

FREETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL  
ARCHIVE MINUTE BOOKS  
1998-1999

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 1998. 7.30 p.m.

Present - Mr. R. Pipes (presiding), Mrs. J. Church, Mr. D. Wright, Mr. A. Perfect, Mr. E. Bister and the clerk.  
Apologies from Mrs. L. Turner and Mr. D. Gint.

1. Minutes read and signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising - Robert Waters has agreed to be new Parish Tree Warden. Dog bin locations were marked on maps provided by B.D.C. Ted Bister is dealing with details regarding Princess Diana Memorial Tree for Wickhampton. The Wild Cherry requested has been planted at Freethorpe C.P. School. A reply had been received from Norfolk Education Department re proposed charges for School transport.
3. Planning - Sub-Committee had approved application by David Mills for extension at 48, The Green, Freethorpe.
4. Finance - Accounts were examined by Parish Council. Proposed - Alan Perfect. Seconded E. Bister that accounts be approved. All in favour.  
District Audit to commence on 18<sup>th</sup> May 1998.
5. A.O.B. No objections to application by C. McNair for occasional licence for Barn Dance on June 26-27/98 and Disco.  
~~for Barn Dance~~  
It was noted that B.D.C. are sending a Compaction Vehicle - 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1998 at Village Hall Car Park from 8.30 - 11.15 a.m.  
B.D.C. telephoned Clerk re anonymous letter concerning dumping at the Wood, Reedham Rd. The owner has contacted Environment Agency and is acting on



Mr Inspector's advice.

Janet Church had attended the Village Hall Management Committee and had been asked to inform P.C. of an application to be made for money from National Lottery <sup>and to invite</sup> P.C. support for this move.

Chairman mentioned possibility of a plaque to be placed at Village Pump and Clock Area.

Clerk was asked to look up information on history of Pump & Clock for an article for inclusion in "Broadland News".

Janet Church is to get prices for a plaque to be placed on Princess Diana Memorial Tree at the Freethorpe C. P. School.

Annual Parish Council - Monday May 18<sup>th</sup> 1998

7.30 p.m.

- Parish Meeting -

8 p.m.



Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 18th May 1998 at 7.30.p.m.

Present: Messrs. R.Pipes, D.Wright, A. Perfect, Mrs. J.Church, Mrs. L.Turner, Mr. John Smithson (county & district councillor), one parishioner and the clerk.

Apologies received from Dennis Grint & Ted Brister.

1. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS- Chairman - Prop. J.Church, Sec. A.Perfect that Roger Pipes be re-elected. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Vice-chairman - Prop. A. Perfect, Sec. J.Church that Dennis Grint be re-elected. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Clerk - Prop.D.Wright, Sec. J.Church that Edith Moll continues at an increased salary of £350.00. ALL IN FAVOUR.

2. Minutes were read & signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising - Janet Church had made enquiries about plaque for Princess Diana Memorial tree planted at Freethorpe C.P.School and will present details to the P.C. when size of plaque has been determined.

4. PLANNING - sub comm. had supported application by Matthew Smith for chalet bungalow on site of derelict farm building off The Green, Freethorpe, but had some reservations re access.

P.C. supported application by Mr. & Mrs. Stevens for change of use for Granny annexe to Holiday accommodation at The Manor House, Freethorpe.

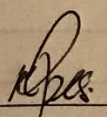
5. Finance - It was agreed that Insurance cover for the renovated Pump & Clock Tower be set at £20,000.00. Clerk to inform Cornhill Insurance plc of this decision.

6. A.O.B. - Alan Perfect raised the question of alleged under age drinking and passing of alcoholic drinks to thirteen & fourteen yr. olds at the Village Hall, and glass on the road was also mentioned. Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Brian Yaxley to tell him of the P.C. concern in this matter.

It was noted that the dog bins are not yet in place.

