

A Parish Meeting was held in the Schoolroom on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1978 at 7.30 pm, due notice having been posted.

Present: Mr & Mrs J. Savage, Mrs Dennis, Mrs Proctor, Mrs Sheppard, Mrs F. Savage, Mrs G. Carter, Miss Cladding, Mr C. Rix, Mrs Mrs Crisp, Mr R. Sherwood, Mrs Carter, Mr & Mrs T. Rix, Mr Williamson, Mrs G. Smith, Mr W. Miller, Mr R. Payne & the Chairman.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read, approved & signed.

Business ARISING: The Chairman reported that she had contacted Pegg's Bus Company & that the reason for the change in time from 12.30pm to 10.30 to Donham on Fridays was done. To economise & to save fare increases, they had amalgamated the bus services & this caused the change in time at Boughton. On the Chairman's request they promised to look further into it to see if the time could be returned to 12.30pm, but they were not optimistic.

The Meeting then went on to the topic of the siting of the proposed Bus Shelter. The Chairman stated that the Meeting had been called to discuss further the siting of the shelter as there were strong objections to the proposed site.

After much discussion, a second site was suggested near the boundary hedge of Mr Robinson's Workshops site and the Hatcheries paddock. Mr Robinson had no objections to this nor did Mrs Proctor or Mrs Edwards. The chairman said she would contact the Sheppards & the Claddas to see if they had any objections. If there were no objections, she would then contact the Highways Department & Mr Tomlinson regarding permission for the site.

The Chairman then read a letter from Mr Charles Smith of Toronto Canada, who enclosed a cheque for £40 for the Parish. Mr Smith (Charles McNeil Smith) is a grandson of the Rev. Smith Churchill who was rector of Boughton for 40 years. His father was also Rector of Boughton & he was born at the Rectory. The Chairman was asked to send a letter of thanks

to Mr Smith, acknowledging his very generous gift.  
It was decided to leave the decision on what to buy  
with the gift to a further meeting.

A.H. Payne,  
13.3.74.

1974. 17. Meeting of the Annual Parish Meeting  
was held in the Schoolroom on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>  
March 1974, at 7.15 pm., due notice having been  
posted.

Present Mr C. Rix, Mrs Proctor, Mrs Stephenson, Mrs Crisp,  
Mrs Clayton, Mrs J. Savage, Mrs F. Savage, Mr Carter  
Mrs Godbold, Mrs T. Smith, Mr & Mrs T. Rix, Miss D.  
Clark, Mrs Lewis, Mr Roy Sherwood, Mrs F. Savage and  
the Chairman.

Apologies were received from Mr R.H. Payne, Mrs W.  
Goodall, Mrs P. Smith & Mrs Walton.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read, approved  
& signed.

Business Arising - The Chairman reported that neither  
the Stephensons nor the Clays had any objections to  
the new site of the proposed bus shelter (opposite the  
village sign). The District Surveyor had also been  
consulted & had been out & approved the site, in conjunction  
with Mr Tomlinson, the builder. The plans for the  
shelter were now at County Hall awaiting approval.  
[This approval arrived next morning - A.H.P.]

Mr Payne told the meeting that the trees presented  
to the Village by the Economic Faculty Group of Fordham, for  
being Runners Up in the Best Kept Village Competition  
1973, had now been planted. One red oak at Cawthron  
Corner in the corner of the Proctor's Field, and one red oak

and one wild cherry in the churchyard.

Mrs Payne reported that so far she had not received the cheque for £10 from the C.P.R.E (Norfolk Society) ~~for~~ awarded for winning the Best kept Village Green. She stated she had contacted the Society on several occasions & the cheque was promised for this week. As previously decided, this was to go towards providing another seat for the village green.

The gift cheque for £40 received from Mr Charles Smith of Toronto, Canada, was then discussed & it was agreed to buy fuel for the elderly of the Parish with this, next winter, as it was sent <sup>cheep</sup> for the people of the village, ~~due to~~ the economic difficulties of the County. The Chairman said this would be looked into in the Autumn.

Mr F. Savage volunteered to investigate prices of bench type seats in Downham, Lynn & Swaffham, and if these were priced lower than the seat in the Entwistle Catalogue, it was to be purchased, otherwise the latter firm would be asked to supply it.

#### Business

The Chairman stated that she'd had a letter from the West Norfolk District Council regarding a ~~the~~ Public Meeting to be held at the College of Arts & Technology at King's Lynn on 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm, regarding the policy of the County Structure Plan. The ~~Meeting~~ was invited to send a representative. The Chairman said she would be attending.

Mrs Payne then asked the approval of the Meeting for the transfer of £20 from the Parish Improvements Fund to the Parish Account as this was now very low & the money was needed to pay for the seasons grass cutting & petrol. Approval was given for this to be done.

