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The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the School Rooms on Thursday June 9th at 7pm, due notice having ^{been} posted.

Present were Mr R.G. Robinson, Mr R. Procter, Mr R. Payne, Mr F. Savage, Mrs F. Savage, Mr W. Savage, Mr J. Savage, Mr C. Rix, Mr Tim Rix, Mr Tom Rix, Mr Smith & the Chairman.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & agreed.

Business arising out of the Minutes -

The Chairman reported that the sum of £12 was raised by voluntary contribution to the Winston Churchill Memorial Fund.

Regarding the control of the ducks on the pond, it was felt that there were now in about the right numbers, and there had been a lot of mortality amongst this years ducklings.

The increase in the reeds in the Pond were further discussed. Most of the increase being due to 1965 being a very bad season for control by spraying.

The Chairman suggested the possibility of leaving a small patch of reeds, provided it is kept under proper control, in order to retain an important swallows roost of some 3,000 birds which was being controlled by a licensed ringer of the British Trust for Ornithology, in order to build up migratory & other records. It was also felt that the presence of some reeds were beneficial to the fish breeding in the pond. This was agreed to by the Meeting.

Other Business -

Mr R.H. Payne told the Meeting that he intended paying £5 annual rent, in future, for the 1½ Acres of Parish land he rented, instead of the present 30/-, which was more in keeping with present day rentals.

The Chairman proposed to the Meeting, the possibility of levelling the piece of 'Village Green' between Mr Savage's shop & the White Horse, with a view to turning this into a childrens playground, & to purchase some swings & other items, when sufficient money had been raised. The Meeting were in full agreement, and in view of this the Chairman was asked to contact Mr Miller, to request the replacement of the fence between the green & their field, which they had lately ^{been} using as entry into the field.

The question of generally tidying up the village pond surround was raised, & discussed at length. The Chairman was asked to contact Mr Brown, the contractor, to ask for an estimate for levelling the grass, in order to get a level surface for efficient grass cutting. Mr R. G. Robinson agreed to meet Mr Brown on the spot to discuss exactly what would be required to be done. Mr R. H. Payne was asked to find out from the Divisional Surveyor, how this would affect the Council's drainage culverts from the road.

The Chairman reported that she had been approached by an official of the G.P.O., in order to get the Meeting's permission to erect a telegraph pole on the edge of the pond, opposite the end of Church Lane, in order to connect up the Nurse's new bungalow on Church Lane. The Meeting felt that a pole beside the pond would be most unsightly & it would make the levelling & mowing of the grass very difficult. The Chairman was asked to see if the G.P.O. would agree to take their line down the existing electricity poles, running ~~from the~~ behind the White Horse.

Booklets on the 'Common Land Survey' were

passed round for perusal, and the Chairman requested the Meeting to let her know which pieces of land were 'Village Green' and 'Common Land', as these had to be separately registered with the Ministry of Land & Natural Resources, by 1970. It was generally agreed that the Village Pond & the grass surrounding it, and the piece of land between the School & the White Horse, were 'Village Green'. The question of fishing in the pond by people outside the village, was raised, & discussed. It was felt that whilst not liking to deprive people of enjoyment, it was felt that if the village were going to do costly levelling & maintenance of the pond surround, that some small charge should be made to 'non residents of Boughton Parish'. The Chairman was asked to find out the legal position of this.

The question of the Common Land on Boughton Fen was discussed, with a view to the possibility of improving it, for the benefit of the Parish. The Meeting agreed that an approach be made to the National Agricultural Advisory Service, for advice on this matter.

The Chairman was further requested to find out the legal rights of 'Commoners' to the fishing in the ^{portion of the} Shingude River adjoining the Boughton Fen.

In order to raise funds for the various improvements in the village & for the provision of equipment for the childrens playground, it was suggested that some fund raising enterprises be started. Mr Tom Rix agreed to organise some wheel drives in the near future.

Mr Tom Rix asked why it was that the Rates for the Boughton Council Houses were 2D more than those of Stoke Ferry Council Houses. The Chairman agreed to

to find out the reason for this.

The question of Boughton being allocated some more Council Houses was raised. There was a plot for four more houses, adjacent to the present two. The Chairman was asked to find out the possibility of more being built.

There being no further business, the Meeting was then declared closed.

A. Dwyre
Chairman.

1st June 1967.