The clerk was asked to make enquiries from B.D.B. regarding re-cycling banks for plastic containers.

next Parish Council meeting at Freethorpe Village Hall, Mon. 8th June 1998 at 7.30.p.m.

 (signed)  
8.6.98 (date.)



Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 18th May 1998 at 8 p.m.,

Present - 5 Parish Councillors, Roger Pipes presiding, the Clerk, one parishioner. In attendance - Mr. John Smithson (county & district councillor)

1. Minutes of previous meeting were read & signed as a true record.
2. No matters arising.
3. Edith Moll ( Secretary & Treasurer of WALPOLE ALMSHOUSE CHARITY) gave an account of the present state of the charity, and the audited accounts were made available for examination. Mrs. Moll said that the Trustees will be applying for grant aid from Broadland District Council following the recent quinquennial report from Peter Ledward.
4. Mr. Alan Perfect stated his wish to resign as representative to the Village Hall & Playing Field Committee. Prop. A.Perfect, Sec. Roger Pipes that Mrs. Linda Turner be elected. ALL IN FAVOUR. Clerk to inform Ken Adey of this appointment.
5. No further business.

*R. Pipes*  
17.5.98  
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FREETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL - Finance 8.6.98

1998

April 1st Balance in Giro account	£924.71	due for payment -Clerk	260.49
May 1st Precept payment	1250.00	NCAPTC	100.36
VAT repayment	12.82	Insurance	299.94
		3 cemeteries @ £50.00	150.00
	2187.53	Hire of Village Hall	55.00
		? payment to Hall & P.Field Committee ??	
			<u>865.79</u>

N.B. other payments due within the next 6 months :-  
 Audit commission approx. £100.00  
 Accident rescue service ? 20.00  
 Royal British Legion 15.00

FURTHER PRECEPT PAYMENT DUE ON 1st OCTOBER 1998 - £1250.00  
 Also payment for recycling will be made.



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ETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL - Finance 8.6.98

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repayment			



Minutes of Freethorpe Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall on Monday, 8th June 1998 at 7.30.p.m.

An apology was received from Mr. Dennis Grint.

Present: Roger Pipes (presiding), David Wright, Alan Perfect, Ted Brister, Janet Church, Linda Turner and the clerk. In attendance - the new Community Police Officer, Ian Kennedy.

Ian Kennedy introduced himself, and gave a survey of crime in the area during the past six weeks, of which only one minor case of arson was actually in Freethorpe.

1. Minutes of previous meeting were read & signed as a true record.

2. Matters arising - Brian Yaxley had talked to the chairman about alleged problems re underage drinking, and wished to re-assure the Parish Council that everything possible is being done to solve this problem.

The clerk reported that at present B.D.C. have no service available for the re-cycling of plastic containers, but this is being considered and the parishes will be informed of any progress.

Nothing further on the plaque for Princess Diana Memorial Tree.

3. There were no further Planning applications.

4. Finance :- the clerk reported on district audit of P.C. books. A signed certificate was shown to councillors, and notice of completion of audit with copies of summary of accounts to 31.3.98 will be displayed for the next 14 days.

Proposed A.Perfect, seconded E.Brister, that Roger Pipes be appointed to carry out the internal audit of books throughout the year as required by regulations. All in favour.

A financial statement was given to each councillor.

Cheques were authorised & signed for the following, Clerk (salary + postage) £260.49, Freethorpe Methodist Church Council (for cemetery) £50.00, Freethorpe Churchyard Fund £50.00, Wickhampton Churchyard Fund £50.00, NCAPTLC £100.36, Cornhill Insurance plc £299.94.

Prop. A. Perfect, Sec. D.Wright that payment of £500.00 be made to Village Hall & Playing Committee (this to include hire of hall for 11 meetings £55.00) All in favour, and the cheque was signed.

