elfricborough.
All councillors were present.

The minutes of the last council were read & confirmed & the balance Sheet presented & agreed. Agreed that we precept £10 for the current year. Pro: A. Alexander Sec: Searr: That Mr. W. Brook be re-appointed clerk to the Council on the same terms as before.

The clerk was requested to write the Electricity Board re supply of electricity to Village Hall site.
That School Manager be re-appointed.

28/3/56 Elfricborough Chairman

Mr. Brook Parish Clerk

Annual Parish Meeting held at
7.30pm 28th March 1956.

There were 5 Parishoners present in addition to the Councillors. Mr S Ruseborough was in the Chair.

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

Various matters connected with the Village Hall were discussed including the different types of lighting to be adopted. Pro. S Carr & Sec D High that the cheaper installation be adopted & this was carried unanimously.

Pro. Mr C. Minister Sec. Mr D Alexander that we get in touch with Miss Lewis ^{29/3/56} for suggestion re colour schemes.

Agreed that notices be displayed asking for volunteers for painting & general work.

Mr Watson was thanked by the Chairman for his offer to get the senior children to give assistance whenever possible.

Some discussion took place regarding the use to be made of the sum of £11.6.8 the one third balance of Coronation Fund allocated to the Children.

Pro. D. Alexander Sec. H. Brook that this be deferred until a later date.

Pro. S Carr Sec. R. Harris that we write Education Committee regarding the effluent from the schools polluting the drains & ponds.

Pro. R. Harris Sec. D. Alexander that we write C. Council re extending the footpath to East house on Southwood Rd.

A letter from J. Webster was read expressing his regret at not being able to attend owing to illness & asking if the meeting

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would do something about lighting of Telephone Kiosk
in Wickhampton, & after discussion it was agreed
that G.O. be written on this matter.

S. Risborough Chairman.

Webster

Parish Clerk.

12/4/57.

Council Meeting held at 9.15pm
28th March 1956.

Present: S. Risborough (Chairman) D. Alexander
S. Carr & M. Dodman.

Minutes of last Council meeting were read
& confirmed & the accounts for the year agreed
to. A precept was signed for £10.

The following officers were re-elected

S. Risborough (Chairman) Webster (Vice Chairman)
Webster (Clerk) on same terms. The meeting then
adjourned to inspect Village Hall.

Webster

Clerk to Council.

S. Risborough

Chairman.

12/4/57.

Annual Parish Meeting held at
7.30pm 12th April 1957.

There were only 3 Parishioners present in addition
to the Councillors. Mr S. Risborough was in the
Chair. Minutes of the last A.G.M. were
read & confirmed.

Proposed Mr Alexander Seconded by Mr B. Dack
that the question of the £11.6.8 left from the
Coronation Fund be left as the position was
exactly the same as at the last A.G.M.

Proposed Mr R. Shearing Junr. Seconded
by Mr B. Dack that we would again re elect
at the Top Common.

27/4/57

The meeting then proceeded to discuss Village Hall affairs in general.

Agreed that we apply for a grant for the Grant (intended) that we approach the E. & Electricity Board for advice re heating the Hall.

Agreed after some discussion that we write regarding the water supply at Wickhampton to Mr Kerry's farm, sending copy to Mr H Preston.

Webster Parish Clerk.

St Albans - Chairman.

Council Meeting held at 9.15 pm
12th April 1957.

Present:- St Albans (Chairman)

Alexander B. Dack, M. Dodman W Dack & Webster.

The last Council Minutes were read & confirmed.

Agreed that we Precept for £10 as annual

The A/c for the year were read & signed.

The following were re-elected as previously
St Albans (Chairman) Webster (Vice Chair)
Webster (Clerk)

Letter re Election of Council, & Ancient Buildings were read.

The meeting then adjourned to inspect the Village Hall.

St Albans - Chairman.

Webster Parish Clerk.

Council Meeting held at 8pm
27th August 1957.

Present:- S. Riseborough (Chairman) A. Alexander B. Dack
S. East & J. Webster. Before business commenced members stood in silence
as a mark of respect for the late Mr. Malcol Dodman.
Minutes of last Council Meeting were read & confirmed.
Agreed that we send a letter of sympathy to Mr. Dodman.
Pro: A. Alexander Sec: B. Dack that we leave the place
on the council vacant for the present.

After much discussion & examination of the map showing
proposed Lunk Road it was agreed that R.D. be
written that we object to proposed road through Church
yard & consider it should be possible to avoid this as
shown in pencil.

