

FREETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall on ,Monday,
26th April 1999 at 7.30.p.m.

Present :- Mr. R. Pipes (presiding), Mrs. J.Church, Mrs. L. Turner, Messrs.
D.Grint, D. Wright, E. Brister, 3 parishioners and the clerk.

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

2. Matters arising: the clerk reported that six nominations had been received for the seven seats on the Parish Council. These six had been appointed, and one other councillor would be coopted at the next meeting.

Dennis Grint reported on the Norfolk Police Liaison Meeting held at S.Walsham on 17th March. Police presence in the village would be almost minimal because of the low crime figures. The problems on the A 47 at North Burlingham were also discussed.

Mrs. Jean Thompson had agreed to collect memories from the Over 60s for a record for Freethorpe C.P.School, and the clerk said that it is hoped that the Friends of Freethorpe School and possibly other members of the community would agree to help with this project.


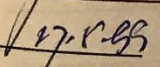
Roger Pipes to offer dates for a meeting with Richard Hirst, but Mr. Brennon is away at present, so this must be left for the time being, also meeting with Mr. Stanley Youngs to be arranged later.

3. Planning - no further applications.

4. Finance: Cheques were signed for PPJ Signs (plaque for tree at School), (£34.66) and for Norwich Camping (2 seats) £178.00. The clerk had received £1000.00 from B.D.C. - first part of precept payment.
The accounts for the year to 31st March 1999 were examined. Prop: D.Grint, Sec: D. Wright that these be approved. ALL IN FAVOUR.
Audit date is 10th May 1999.

5. A.O.B. Transport Plan questionnaire was completed. Parish Pages were distributed. Clerk to ask for two forms re Millennium celebrations.
Clerk reported that a Skip for Household Refuse will be placed at the Village Hall from 8.30. a.m. to 11.15.a.m. on 7th August 1999.

Next meeting (ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL) Monday, 17th May 1999 7.30.p.m.
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING same evening at 8 p.m.

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 (date).

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 17th May 1999 at 7.30.p.m.

Present: Roger Pipes, Dennis Grint, Janet Church, Linda Turner, David Wright, Michael Blake, one parishioner and the clerk.

The clerk welcomed the new Parish Council, and invited them to elect a chairman:-

Proposed D.Grint, Seconded: Michael Blake that Roger Pipes be appointed chairman. ALL IN FAVOUR.

VICE-CHAIRMAN: Prop. David Wright, Sec: Janet Church that Dennis Grint be Vice-chairman - all in favour.

CLERK: Prop. Janet Church, Sec. Linda Turner that Edith Moll continues as clerk at a salary of £350.00 per annum. All in favour.

Responsible Financial Officer: Prop. M.Blake, Sec. D.Grint, that the clerk continues in this position. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Internal Auditor: Nom. Janet Church, Sec. Dennis Grint that Roger Pipes be re-elected. ALL IN FAVOUR.

The Clerk was asked to write letters of thanks to Ted Brister & Alan Perfect for their work as Parish Councillors.

The six Parish Councillors present signed their acceptance of office forms.

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

3. Matters arising: the clerk was asked to include in the Yarmouth Mercury notes that there is a vacancy on the Parish Council, and anyone interested is to apply to the clerk before the next meeting.

4. PLANNING - council approved application by Wherry Housing Association for vehicluar access at 57, The Green, Freethorpe -, but concern was expressed about sight lines.

5. FINANCE: cheques were authorized for payment of Insurance Premium which becomes due on 1st June -£311.35 and for Broadland District Council (election expenses) for £55.12.

6. A.O.B. - no objection to application for occasional licence for Barn Dance on 26/27 June 1999. Millennium items catalogue is available for anyone who is interested.

Concern was expressed at bad behaviour in area round Village Hall.

It has been reported that young people are climbing on to rubbish bins, taking bottles from the Bottle Bank and throwing around, damaging area round tennis courts, and riding bicycles down slope on to the Reedham Road. It is hoped that parents will warn their children of the danger of such activities, and persuade them to respect the facilities which have been provided for their entertainment.