5. A.O.B. Reply from B.D.C. re dog bins asked for alternative venues, but P.C. had no other sites to suggest where width of road would be any different from those already given. Would B.D.C. like to offer suggestions? It was noted that new electoral arrangements will mean that there is no change to the number of councillors.

A letter from Rev. Roy Coppack, Acle Circuit Superintendent Minister of the Methodist Church offered help with any service planned to commemorate the Millenium. This and other items to be passed on to Mr. Ben Horsley.

Ted Brister mentioned the need for Bridleway signs and possibly maps etc. at Wickhampton Church area. Clerk was asked to telephone John Smithson to enquire about any progress in this matter, also re Halvergate Road where an accident occurred last week, and where an overgrown hedge is adding to the hazards.

Linda Turner had noticed that the Paper re-cycling bank is missing - possibly will be replaced by a new one??

Alan Perfect asked whether it would be possible to have 2 signs "BEWARE OF DUCKS" on The Green, clerk to enquire.

Next meeting, Monday 27th July 1998 Village Hall at 7.30.p.m.

*[Signature]* 27.7.98



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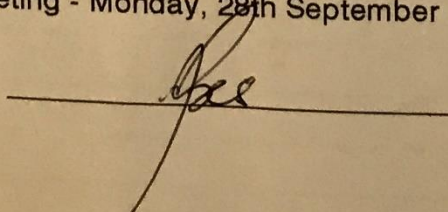
Apologies - from Alan Perfect and from John Smithson (District & County Councillor)

Present - Roger Pipes (presiding), Dennis Grint, David Wright, Ted Brister, Janet Church, Linda Turner, 2 Parishioners & the clerk.

1. Minutes were read & signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising - The chairman said he had not yet received the District Auditor's report re the audit - clerk to enquire.  
Parish Council authorized the clerk to sign a contract with M.W.White Limited regarding rules governing Paper re-cycling bin, payments etc.  
N.C.C. had telephoned to ask about reason for concern about "Bridleway" signs at Wickhampton Church, clerk to report that these are necessary for the benefit of members of the public wishing for access to the marshes.
3. Planning - there were no further applications.
4. Finance - there were no financial transactions.
5. A.O.B. - A letter had been received from Freethorpe Friendly Circle and signed by the secretary, Jean Thompson, requesting provision of seats at the entrance to Sutton Crescent and on grass verge near the Methodist Church. Clerk to enquire from N.C.C. Highways Dept. re ownership of land and any objections there might be with regard to cutting grass made more difficult if seats were in place. Dennis Grint offered to have the seats cemented in. Roger Pipes proposed that providing N.C.C. are agreeable, it might be possible to place one at Sutton Crescent in the near future, but to leave other seat to be included in the Parish Millenium projects. All in favour.  
The clerk reported that the Pump House renovation work has been entered for the Broadland Enhancement Award, as has the neighbouring Pumphouse Cottage extension. Committee to visit site on Friday, 31st July 1998 at 2.30.p.m., clerk & chairman to attend.  
Letter to be sent in reply to enquiry from Voluntary Services Coordinator at Brundall Health Centre re would-be allotment holders - this does not apply in this Parish.  
Letter to be sent to Mr. Roland Evans, 4 Halvergate Rd., Freethorpe who has trimmed back a hedge which constituted a hazard to road-users.

Next meeting - Monday, 28th September 1998 7.30.p.m. Freethorpe Village Hall.

signed



date

28.9.98.



Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 28th September 1998 at 7.30.p.m.

Apology from Ted Brister.

Present - Roger Pipes (presiding), Dennis Grint, Alan Perfect, David Wright, Janet Church, Linda Turner, 3 Parishioners & the clerk.

1. Minutes were read & signed as a true record.

2. Matters arising :- the Chairman had heard from Margaret Woodgate that the Wickhampton people are concerned because the new "Bridleway" signs have still not been put in place. Further letter to be sent to N.C.C. Norfolk County Council have granted permission for the two benches to be put in place - forms of consent were signed by the clerk on behalf of the Parish Council. Clerk to write to Cornhill Insurance when the benches are in place. It was decided to ask Broadland D.C. whether they will finance this project, and if not, clerk to inform Jean Thompson, who will ask for help from Age Concern.

