

A Parish Meeting was held in The Schoolroom on Thursday 1st March 1973 at 7pm, due notice having been posted.

Present. Mr & Mrs F. Savage, Mrs Savage Sen., Mrs Smith, Mrs Carter, Mrs Walton, Mrs Procter, Mrs Ainslie, Mr & Mrs J. Savage, Trevor & Helen, Mrs Shepherd, Mr T. Rix, Mr R. Sherwood, Mr C. Rix, Mr R. Payne & the Chairman.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read approved and signed.

Business Arising

The Chairman reported that the Grave Raffle organised by Mr F. Savage cleared £38.25. The draw was made by the Rector, The Rev. S. J. Bennett & Mrs Bennett at 12.30pm on Saturday 29th July.

Mr Payne said she was delighted to record in the minutes that Broughton had actually won the Best Nept Village Competition¹⁹⁷² (for villages under 400 population) & also won the Best Nept Village Green Competition & were commended on the churchyard. The presentation ceremony was held on the Village Green at 6.30pm on Wednesday 23rd August. Mrs Semmings, chairman of the Best Nept Village Competition unveiled the Plaque that was presented to the village for the year, she also presented a voucher for trees. Mr Mansoon of the C.P.R.E. presented the Chairman with a cheque for £10 in lieu of trees. There was a large attendance of villagers & friends. The Editor of the E.D.P., Mr Murphy of the County Council, & members of the Donham Amenity Society. After the ceremony, held in perfect weather, warm, sunny & calm, refreshments were served at a social gathering in the village school. A special Victory cake, baked & iced by Mrs J. Gotchard, was cut by Mr Payne & passed round to everyone present.

In September, the Chairman stated that she had received a letter of congratulations from Commander McNeil

Smith R.N. (Rtd), from Portsmouth, enclosing a cheque for £5 for the village funds. The Commander had been born in the Rectory at Broughton in 1898, his father being rector for 7 years and his grandfather, the Rev. Smith Churchill, was rector for 44 years & had carried out the restoration of Broughton Church.

A few weeks later a further cheque for £5 & letter of congratulations was received from the Commander's brother Mr Charles D. Smith of Toronto.

The Clerk of the Council of the Doncaster R.D.C. wrote to the Chairman in October, conveying the congratulations of the Council to the Parish of Broughton & that this had been duly recorded in the minutes of the Council.

Business

The Chairman stated that she had been to see Mr Carter of Swaffham regarding the carving of a ^{proposed} village sign for Broughton. Mr Carter had submitted his design and this was passed round for all to see, & depicted a rural scene with house & cartload of hay corn, & the words Broughton (Buckstuna) underneath. Buckstuna being the old name for Broughton in the Domesday Book. Mr Carter said that this could be done complete, for the sum of £80. This was approved by the meeting & the Chairman was authorised to make a firm order to Mr Carter.

It was reported that the two trees so far presented to the village had been planted, a forest beech in the north corner of the churchyard & a hornbeam on the verge by the Hall Mark Pavement, on the main street.

Mrs Page told the meeting that the Bishop of Ely would be visiting the Village on 11th June, during his 'beating of the bounds' of his Diocese during the 1300th Anniversary of Ely Cathedral. The Bishop was due to arrive by helicopter on the village green at 2pm. It was hoped that the village sign might be ready to be in time for this day.

After some discussion it was decided to hold a village

Fete this summer, to be held on the village green on Saturday 30th June. It was further decided to hold a Raffle again & Mr F. Savage was authorised to order the tickets. A further meeting to discuss the Fete was arranged for Tuesday 27th March at 7pm in the Schoolroom.

Mr C. Rix enquired whether any arrangements had been made to clean the War Memorial. Mr Payne said he'd made enquiries but had little success. Mr Long, stonemason of Downton was suggested & Mr Payne promised to contact him.

Mr J. Savage raised the question of the possibility of purchasing a bus shelter for the village, which could be used by the schoolchildren and for general regular bus users. This was discussed at some length & Mr Payne said he would look into the matter & investigate types & prices of suitable shelters.

Being no further business, the meeting was then closed.

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D. H. Payne

A Parish Meeting was held in the Schoolroom on Thursday 4th October, 1973 at 7pm, due notice having been posted.

Present. Mr & Mrs F. Savage, Mrs Walton, Mrs Carter, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Procter, Mr & Mrs Goodall, Mrs Smith, Mr T. Rix, Mrs T. Rix, Miss D. Clarke, Mr R. Sherwood, Mrs Savage Sen., Mrs J. Savage, Mr R.H. Payne & the Chairman.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, approved and signed.