BENCHES FOR PENSIONERS - one has been placed at Sutton Crescent, and letter of thanks to be sent to Roy London for his help in this matter. Venue of other bench has yet to be agreed.

Next Meeting - Monday, 28th June 1999 at Freethorpe Village Hall. 7.30.p.m.

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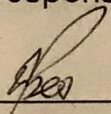
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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 17th May 1999 at 8.00.p.m.

Present: - Roger Pipes (presiding), Linda Turner, Janet Church, David Wright, Michael Blake, Dennis Grint, one parishioner and the clerk.

1. Minutes of previous Parish Meeting were read & signed as a true record.
2. There were no matters arising.
3. Report on the Walpole Almshouse Charity was given by Edith Moll (Treasurer & Secretary), and audited accounts were examined. Broadland District Council have made a grant to repair work now being carried out at the cottages.
4. Linda Turner agreed to continue as Parish representative to the Village Hall & Playing Field committee.
5. Concern was expressed that the footpath along Palmer's Lane finishes short of the corner, but it was recognized that if continued round the corner this would affect width of road, so no action to be taken. It was felt that a Schools crossing patrol is very necessary at the Blacksmith's Shop Corner, but it is understood that no-one is willing to take this responsibility.

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date 22.5.2000

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall on 28th June 1999 -7.30p.m

Present: Mr. R. Pipes (presiding), D.Grint, D.Wright, Mrs. J. Church, Mrs. L. Turner, M. Blake, and 6 parishioners. In attendance: Mr. Shaun Murphy (Norfolk County Councillor) and Mr. Mike Northover (District Councillor)

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

2. Matters arising: no venue has yet been decided for bench - letter to be sent to Alec & Gillian Brown asking them to contact the chairman re alternative siting.

3. Planning - Full approval has been given to vehicluar access at 57, The Green, Freethorpe.
Sub.committee had supported applications for extension at "Fayre Haven", The Green, Freethorpe and for extension at 3, Low Road, Wickhampton.
Parish Council supported application by Mr. A. J. Wood for first floor extension at "Hundred Acres", The Green, Freethorpe.

5. Finance - clerk asked for authorization to transfer sum of £800.00 from Deposit to current account - all in favour.
Cheques were signed for clerk's salary £361.73 and NCAPTC :£100.36.
Cheque was authorized for £95.00 (Planning permission for Wickhampton Sign)

6. A.O.B. Wickhampton residents spoke about problems they have encountered in obtaining planning permission for the Village Sign to mark the Millennium. The Parish Council agreed to support them by applying for Planning permission and paying the fee of £95.00.

Mr. Mike Northover explained various points, and John High agreed to help by visiting site and preparing a scale drawing as requested by B.D.C.

Millennium events the clerk was asked to pass on to Cheryl Nicholls forms etc.sent by Norfolk Constabulary.

Thanks were expressed to David Wright who had repaired the Parish Council Notice Board, and to Freda Pipes who had cleaned up the Pump & Clock Area.
WASTE RE-CYCLING - clerk reported that a skip for household refuse will be placed at the Village Hall Car Park on Saturday, 7th August from 8.30. to 11.15. a.m.

PARISH COUNCIL CASUAL VACANCY three names had been submitted for the vacant seat on the Council -Peggy Watson, Alan Perfect and David Lake.

It was proposed by Roger Pipes, that David Lake be co-opted in order that we have a representative from Wickhampton. All in favour.

GREEN AREA AT YOUNGS CRESCENT - David Wright spoke about a request from mothers of toddlers living at Youngs Crescent, that they would like to fence the green area to make it safer as a play area, and also place toys there.
Clerk was asked to write to Broadland District Council to enquire their views on this matter.

It was noted that the Wickhampton Play Area agreement expires shortly, and there will be need to renew this.

Also the question was raised about possibility of grants available for Play Equipment on the Freethorpe Playing Field.

Clerk to enquire about dates when Richard Hirst would be able to meet Council representatives re tree planting venues.

Next meeting - Freethorpe Village Hall, 19th July 1999 at 7.30.p.m.