The Meeting was then asked if it wished to enter

Bought for the Best Kept Village Competition this year. It was unanimously decided to do so & also for the Best Kept Village Green & the Best Kept Churchyard.

Mrs Proctor then asked if a rocking horse could be provided for the young children, as there was nothing for the very young in the playground. After some discussion it was decided by a majority vote to purchase an all metal rocking horse from the Esso Tint Cos Company at a price of £121. excluding VAT. The Chairman was authorised to order it. (£141.08)

The Chairman requested Mr T. Reid to purchase 2 qts. of white gloss paint for the fences & posts on the green.

It was then decided by the Meeting to hold a Village Fete on June 15<sup>th</sup> & to ask Mr Bain, the ~~new~~ purchaser of the Maner Farm House, to open the Fete. [declined]

It was decided to hold a Fete Committee meeting immediately following the Meeting to discuss arrangements.

W.M.W. Being no further business the Meeting was then closed.

A. H. Apps / S.P.D.

A Fourth Meeting of the Parish Meeting was held  
in the Schoolroom on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 1974 due  
notice having been posted.

Present Mrs Stephane, Mrs Proctor, Mrs Lewis, Miss Clark,  
Mrs & Mrs F. Savage, Mrs J. Savage, Mrs Savage Sen.  
Mrs Walton, Mrs Edwards, Mr & Mrs T. Rix, Mrs Carter  
& the Chairman.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read, approved & signed  
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Mrs Payne passed round the Fete Accounts, which  
was held on June 15<sup>th</sup>. The fete was opened by  
Mr R.R. Wilde J.P. District Council representative for  
Boughton. As usual it was held round the pond  
& in glorious weather. The Doctor & Mrs Bennett  
officiated at the Raffle Draw & Prize giving.

The gross takings for the afternoon were £307.55 +  
with £26.44 expenses the net total to be paid  
into the Parish Improvement Fund was £281.11.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr F. Savage  
for all the hard work he'd done in organising the fete.  
Mrs Payne congratulated all the stallholders & helpers  
for the outstanding success.

The Chairman then told the meeting that the  
installation of the Rocking Horse would be approximately  
£40 & the proposed Bus Shelter to be started in the  
Autumn would be approximately £175. (Both Parish  
Improvement Fund) - also the sum of £17.50 has been spent on <sup>eggs</sup> ~~charity~~  
the village by Mr Charles Smith of Toronto, to help  
the needy of the village. It was decided to divide the  
amount between the old age pensioners of the village &  
the money to be enclosed with a Xmas Card, at Christmas Time.

#### Business

The Chairman stated that it had been suggested

that a party at Christmas be organised for the elderly. After some discussion, it was suggested by Mrs Shephard that an old time musical evening for everyone should be given instead. The Chairman asked Mrs Shephard to find out if this would be popular in the village.

The Chairman told the meeting that several people had asked if it might be possible to rent the Methodist Chapel Hall for use as a Parish Village Hall. She reported that she had contacted Mr Warren - one of the Trustees & that he had no objection - however on seeing Miss Clarke, ~~she~~ it was found that the Clarke family were very much against this on religious grounds, & as caretakers of the Chapel it was felt that their wishes should be taken into account, & the chairman suggested that no action should be taken at the present time.

Due to the submission of planning approval notices to the Parish Meeting, for their comments <sup>from W.N.D</sup>, the Chairman suggested that a small Sub-Committee be formed to discuss comments to be forwarded.

The following were duly elected:-

Mrs Payne, Mr F. Savage, Mr R. Proctor, Mrs Waller & Mr T. Rice & Miss D. Clarke. Notices to be posted <sup>of Meeting</sup> so as interested parties could also attend.

The Chairman then stated that the next year was the turn of Bognor for the Parochial Cross Games of Charles Day. The proceeds would go to Bognor church. Suggestions for new ideas & unusual activities were invited.

Mrs Payne said that Mrs Card Smith had offered to knit an Aran style cardigan for a Ripple prize. Mr Shephard & Mr Proctor said that they would make a patchwork quilt for another prize. These <sup>offers</sup> were much appreciated.

Mrs Stephen & Mr Potts asked for complete material to be given to them.

Mrs Page suggested the possibility of a Painting or Photographic Competition - also a Flower & Vegetable show. It was decided also to make a feature of the pond with possibilities of boats ~~etc~~ etc. Mrs J. Savage said that they would promote the 'bang-ball' pond game again.

Fancy dress, Easter Bonnets & By-gone exhibition also were suggested.

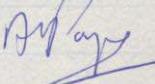
It was decided to hold another meeting in September to discuss further.

Mrs Savage asked if any reply had been received about the abstraction of water from the pond by spraying contractors.

Mrs Page said she'd received a letter from Mr Sennett, enclosing a reply from the Anglian Water Board, that there was no trace of pollution at the time but that if names of contractors could be obtained, action would be taken to stop them taking walls out of the pond.

Being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

11/3/1925.

A.M. Page