Business Arising

The Chairman reported that the Village Sign had been erected, and was unveiled by the Lord Bishop of Ely on June 11th 1973, when he was in Broughton during the Beating of the Bounds' ceremony as part of the 1300th centenary celebrations of Ely Cathedral.

Business

The Chairman congratulated all those who had helped make the Village Fete held on 30th June, such an outstanding success, with a clean profit of £234. A special vote of thanks was made to Mr Francis Savage for so ably running the Fete.

As already announced - the Press, the Chairman said that Crompton had won the Best Kept Village Competition this year, but only by a very small margin. Broughton were Runners Up, & at once presented with a Token for 3 Trees for the village. Broughton also won the Best Kept Village Green Competition, and had received a Token for £10 towards something for the village green. After some discussion it was decided to ask for a seat & to let the Norfolk Society know that we would be willing to make up the amount if necessary. There was also some discussion on what Trees to request. It was decided to ask for 2 oaks and a cherry, or 2 planes & a red maple.

The Chairman then passed round some papers on new bus timetables & route numbers that had been sent by the R.D.C.

The Meeting was then asked for their ideas on what further amenities the village would like.

It was decided to definitely look into the possibility of having a 'bus shelter' built, both for the schoolchildren and the local people. After several other ideas were discussed it was finally decided to offer to take all old Age Pensioners - the village to a show in Norwich, around Christmas time, free of charge. Any empty seats could be used & paid for, by any others. Also the Meeting decided to send a donation of £10 to the Forgetmenot Club of St John's Ferry.

The Chairman was requested to ask the Council if the name plates for Church Lane could be changed to Church Road.

It was suggested that a coach be organised to take the people of Bawdsey to Norwich for Xmas shopping, sometime around the end of November.

Mrs Payne was asked if Pego's coaches could arrange for their coach to leave Bawdsey at 10.30 am ^{for Downton} on Friday morning, could be changed to another time as there was another bus already at 10.30 am.

The Chairman was asked if anything could be done about the ^{old} road on the bend out of the village, which was so rutted it made access to the bungalows behind, very difficult.

It was suggested that a Rocking Horse, or fixed swing with seat for toddlers, be purchased for the playground. Mrs Payne said she'd look into prices.

It was further suggested that some daffodils be purchased & planted round the trees on the Green. Being no further business, the meeting was then closed.

A. V. Pope

A further Parish Meeting was held in the Schoolroom on Tuesday 27th November 1973 at 7pm, due notice having been posted.

Present: Mr F. Savage, Mrs T. Smith, Mrs J. Savage, Mr C. Pix & the Chairman.

Mrs Payne read a letter of thanks from Mr Knappett of the Forgetment Club, Stoke Ferry, for the £10 donated to the Club by the Parish Meeting.

The Chairman then stated that the R.D.C. required the approval of the Parish Meeting to the request of the residents of Chapel Lane to change the name to Chapel Road, this to be forwarded with the signatures of the residents. Approval was given to this.

The Chairman told the Meeting that arrangements had been made to take the day pensioners of Boughton to the Block, White Mountain Show in Norwich on Wednesday 2nd January 1974. Sixteen pensioners had accepted the invitation and in order to fill the coach seventeen adults & two children were also going but paying for themselves. Parties of Falden were supplying the coach at cost of £10. for the return journey. The total cost to the Parish would be £19.60. (Tickets were £9.60.)

The proposed Bus Shelter was then discussed and Mr Payne produced a drawing of a shelter that Mr Tomblin of Stow had given estimates as follows:- brick shelter - £175 - wood shelter £160. In view of current vandalism, it was decided to accept the tender for the brick shelter. The chairman was asked to emphasize the need for urgency for the shelter. Mr Miller was to be approached re the siting of this close to his farm entrance.

The Chairman said she had had quotations from the En-Tail Car Company and Messrs Wicksteed & Co. for a ^{proposed} metal rocking horse for the childrens playground.

Both quotations were identical - \$112. plus V.A.T. (£141.00)
There was some discussion on the matter due to
the large increase in price, and due to the small
number of people present, it was decided to defer
this matter until a future meeting.

A letter from the R.D.C. was read by the Chairman
concerning the need for Postal Mini-buses. It was felt
by the meeting that this could not be requested as
no firm numbers of people requiring the service could be
given.

Mrs T. Smith enquired if the Chairman had gone into
the question of Peggy's bus to, changing the time of
their bus to Dorken from 12pm to 10.30pm which
co-incided with the Easter Carols time. Mrs Page
said she'd not been able to trace the name & address
of the bus company. Mrs Smith volunteered to obtain
this, when Mrs Page asked her take the matter up.

Being no further business the meeting then
closed.

D. Page