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date 19.7.99

Minutes of Meeting of Freethorpe Parish Council held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 19th July 1999 at 7.30.p.m.

Present: Roger Pipes (presiding), Dennis Grint, David Wright, Janet Church, Linda Turner, Michael Blake, David Lake, 5 Parishioners and the clerk.
In attendance - Mr. Mike Northover, District Councillor.

1. Minutes of previous meeting were read & signed as a true record:
2. Matters arising :- Venue for bench - Alec Brown was invited to speak about his concern regarding placing of bench on grass verge at Chapelfield. After some discussion, it was decided that Alec, David Wright, Linda Turner & Roger Pipes should look again at the suggested venue, or try to find an alternative site.
Green area at Youngs Crescent - Broadland District Council are unable to give a decision because Paul White, Conservation Officer, is on holiday until 22nd July, but it does not seem likely that area could be fenced by residents as requested.
Wickhampton Sign - necessary forms & scale drawings were produced at the meeting, and the clerk agreed to apply for planning permission.
Posters re Waste collection on 7th August were distributed.

Planning - it was noted that Mr. A.J. Wood has received full approval for his application for extension at "Hundred Acres", The Green, Freethorpe.


Finance - cheques were signed for B.D.C. (£95.00) - planning application fee for Wickhampton Sign, also cheques of £50.00 each for the Freethorpe Methodist Cemetery, Churchyard, and Wickhampton Churchyard. It was agreed that in next year's precept the amount for donations to churchyard funds should be raised.

5. Any other business :- Norfolk County Council have notified the clerk that School Road, Freethorpe, is to be closed, except for access, from 16th to 29th August 1999, for work on drainage.
Linda Turner mentioned problem of parked cars near to the School Gates, which creates hazard and prevents school buses and other large vehicles from using School Road. Decided to write to Highways Dept. asking for help in solving this problem.

Next meeting ... Monday, 13th September 1999 at 7.30.p.m.
at Freethorpe Village Hall.

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13.9.99

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall - 13.9.99 at 7.30.p.m.

Apology received from Mrs. Betty Lacey.

Present: Roger Pipes (presiding), Dennis Grint, Linda Turner, Janet Church, David Wright, David Lake, Michael Blake, one parishioner and the clerk.

In attendance: Shaun Murphy, County Councillor & Mike Northover, District Councillor.

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

2. Matters arising: Bench - alternative sites suggested were at Village Clock & Pump area, and near Tennis Courts. All in favour of placing this near to the Village Pump.

The clerk had received Planning permission for Wickhampton Village Sign, copy of accompanying letter re comments on way in which B.D.C. dealt with the application to be passed on to David Lake.

Councillors were pleased with work carried out on School Road drainage scheme, but clerk to contact Cheryl Nicholls re bare patches among grass area near Village Sign - these will be re-instated by Highways Dept, and grass seed will shortly be sown.

Highways Dept. are inspecting situation on School Road re parking problem at School Gates.

3. Planning - sub-committee had seen plans for R.Jermy, 103, The Green, Freethorpe for extension etc., and full council saw alterations in plans, and these were supported.

Sub-committee had supported application by R.S. P.B. for two wind pumps on Halvergate Marshes.

4. Finance: the clerk had received a cheque from B.D.C. for £47.50, refund on Planning application charge for Wickhampton sign.

N.B. - Cheque for £132.19 Audit Commission paid 29.7.99 (due - no meeting)

5. A.O.B. Mr. Roy Field had offered a scale model of the Village Clock & Pump to the Parish Council, and the clerk was asked to talk to Mr. Field about the possibility of having a glass display case made on which would be a plaque with the date and the name of the maker. It is hoped to have this on view at the Village Hall.

Copy of letter received from Ms. Clay of Brickyard Cottages re need to extend speed limit on Reedham Road to be sent to Highways Dept. (copy to Shaun Murphy)

Shaun Murphy spoke about information he had received from the Highways Agency re latest situation with regard to the A 47 between Blofield and Acle and, particularly, the White House junction. It is proposed to set up an "accident reduction zone" in the Autumn, and longer-term improvements will be included in a further study.