3. Planning - further application re changes regarding Dove Cottage (Malcolm Ryan). Clerk to get details from B.D.C., but Parish Council had no further comments to make.

4. Finance: clerk reported that she had received the second part of the Precept payment (£1250.00). Roger Pipes was given accounts book, receipts, cheque book, bank statements etc. to carry out an internal audit. The clerk spoke about a new deposit account which GIROBANK are offering to organisations with club accounts etc. It was agreed that the clerk make enquiries about opening such an account.

5. Any other business - The clerk gave details of the Annual Parish Councils Meeting at Thorpe Lodge - 29th October 1998. Janet Church & Dennis Grint to let the clerk know if they wish to attend. Roger Pipes said that the matter of under-age drinking was on the agenda at the Annual Meeting of the Village Hall & Playing field Committee. Much concern was expressed about alcoholic drinks being purchased by over eighteen year olds, and then handed to young teenagers outside the Village Hall. The Hall Committee has asked the Parish Council for help, and Roger Pipes suggested that the clerk contact the Community Police Officer, as it was felt that his presence may help to control the situation.

Next Parish Council Meeting - Monday, 26th October 1998 at 7.30.p.m.

*R. Pipes* 26.10.98



Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday, 26th October 1998  
at Freethorpe Village Hall at 7.30.p.m.

Apologies received from Ted Brister, Alan Perfect & Dennis Grint.

Present - Roger Pipes (presiding), Janet Church, Linda Turner, David Wright  
and the clerk.

1. Minutes were read & signed as a true record.

2. Matters arising - Norfolk County Council spokesman (R. Bowen) had told  
the clerk that "Bridleway" signs will be put in place shortly, also N.C.C. would  
back information details display at Wickhampton Church. Wickhampton  
Society have been told about this by Ted Brister.

Broadland D.C. have refused help with payment for benches, so the clerk will  
mention matter to Mrs. Jean Thompson who had promised to contact Age  
Concern to ask for help.

Roger Pipes had examined accounts book etc. and found these to be in order.  
Re new High Interest Giro account - Roger Pipes proposed, Janet Church  
seconded that we open this new account. All in favour. Clerk was asked to  
transfer sum of £2000.00, and form was signed by the clerk & chairman to this  
effect.

3. Planning - no further applications, but it was noted that the tenancy  
restrictions had been put in place on Dove Cottage.

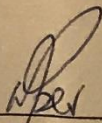
4. Finance - cheques were signed for Royal British Legion (£14.00) for poppy  
wreath for village war memorial, and for C.P.R.E. (£17.50) for annual  
subscription.

5. Any other business - the Parish Council looked at new draft proposals re  
electoral arrangements, but did not wish to make any comments to Broadland  
District Council about this matter.

Shelroy Trust at Brundall had asked for name of needy people for the  
provision of Christmas hampers. Councillors were asked to inform the clerk  
by 13th November of any nominations.

Next meeting will be held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 30th November  
1998 at 7.30.p.m.

signed



(Chairman)

date

30.11.98



Minutes of Parish Council held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 30th November 1998 at 7.30.p.m.

An apology was received from David Wright.

Present: Roger Pipes (presiding), Dennis Grint, Linda Turner, Janet Church, Ted Brister and the clerk.

1. Minutes were read & signed as a true record.

2. Matters arising : No nominations were made for Christmas hampers from Shelroy Trust - Mr. Callf was informed. New Giro account has been opened. No grant is available from Age Concern for benches. N.C.C. had informed the clerk that finger-posts have now been placed to mark the Bridleway from Wickhampton Church .

