

A Parish Meeting was held in the Schoolroom, on Tuesday 17th March 1970, due notice having been posted.

Present: Mr F. Barnes, Mrs J. Waller, Mr C. Rix, Mr Rott-Payne and the chairman.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, revised & approved.

Business arising out of Minutes

The Chairman reported that the ornamental chain for the green surround, had been purchased & was awaiting erection. Also the further seat. This would be put up as soon as possible. The Payne was organising the remaining 20 posts to be installed, during the next few days.

Business

The Chairman told the Meeting that in the Best Kept Village of Norfolk Competition, the Bawdsey had been commended by the judges & were awarded a 'second' prize of a token for 4 trees for the village. She said that these trees were donated by Messrs Charles Townsend of Fordham, who had now delivered them & they were awaiting favourable planting conditions. The trees were 1 Silver Birch, 1 Acer saccharinum decoloratum (silver maple) 1 Malus Katherine (Crab) and 1 Malus Schonanskii (Crab).

The Chairman was authorised to send in the entrance form for the 1970 Best Kept Village Competition.

It was decided to ^{also} plant a Weeping Willow and a Horse Chestnut, that the Chairman could provide.

The County Council had sent a letter asking for support for the anti-litter campaign as part of the European Conservation Year, 1970. The Chairman said she would let the Council know that Bawdsey would co-operate & send for literature & badges etc.

The question of the proposed White Paper on the Local Government, was then discussed. The Chairman said that she had ascertained that to become a Parish Council, the population at the last census must be 300, which made it not possible for Bawdsey. The White Paper might not be discussed in Parliament for 2 to 5 years, so the case situation would only be

wanted.

The Meeting then was asked if it felt that a fence
would be better left for a year, as we had had
one for the last three years. This was agreed on
unanimously.

The Chairman reported that the Parish Operating Account
stood at just over £50 & the Parish Improvements Fund at £105.
It was decided to keep this money in hand.

Mrs Smith suggested that a hedge be planted behind
the children's playground, everyone agreed on this & it
was decided to think over what species would be best & then
to order in the autumn.

Being no further business the meeting was then closed.

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A Parish Meeting was held in the Schoolroom on Tuesday 20th October 1970 at 7.30 pm, due notice having been posted.
Present Mrs Walton, Mrs Smith, Mr Frank Savage, Mr & Mrs Jack Savage, Mrs Tidmarsh, Mr & Mrs Shepherd, Miss Doris Clark and the Chairman.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, signed & approved.
Business arising.

The Chairman reported that the remaining posts had been erected & the ornamental chain, and the trees were duly planted. Due to the very inclement weather conditions two trees died but these are to be replaced this autumn.

He also reported to the Meeting that for the second year running, Boughton had been commended in the Best Kept Villages Competition for population of 400 & under. As runners up they were presented with a token for £2. to purchase further trees for the village. This was presented by the Bishop of Norwich at Saxlingham Nethergate - the winners - Mr Frank Savage, Mr Tim Rix and Mr R.H. Payne accompanied Mrs Payne to the ceremony.

The chairman asked for an all out effort next year to keep the village litter free & tidy & try to win the competition in 1971.

Mr Payne was asked to choose a suitable tree from Mrs Townends of Farnham.

The question as to the advisability of planting a hedge below the childrens playground, to act as a windbreak, was discussed at length & the chairman was asked to get suggestions on a suitable hedge from Townends.

Mrs Jack Savage handed a child safety swing seat to the chairman, which had been presented to the village by Mrs S. Duncan of Downton.

Mr Frank Savage asked if a Rota for helpers for the mowing of the green surrounds, be started next Spring. It was agreed to do this.

It was decided to hold a fete again in 1971 and after some discussion it was decided to hold it on Saturday 12th June. Mrs. Miller kindly offered her garden again and she also asked for help towards the needlework stall, which could be done during the winter months.

The next meeting was arranged for Thursday March 26th,
Being no further business the meeting then closed.

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