Clerk was asked to write to enquire about signs which are available to safeguard children at Youngs Crescent.

Acle War Memorial Centre survey - form was passed on to Playing Field Committee (via Dennis Grint).

Janet Church, Dennis Grint & Michael Blake are to represent the P.C. at the Meeting of District & Parish Councillors at Thorpe Lodge on 14.10.99

Letter to be sent to Acle Health Centre re delay in being able to contact by telephone especially between 8.30. and 9.30.a.m., and difficulty in obtaining appointments to see a doctor.

Norfolk Constabulary to be told about speeding along the Common & the Green between 7.30. and 10 a.m., and from 4.30 to 6.00 p.m.

Flooding and apparent subsidence on bend opposite Honeypot Cottage,

The Common, Freethorpe, to be reported to Highways Dept.
Linda Turner said that overhanging trees are a nuisance at Sutton
Crescent where bench has been placed. Roger to inspect.
David Lake said that new landowner, Barry Brookes, has said that he
is willing to renew lease on Wickhampton Playing Field on a yearly basis,
but no official agreement has yet been signed.

Next meeting - Monday, 11th October 1999 at 7.30.p.m. (Village Hall)

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11/10/99.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 11th October 1999 at 7.30.p.m.

Present: Roger Pipes (presiding), Janet Church, Linda Turner, Dennis Grint, David Wright, Michael Blake, David Lake, one parishioner & the clerk.
In attendance: Mike Northover, District Councillor. Apology - Shaun Murphy.

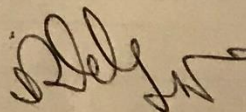
1. Minutes of previous meeting were read & signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising: Bench is now in place at the Pump & Clock Area.
Youngs Crescent - no signs are available re safety of children.
N.C.C. refused extension of speed limit on Reedham Rd., but Mr. Chris Alston is willing to meet representative of P.C. to discuss matter further (Dennis Grint appointed). Shaun Murphy to be informed of date for meeting. Ms. Clay to have copy of N.C.C. letter & to be kept informed about any new developments.
Wickhampton residents are satisfied with way in which B.D.C. dealt with their application for village sign. B.D.C. to be informed of this.
Acle Medical Partnership replied to letter complaining about difficulties in making appointments etc., but cannot help with these problems.
Overhanging trees at Sutton Crescent - Roger will deal with these.

Planning - P.C. supported application by Colin High for vehicular access to 63, The Common, Freethorpe. R. Jermy's application has been given full approval.

Finance - Clerk had received the second part of precept -£1000.00

A.O.B. Clerk had reported to B.D.C. that rats have been seen in bank along Chapelfield. Textile Bank has been placed at Village Hall by B.D.C.
It was noted that Dogs fouling at Youngs Crescent is a nuisance, and posters were ordered to be displayed throughout the parish.
Foot-paths along Chapelfield & The Green, are in very bad & dangerous condition - to be reported to Highways Department.
Clerk to ask Adrian Barber to contact Cheryl Nicholls about the planing of a tree at the Playing Field by the Cubs to mark the Millennium.

Next meeting - Freethorpe Village Hall -Monday, 15th November 1999 -7.30.p.m.


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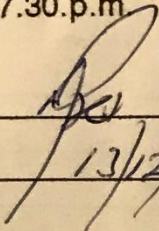
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 15th November 1999 at 7.30.p.m.

Apology received from Mr. Roger Pipes.

Present: Dennis Grint (presiding), Janet Church, Linda Turner, David Wright, Michael Blake, David Lake, one Parishioner and the clerk.
In attendance: Shaun Murphy, County Councillor and Mike Northover District Councillor.