3. There were no further planning applications.

4. Finance - cheques were signed for Norfolk Accident Rescue Service (£20.00) and for Norwich & District Citizens' Advice Bureau (£20.00). The clerk read a letter from the Playing Field Committee requesting the Parish Council to renovate and paint signs on the playing field, also to erect two further signs to effect "No motor-cycles on playing-field". It was decided to ask the Secretary (Cheryl Nicholls) to get quotes for the work and inform the Parish Council. The District Auditors had written to the Chairman re the need to appoint an internal auditor - clerk pointed out that this had been done in June 1998 after her visit to district auditor (copy of minute to this effect to be handed to the chairman for information of the auditor). Also the chairman had been told that the Parish Council need to make sure that they comply with standing order re finance (clerk to pass on relevant booklet to the chairman)

Sports Council Awards -clerk to apply for nomination forms, and matter to be discussed at next meeting. Names suggested were Ben Horsley, Barbara Taylor and the Ansett girls.

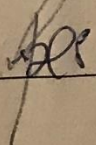
Clerk was asked to apply for a copy of the Community Care Plan.

Ted Brister told Parish Council that Wickhampton Society are hoping to raise enough money to erect a Village Sign to mark the Millenium.

Dennis Grint spoke of recent serious lack of electrical power on four consecutive days, but had been informed that Eastern Electricity are taking steps to remedy the problem.

Date of next meeting - Monday, December 14th 1998 - 7.30.p.m. at Freethorpe Village Hall.

signed



date

14.12.98



Minutes of Freethorpe Parish Council meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 14th December 1998 at 7.30.p.m.  
Apologies were received from Dennis Grint & Ted Brister.

Present : Roger Pipes (presiding), Janet Church, Linda Turner, David Wright, Alan Perfect and the clerk.

1. Minutes were read & signed as a true record.

2. Matters arising: the chairman had written to the District Auditor enclosing a copy of the minute of appointment of internal auditor. No estimates yet to hand re signs on playing-field.

3. No further planning applications.

4. Finance - clerk read letter from B.D.C. re possible election expenses - matter to be discussed an next meeting when the precept is set for 1999/2000,

5. A.O. B. - Chairman & Vice-chairman had attended meeting at Acle when re-signing of roads in Brundall, Cantley, Rackheath & S. Walsham cells was discussed. Those relating to Freethorpe seemed to be appropriate. Concern had been expressed by Wickhampton residents re withdrawal of Caroline/Seagull coach service to Yarmouth. Clerk had been informed by the Norfolk Bus Service Information Centre that a much more frequent service will be available from 4.1.99, and there will also be a workers' taxi/mini-bus service to Norwich via Postwick Park & Ride, reaching City centre at 8.30.a.m. and returning at approx. 5.45.p.m. Time-tables are not yet available. The Chairman said that he would endeavour to find details for Sports Council Awards scheme re Barbara Taylor & Ben Horsley. Forms to be in by 31.12.98. David Wright expressed concern about Acle High School pupils waiting for school bus on highway at Old Chapel Road. It was felt that there is a hazard to children who have to cross road to board the buses at other points in the village. Clerk to ask N.C.C. Education Department whether it might be possible for the school coaches to collect from opposite direction i.e. travelling along The Common and then on to The Green.  
Next Parish Council Meeting - Monday, 18th January 1999.

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18.1.99

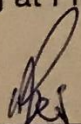


Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 18th January 1999 at 7.30.p.m.

Apologies were received from Janet Church, Alan Perfect & Ted Brister.  
Present: Roger Pipes (presiding), Dennis Grint, David Wright, Linda Turner, 2 parishioners and the clerk. In attendance the community police officer P.C. Ian Kennedy and a colleague.

