

A Parish Meeting was held in the Schoolroom on Monday 10th April 1972 at 7 pm. due notice having been posted.

Present - Mr & Mrs F. Savage, Mr & Mrs J. Savage, Mrs Smith, Mrs Savage Senior, Mr R.H. Payne, Mr F. Sheppard, Mrs Walton, Mr R. Sherwood, Mr T. Rix & the Chairman. The Minutes of the last Meeting were read approved and signed.

Business Arising

The Chairman reported that the Wattle Fencing had been purchased for the sum of £27.80 (10 hurdles & 10 stakes) and these were duly erected behind the playground last May.

The 1971 Village Fete held on June 5th was another tremendous success & made £220 profit. Very many thanks were due to Mr & Mrs Meller for lending their garden once again, to Mr F. Savage for running the fete so efficiently, and to all the many stallholders and helpers. The fete accounts were then passed round.

Mrs Payne told the Meeting that the Best Kept Village Competition for 1971 had been won by Woodbastwick with Broughton as Runner up for the 3rd year running. It was decided to enter the Competition again this year and to make further efforts. It was also decided to enter The Best Kept Village Green and the Best Kept Churchyard competition. Mrs Payne appealed for more volunteers to help paint the posts & fencing and playground equipment, and also for helpers to mow the verges & playground.

The Chairman reminded the villagers that we had in fact won the competition for the Best Kept Village Green - organised by the Council for the Preservation of ^{Rural} ~~Village~~ England. The Ceremony was held in the Schoolroom, by kind permission of the Headmaster, Mr Fress & the Governors. Speeches were made by Mr Dawson of the C.P.R.E., Mr Murphy of Norfolk C.C.

Mr Semmonds, Chairman of the Best Kept Village Competition, & replied to by ~~The Chairman~~ Mrs Payne. The planting of the two red treessed lime trees was then carried out on the village green by Mr Mansson, helped by the youngest child of the school, Dudley Jones, & the oldest child, Gillian Oswick. This was watched by a goodly crowd of villagers, schoolchildren, & representatives from N.C.S., C.P.R.E. and Downton ~~Rural~~ Amenities Society. Photographs were taken by the Kings Lynn Advertiser & the Eastern Daily Press.

The Question of the control of the reeds in the pond was raised & Mrs Payne promised to look into this.

A plan showing sites for the new trees in the village (mostly prizes from the Best Kept Village Competition) ~~was~~ as suggested by the Forestry Commission adviser, was passed round and approved.

It was decided not to hold a fête in 1972 but to have a Grand Village Raffle instead.

The Chairman then showed the Meeting the plans of the proposed Sewage Scheme for Boughton as drawn up by the Downton R.D.C. The plans were duly displayed for all to see and Mr R.H. Payne (R.D.C. Councillor) answered questions raised. It was agreed unanimously to accept the plans as presented.

1st March 1973

A. H. Payne