1. Minutes of previous meeting read & signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising: Dennis Grint, Linda Turner, David Wright & Shaun Murphy had met with Chris Alston re extension of speed limit on Reedham Road. Clerk had received letter from N.C.C. as a result of the meeting, and although it is not possible to extend the speed limit, it is suggested that a new sign -Freethorpe, Please drive carefully- be placed near the Plantation at Reedham Road. Councillors were pleased that this work has now been programmed, and Dennis Grint thanked Shaun Murphy for his help in this matter. Copy of N.C.C. letter to be sent to Ms. Clay.
Mike Northover reported on B.D.C. action re rats along Chapelfield, and the clerk thanked him for his help with this, and it was noted that the problem seems to have been solved.
3. There were no further planning applications.
4. Finance: cheques were signed for Mr.R.G.A.Field -£35.00 for glass display case for model of Village Pump & Clock (which was on display). It was noted that the clerk has ordered a brass plate to be fixed before the model goes on display at the Village Hall.
C.P.R.E. - £17.50 for Annual subscription, and Royal British Legion £14.50 for Poppy wreath for village War Memorial.
The clerk reported that since the last meeting two payments have been received for re-cycled materials - £81.57 (paper) and £71.55 for glass.
Letter from Helen Casson on behalf of Acle Churches Together requested donation from the Parish Council towards Millennium presentation books for Freethorpe children who are scholars at Acle High School.
This was agreed and payment of £51.00 (£1.00 per scholar) will be made at December meeting after confusion about omission of Yr. 9 pupils has been cleared up.
5. A.O.B. - Letters had been received from Betty Lacey thanking the Parish Council for their help with Planning application for Wickhampton sign.
David Lake said that a Time Capsule is to be placed near the sign, and it is hoped that Roger Pipes (on behalf of the P.C.) will be able to suggest a suitable item to be included.
Letter from Jackie Barnes asked for help with bus services to Wickhampton as 11 a.m. bus from Yarmouth does not take Wickhampton passengers home, only to corner near Chapelfield House. Clerk to make enquiries about this. It was also felt that it should be pointed out again that there is no bus stop along The Common at Freethorpe.
Various leaflets were distributed. Mention was made of the fact that there is now no petrol station in Freethorpe, but Dennis Grint said that this was no longer a viable proposition, but he regrets that Aitchison Brose Garage is no longer to provide this service for the community.
Mr. Michael Blake reported on the Annual Meeting of District & Parish Councils at Thorpe Lodge which he found to be helpful and enjoyable.
Mr. Blake mentioned the possibility of a Village Newsletter which he would

be prepared to edit. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.
Linda Turner said that people have been leaving bottles near the Bottle
Bank, even though it is not full. A check to be kept on this.
David Lake asked about the Wickhampton Village Sign being insured
under the Parish Council policy. Clerk to find out cost.
Next meeting to be held at Freethorpe Village Hall on Monday, 13th December
1999 at 7.30.p.m



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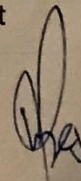
Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at Freethorpe Village - 13.12.99 at 7.30p.m.

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An apology was received from Mr. Shaun Murphy, County Councillor.
Present: Roger Pipes (presiding), Dennis Grint, David Wright, Janet Church, Linda Turner, Michael Blake, David Lake, one Parishioner and the clerk.
In attendance P.C. Kennedy, Community police officer and Mike Northover District Councillor.