1. Minutes were read & signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising: Barbara Taylor's name had been forwarded as a nomination for the Sports Council award. New bus services are functioning satisfactorily except with regard to pick up point for people living along The Common, Freethorpe. Request to be made for a bus stop at junction of Old Chapel Road and The Common.
3. Planning - no further applications. New file from B.D.C. was passed on to the chairman for perusal.
4. Police report on crimes in the parish - only two to report. 1. theft of hub caps from car parked at The Green, in December. 2. Break-in at Freethorpe Post Office on night of 17th January 1999 - cigarettes stolen.
5. Finance - the clerk gave councillors a financial statement in order to help them decide on amount of precept. Prop: R.Pipes, sec. D. Grint that this be set at £2,000.00 all in favour.  
Reply from Playing-field committee regarding repairs to sign - clerk to contact Mrs. Cheryl Nicholls.
6. A.O.B. The clerk (as secretary & trustee of Walpole Almshouse charity) informed councillors of vacancy at Walpole Cottages.  
Applications to be made by 5th February 1999.  
David Wright asked that flooding at bend on The Common, near Harvest Cottage, be reported to Highways Dept.  
Linda Turner asked that the clerk contact B.D.C. re emptying of bottle bank.  
Dennis Grint expressed concern about new arrangements for night call-outs for Doctors. Clerk to contact Halvergate, Acle & Reedham parish clerks to find out whether they would be making any representation to Acle Health Centre.  
Mrs. Anna Reystwick asked about the possibility of tree planting in the parish to mark the Millenium. The chairman explained that the Village Hall Committee are making arrangements for some events. It was decided that the clerk should ring Ben Horsley to tell him of the P.C. decision to place suggestion boxes at the Mace Shop, Post Office & the Garage so that parishioners can come up with ideas of how we could permanently mark the Millenium.

Next P.C. Meeting at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 22nd February 1999 at 7.30.p.m.

 (signed)

22.2.99 (date).



Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 22nd February 1999 at 7.30.p.m..

Apology received from Mrs. Linda Turner.

Present: Roger Pipes (presiding), Dennis Grint, Janet Church, David Wright, Alan Perfect, Ted Brister, 2 parishioners and the clerk.

1. Minutes read & signed as a true record.

2. Matters arising: The Parish Council were pleased to hear the Mrs. Barbara Taylor has been chosen as winner of the Broadland District Sports Council award in recognition of her many years work for Riding for the Disabled. Reply re flooding near Harvest Cottage, The Common - N.C.C. state that ditch will be deepened - clerk to ring Mr. Townly as there is no ditch as this point. Clerk had found that no other Parish Councils are making representations re new Night Call-out of Doctors, but P.C. agreed that a letter be sent to the Health Centre at Acle stating concern, and asking that leaflets could be circulated so that people fully understand the new system. It would also seem to be helpful if clear directions could be given to Northgate Hospital where patients are asked to see a doctor.

Millenium suggestions - 1. from Jean & Mike Thompson - A party for the elderly. Seat at Chapelfield, Memories of older parishioners to be given to Freethorpe School.

2. Linda Turner suggested that a hedgerow or trees be planted.

3. Tina Wright suggested that a wooden bus shelter be erected near the Blacksmith's Shop Corner.

4. Brian Brennan spoke about tree planting at Lower Green near Pond used for irrigation, or at Reedham Road. Clerk to write to Hirst Farms & Stanley Youngs saying that this is one of the options with regard to marking the Millenium and asking whether they would be agreeable.

Boxes to be left in the shops for the present.

5. Dennis Grint - suggested a gift to Freethorpe C.P. School.

3. No further planning applications.

4. Finance - no transactions. Chairman to bring a resolution to next month's meeting with regard to new financial regulations.

5. Any other business - Dennis Grint had obtained prices re seats -quoted £99.00 each with a discount of 10%, but it was noted that these will need to be cemented in at additional cost. It was agreed that Dennis will place order. Janet Church had obtained an estimate of £60.00 for a plaque to mark the tree planted at Freethorpe Primary School in memory of Princess Diana. Clerk to contact Head Master about this.