A letter from Mr. Watson was read regarding use of
the Village Hall by the school children for physical education
& it was agreed that although charges should be
fixed by Village Hall Committee we should write Mr. Watson
saying he could have use of the hall & leave to him to
get the best possible terms. Pro: A. Alexander Sec:
J. Webster that we write R.D. re house for a teacher
in Freethorpe or an adjacent village. Mr. Webster
proposed that we write R.D. re shocking state
of the road past Wickhampton Church this was
seconded by Mr. S. East & carried unanimously.

A. Brock Parish Clerk.

S. Riseborough Chairman.

Council Meeting held at 7pm
in the Village Hall 13th March 1958.

Present:- S. Riseborough (Chairman) A. Alexander B. Dack W. Dack
S. East & J. Webster. Minutes of last Council meeting were read
& confirmed. Agreed that we accept for £10.

Chairman & Clerk were all re-elected unanimously.
Mr. A. Alexander was elected Council representative on the
Village Hall Committee

A. Brock Parish Clerk

S. Riseborough Chairman.

Annual Parish Meeting held 7.30pm
on 13th March 1958 in the Village Hall.

There were about a dozen Parishioners present in addition to the Councillors. Mr S Risborough - (Chair)
Minutes of last A. Parish M. were read & confirmed. Arising out of the minutes some discussion took place regarding the sum of £11. 6. 8 from Coronation Fund. As Mr S East said it had been incorporated in the Village Hall fund it was decided to leave it there, & if at any time it was found something useful could be done with it that it be refunded.

Mr Webster raised the question of the condition of Marsh Rd Wickhampton but after much discussion it was decided not to take any action.

Pro. Mr Watson Sec. A Alexander that a sign "Children Crossing" be erected at Blacksmith shop corner. This was carried unanimously but after discussion the following was added "request that a deputation be sent to inspect this v. dangerous corner".

J. Webster 28/3/58 Chairman A. Brooks Par. Clerk

Council Meeting held in Village Hall
7.30pm. 29th May 1958.

Chairman S Risborough

Councillors present: - A Alexander S East B Dack W Dack J Webster.

The minutes of the last Council meeting were read & confirmed. Pro: A Alexander Sec: B Dack that Messrs H Preston & A Brooks be recommended for re-appointment as School Managers for 1958/61.

Pro: A Alexander Sec: S East that we consult Mr H Preston regarding the footpath in dispute at Wickhampton & that Mr Webster endeavour

to obtain for persons who will give evidence that they have
known used these footpaths.

J Webster
Chairman

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Minutes of Council Meeting held 7.30pm
in the Schools 23rd March 1959.

Chairman - J Webster. Councillors present - A. Alexander
Sleat B Dack & W Dack.

Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

Chairman Vice Chairman & Clerk all re-elected.

Pro: W Dack Sec: B Dack that Mr Alexander represent
the council on V. Hall management committee.

Pro B Dack Sec Sleat that we ask RDC if possible
to lower the level of bank at the dip in road between
four cross ways at Wickhampton & Reedham Hall cottages, as
bank of field on right is blocking the vision.

That message be sent Mr Riseborough sorry unable to
be with us & hope he will soon be much better.

S. Riseborough

Chairman.



Annual Parish Meeting held 8pm
on 23rd March 1959 in the Schools.

Chairman: Mr J Webster. There were about 50 parishioners
present.

Minutes of last A.G.M. read & confirmed & the Chairman
expressed regret at the absence of the Chairman Mr S. Riseborough
& Mr B. Dack. (Mr A. Alexander acted as Clerk)

At the request of Mr Alexander Mr Watson told the meeting
position regarding Transport to & from S.M. school.
that transport would be available for all
& the proposed pick up point was the Church.

After much discussion it was proposed Mr B. Howard

seconded Mr Fitcham that we might suggest pick up places :- Wickhampton Old Vicarage corner or Chapel - Brickmakers Arms & Pump, but wait Dec what is actually arranged before we do this.

Mr Webster proposed seats be erected down the Green & up the common for Pensioners use. After discussion the matter was dropped.

Pro: D High Sec: R Howard that RDB be informed that the smell still serious.

Pro: Mr Nicholls Sec: Mr London that all open drains in the Village be juped.

Pro: Mr Wilson Sec: Mr Horsley that we ask for a 30 mile Speed limit through the Village.

J Webster
Chairman