1. Minutes of previous meeting were read & signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising: Cornhill insurance had quoted for cover of new Village Sign at Wickhampton, agreed that this be as from 1.1.2000.
Clerk brought the brass plate for model of village pump & clock tower, Mr. Field to be asked to fix this. Acle Churches Together had omitted year 9 pupils from list of children to receive Millennium books, but all will be included. Clerk had sent items to Mrs. Woodgate for inclusion in the Time Capsule to be placed near new Village Sign. Michael Blake will report to next meeting re suggestions for a Parish Newsletter.
N.C.C. had written that changes in bus arrangements may take place in April.
3. Planning - councillors supported application by Peter Fisher for a new storage barn at Old Chapel Road, Freethorpe.
4. Finance: cheques were signed for £51.00 (Acle Churches Together), and for £14.95 (repayment to the clerk for cost of brass plate for model of Village Pump & Clock Tower) It was noted that when the precept is fixed at the January meeting, the council must include an amount for Tree planting and for grant towards new roof at the Village Hall.
5. A.O.B. P.C. Kennedy reported that just two burglaries had been reported in past few months. 1. a bicycle taken from outside Village Hall, but which was recovered in Reedham. 2. A Mangold grinder taken from Manor Farm, but which has not been recovered.
Highways: Louise Clay to be informed that N.C.C. will be placing some marking on road as well as new sign on Reedham Road (Please drive carefully). Alan Perfect had asked that the council reports water on the road opposite Harvest Cottage, The Common, Freethorpe.
Sports Council Awards - B.D.C. had sent leaflet - names to be put forward at next meeting.
Various leaflets, magazines etc. were distributed.
Roger Pipes reported on a meeting that he and Brian Brennon had with Richard Hirst of Hirst Farms Ltd. re Tree planting to mark the Millennium. Mr. Hirst is willing to come and speak about a countryside scheme which includes hedge & tree planting, foot-paths, margins round fields to create circular walks etc. and to ask for P.C. support for such a scheme.
The clerk mentioned three Millennium events - service at Parish Church on 1st January, Village Songs of Praise at Methodist Church on 2nd January, and unveiling of Wickhampton Village Sign on 1st January.

Next meeting - Freethorpe Village Hall on 17th January 2000 at 7.30.p.m.


17.1.2000

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall - Mon, 17th Jan. 2000 - 7.30pm.

An apology was received from Mr. Mike Northover, District Councillor.
Present: Roger Pipes (presiding), Dennis Grint, David Wright, Janet Church,
Linda Turner, Michael Blake, David Lake and the clerk.
In attendance for part of the meeting - Shaun Murphy (County Councillor)

1. Minutes were read & signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising: Wickhampton sign is now covered for insurance.
Mr. Michael Blake reported on his ideas for items to be included in the first issue of Parish newsletter.
Mr. Richard Hirst to be invited to the next P.C. Meeting.
3. Planning - Single storey extension at the School House (Eric Plane)
Council supported application.
4. Finance - Internal audit had been carried out by Roger Pipes (officer appointed).
Proposed R. Pipes, Sec. Dennis Grint that precept be set at £3,000.00, all in favour. It was agreed that Secretary to Playing Field Committee be informed that P.C. will make a grant of £2,000.00 towards the new roof on the Village Hall. See budget proposals on attached sheet.
5. A.O.B. - there were no nominations for BROADLAND Sports Council awards for this year. Halvergate P.C. had written asking for support for their request to N.C.C. for safety measures at road junction near Three Feathers Public House. Full support promised - suggestion that a 40 m.p.h. speed limit on either side of this junction might be beneficial. It is hoped that there will be no suggestion of closing the Branch Road (C434).
Shaun Murphy noted P.C. views on this matter.
Modifications of Local Plan to be passed round for perusal.
David Lake raised the issue of Wickhampton Society's wish to spend surplus money raised for village sign, in placing signs near the Church re Bridle Way car parking. The Chairman suggested that they must make their own enquiries re planning permission etc., and the Parish Council would support them where possible.
Dennis Grint and Janet Church expressed concern about unfenced pond next to "Oaklands", The Green, Freethorpe. Dennis will speak to the owner.
It was noted that parking opposite and next to "Manor View", Freethorpe at night (no lights) is causing problems.
Perimeter fence of the Playing Field at School Road has been demolished.
Matter to be reported at next meeting of the Playing Field Committee (Dennis)
Highways Dept. to be told about large pothole outside 1, Low Road, Wickhampton, and that the top has been removed from the 30 m.p.h. sign opposite 37, Chapelfield, Freethorpe.
Mr. Shaun Murphy said that he would raise the question of road safety at the two junctions - White House, Burlingham & Three Feathers Public House, when the committee meets on 18th January 2000.

Next Meeting - MONDAY, 21st FEBRUARY 2000 at 7.30.p.m.