Acle High School had sent a letter asking for P.C. donation towards a project for improving facilities for the disabled in order to make the school of more service to the community. Clerk to reply that no money is available from our budget for an appropriate donation, but to wish them well with this project. N.C.C. Education department telephoned the clerk re changing of bus stops for Acle High School pupils, but matter is still being looked at, and no decision has yet been reached.

It was noted with regret that John Smithson, District & County Councillor has died, and appreciation was expressed of good work he had done for our parish.

Ted Brister shew plans of new Village Sign to be erected at Wickhampton, and spoke about possibility of this being added to P.C. insurance schedule. Parish Council agreed that this would be in order.

Next P.C. Meeting on Monday, 22nd March 1999 at 7.30.p.m.

PLAQUES  
ON  
SEATS

22.2.99



Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday,  
22nd March 1999 at 7.30.p.m.

Apology received from Dennis Grint.

Present: Roger Pipes (presiding), David Wright, Alan Perfect, Ted Brister, Linda Turner, Janet Church, 3 parishioners and the clerk.

1. Minutes read & signed as a true record.

2. Matters arising - Roger & Freda Pipes attended the award ceremony at Thorpe Lodge when Barbara Taylor received her Sports Council recognition for her work for Riding for the Disabled.

The practice manager had responded to letter to Acle Medical Centre re night call-outs. Position will be reviewed after the six months' trial period. Janet Church had obtained a quote of £29.00 for plaque on Princess Diana Memorial tree at Freethorpe C.P. School.

Norfolk education transport officer had offered to change bus stop from outside the Rampant Horse to near Telephone Kiosk (mornings only) so that Acle High School children do not cross road to board bus. P.C. agreed to this change. Letter to Acle High School re hazard at Old chapel road where scholars wait on the highway near the road junction.

3. Planning Sub comm. had supported extension for Stephen High at 4, Caters' Close. Full council supported application for extension at 3, Caters' Close for Mr. & Mrs. Goldthorpe.

4. Finance - Cheques were signed for Audit Commission £114.66, and for Freethorpe Village Hall £30.00 (new sign). Date for audit is 10th May 1999. Roger Pipes spoke about the need for P.C. to adopt Financial Regulations, a copy of which are at back of Minute Book. Prop: A.Perfect, Sec. E. Brister that these be adopted. All in favour.

5. Any other business: Date was given by clerk for County, District & Parish Council elections - 6th May 1999. Nomination papers to be received at B.D.C. by 8th April. Packs were given to all councillors, except Alan Perfect who is uncertain about standing for election, and also to Mr. Michael Blake.

Norfolk Transport Questionnaire to be completed at next meeting.

Decided not to enter a team for Friends of Freethorpe School quiz.

Dennis Grint had attended a meeting at South Walsham on 17th March by invitation from Norfolk Constabulary - report at next meeting.

Brian Yaxley appealed for financial help from Parish Council towards cost of new roof for Village Hall. Chairman explained that no provision for this had been made in 1999 precept, but matter would be considered in January 2000 when new precept is set.

Millennium projects - it was decided to invite Jean Thompson to act as co-ordinator for compilation of "Memories" from older parishioners for presentation to Freethorpe C.P. School.

Seats with plaques (Dennis Grint is dealing with these) - to be placed at Sutton Crescent and Chapelfield.

Tree planting - clerk reported that Richard Hirst would like to have a plan of suggested venues, so that this might be incorporated in the Countryside Scheme which he is already considering. Mr. Hirst to be asked to fix a date to meet Roger Pipes, Linda Turner, Brian Brennon & the clerk to discuss the matter and possibly look at sites for tree-planting.

Stanley Youngs is also sympathetic towards the idea of tree-planting, and a meeting also to be arranged with him.



Next meeting Monday, 26th April 1999 7.30.p.m. Freethorpe Village Hall.

Des (signed)

26.4.99 (date)