(signed) 21. 2.00 (date)

Freethorpe Parish Council -minutes of the meeting held at Freethorpe Village Hall on 21.2.00 at 7.30pm

Apologies were received from Dennis Grint, Michael Blake & Shaun Murphy.
Present: Roger Pipes (presiding), David Wright, Janet Church, Linda Turner,
David Lake, 25 parishioners and the clerk. In attendance: Mike Northover
(district councillor), and Robert Waters (Parish tree warden).

The meeting began with an interesting and informative talk by Mr. Richard Hirst of Hirst Farms Ltd. about the Countryside Stewardship Scheme which is M.A.F.F. funded and is for a period of 10 years. Benefits include increased habitat for wildlife, enhancement of the environment and public access for walks on the green margins - hopefully from Spring 2001 when the grass is established. The scheme will include planting of hedges and trees.

1. Minutes had been circulated, and were signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising: letter of thanks had been received from the Playing Field Committee for promised donation towards new roof at Village Hall. Shaun Murphy had contacted Public Transport Authority re bus stops in Wickhampton village and along The Common. John High is expected to begin painting at the Village Clock area soon.
3. Planning: P.C. supported the following applications :- Joy G. Brock -lifting agricultural restriction on "Manor View", The Green, Freethorpe. Mr. S. Savory - two storey side extension at 6, Old Chapel Rd., Freethorpe, and Dr. & Mrs. Edlesten for barn conversion into two dwellings at Church Farmhouse, The Green, Freethorpe - but there was some concern about access.
4. Finance - in response to appeal from Accident Rescue Service, the Parish Council decided to send cheque for £25.00
5. A.O.B. -It was agreed that the clerk write to Keith Simpson M.P. stating that Freethorpe P.C. are against abolition of Parish Councils. Robert Waters said that he has not been able to give as much time as he would wish to his work as tree warden, but is willing to continue in this office.
Mike Northover is looking into likelihood of increased traffic with regard to new barn to be erected at Old Chapel Road.

Next meeting - Monday, 20th March 2000 at 7.30.p.m.

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date 24.2.2000

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at
Freethorpe Village Hall - Mon. 20th March 2000
at 7.30.p.m.**

Present: Roger Pipes (presiding), Dennis Grint, David Wright, Linda Turner, Michael Blake, David Lake, 3 Parishioners & the clerk.
In attendance: Shaun Murphy (County Councillor) & Mike Northover (District Councillor).

An apology was received from Mrs. Janet Church.

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

2. Matters arising: An objection had been received from Stanley Youngs re wide margin left for foot-path at edge of field backing on the development at Youngs Crescent. Parish Council felt that, having supported the scheme, they must leave individuals to make their comments direct to Mr. Hirst. Letter to be sent to Mr. Youngs.
John High has been working on the pump area.

3. Planning: Council supported application by Mr. & Mrs. Stephens for alterations at the Manor House, Freethorpe. Further information had been received re storage barn for potatoes at Birch Farm, Freethorpe. The following comments to be made to B.D.C. - 1. that a condition be set re. number of lorries, and 2. that there is some concern about the size of lorries to be used, as narrow roads in Freethorpe are inadequate to take large vehicles.

4. Finance: cheque had been received for recycled glass - £89.38.
cheque was signed for Freethorpe Village Hall & Playing Field Committee £550.00, being donation & hire of hall for meetings 1999/2000.
Audit date has been fixed for 8th May 2000.

5. A.O.B. - Clerk to report damage to sign-post at Blacksmith's Shop Corner. Decided to write to Charles Wharton Ltd. re Countryside Stewardship Scheme on their land in the Parish.

David Wright proposed that we request a Zebra Crossing for children attending Freethorpe C.P. School, as there is no longer a Schools Crossing Patrol. Wherry Housing to be asked about vehicular access at 57, The Green, as it is felt that parking outside constitutes a hazard.

Mr. Shaun Murphy reported on new arrangements for bus routes in Freethorpe and Wickhampton, and handed out some new timetables.

It was decided to hold next meeting on Monday, 8th May 2000 at 7.30.p.m., but due to audit this was changed to Monday, 17th April in order that the accounts for the year could be approved.

date 17. 4. 2000