

1975.

A Meeting of the Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Schoolroom on Tuesday 11th March 1975, ~~at~~ at 7.15 pm, due notice having been posted.

Present. Mrs J. Savage, Mrs A. Procter, Mrs C. Procter, Mrs Shephard, Mrs Clarke, Mr T. Rix, Mrs Edwards, Mrs T. Rix, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Naglis Miller, Mrs M. Carter, Mrs Walton, Col. Paine, Mr F. Savage, Mr C. Gimson, Mr & Mrs Bert Gimson, Mr C. Rix & the Chairman.

Apologies were received from Mrs W. Smith & Mr R. Payne.

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

Business Arising. The Chairman told the Meeting that the bus shelter - now half completed, had not been built according to the design submitted, & that the floor had not been tilted & drainage holes inserted to carry away rain water, as requested, & that a sloping roof had been agreed on & it would appear that a flat roof was going to be constructed. Accordingly she had contacted Mr Tomblinson, the builder & he had agreed to take down the height by two courses of bricks - to put a sloping roof on & to see that the floor would drain adequately - all to be done at the original estimate. There was considerable

discussion on the bus shelter & it was suggested that it was far too small & it would be better to enlarge it now than to wait until it was completed. A vote was taken & it was carried unanimously to authorise the Chairman ~~to~~ request the builder to extend the shelter by three feet & that the extra cost would be borne by the Improvements Fund.

The Chairman then reported that the cheque from the CPRE for £10 had now been received & had been paid into the Improvements Fund.

BUSINESS

Mrs. Payne reminded the Meeting that there was a notice on the Board regarding Commissioner Bus Fares for Old Age Pensioners, the Handicapped & Blind, permits were being issued by the West Naperville District Council, at the Council office in Downtown Market.

The question of the large numbers of ducks & drakes on the pond was discussed & the Chairman was asked to pay a man to trap surplus ducks to be caught & given away, or released at a suitable distance.

The Chairman told the Meeting that the ^{P.X.} _N Fete Committee under Mrs Edwards were proceeding well. The Fete to be held on June 14th would be opened by Lady Roberts of Cockley Clay Hall & that the other six villages in the Priory Cross Group of Church, Winton, West Dentham, Shalldham, Sharnham, Drayton, Fitcham & Marham would all be running stalls & Brighton was undertaking the refreshments - under Mrs Shepherd - &

the competitions & side shows. Mr Frank Savage kindly offered to 'stage manage' the fete. Mrs Pope said that the band of the Methodist Secondary School were coming, & Wrenham School had promised to put on a country dancing display & Boughley School & art & model exhibition. It was suggested that a floral display be put on in the church & possibly an exhibition of by-gones.

As the Hall Mark Hatches were closing down, & they would not be able to supply the gang mowers in future for the grass cutting of the green, the Chairman suggested that it might be a good plan to approach Hall Mark to see if the Parishes ^{or parishes} could purchase the gang mowers from them. This idea was authorised to do.

A long questionnaire from the West Norfolk District Council on pavilions & seminars given & ideas & suggestions were requested from the Parishes. The points were taken one by one & suggestions duly noted.

The need for two more letter bins was brought up, one for the bus shelter & one underneath the copper bench. The chairman was authorised to purchase these.

Mr Proctor brought up the question of the bad condition of the road access to Mrs C. Bunters' bungalow at Mill Hill corner - this was a disused piece of road that was left behind a grass strip by the Council on the easing of the bend on the road. It was stated that a bus driven by Mrs Bunters for Waterfalls was the main cause of the rutting & mud on the entrance. Mrs Pope said she would take up the matter with the Council.

Being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

F. W. Pope.
14 Sept 1975

A Parish Meeting was held in the Schoolroom on Monday 15th September 1975 at 7.15pm., due notice having been posted.

Present Mrs D. Clarke, Mrs Shepherd, Mrs R. Proctor, Mrs Paine, Mrs T. Smith, Mrs Cowie (W.N.D.C.) Mr & Mrs B. Annsby, Mr T. Rix, Mr Paul Rix, Mr Wallam, Mrs Carter, Mrs Mrs Gold, Mr W. Miller, Mr R. Miller, Mr D. Miller, Miss J. Payre^{Quadding}, Mrs P. Quip, Mrs M. Carter, Mrs Chapman, Mrs Jones, Miss N. Rix, Mrs ~~Stannard~~ ^{Stannard}, Mr F. Savage, Mr J. Savage, Mrs J. Savage, Mr Walton, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Nagle Miller, Mr E. Annsby. Mr R. Payne & the chairman. (34)

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

Business Arising.

The Chairman informed the Meeting that because the bus shelter had to be half dismantled before extending it a further three feet, that the cost had risen considerably. The builder had submitted a bill for £317.37. after deducting £50. All time sheets & work sheets had been submitted for scrutiny by the Chairman. Mr Payne was in order, as the bill was duly paid.

It was reported that Broughton had won the Best Light Village Competition - in the Village Green section. Mr & Mrs J. Savage, Mr Proctor & Mr. Mrs Shepherd went to Pulham Market to receive the prize from Lady Bacon. A cheque for £10 from The Norfolk Society & £10 worth of trees from the Economic Forestry Group. The Chairman read the judges report and also a letter from the Chairman of the W.N.D.C. expressing their congratulations. The Chairman thanked all those who had helped out the green.

Mrs Payne reported that the Priory Cross Group of Churches Fete - held in Broughton this year - made a net profit of £460. £450 was paid into the Church Restoration Fund & £10 donated to the Methodist Chapel.

The Chairman reported that the gang mower had been purchased from Hall Mark Horticulture for the sum of £25.

The N.W.D.C. had promised two more litter bins for the village and the Chairman was arranging to collect these.

Mrs Payne said that so far she'd been unable to get any satisfactory reply from the Divisional Surveyor regarding the ownership of the corner plot at Mill Hill corner. Mr. Proctor said the road was across the centre to the bungalow had very bad puddles & almost impassable. The Chairman promised to take this up again & also the question of the bus which was kept on the open.

Business

The Chairman said the finances were now rather depleted. The Parish Meeting A/c standing at £11.88. and The Parish Improvements Fund £53.95.

In view of the financial state, it was decided to hold a village fete in early summer 1976.

The Chairman then brought up the matter of the purchase of 18 acres of land which Mrs. F. Barber was installing a pig breeding unit of some 400 sows. She outlined the action she'd taken, contacting Mr. Sennitt, the Chief Planning Officer, the Environmental Health Officer & the Anglian Water Authority. All seemed to have sympathy but could not do much as it ^{required} ~~continued~~ a planning ^{permission} ~~action~~. The Chairman said that she had reported the lack of water pressure to the A.W.A. on several occasions & now reiterated her fears that the pig unit would make matters far worse. The A.W.A. wrote to say that since turning off a valve in Stoke Ferry the water pressure was now better - (this was agreed by all present) - & they would make double checks before connecting the Pig Unit so that Bampton would not suffer. The Environmental Health Officer stated that until there was a nuisance established they could take no action.

After much discussion it was decided, by 30 votes ^{to 1 abstaining} to ask the

Chairman to contact Mr Bolton & ask him if he'd come out to look at the site & meet some residents who were expressing alarm & concern at the ~~announcements~~ ^{proposed} of the village. It was also suggested that the chairman write to the Goodenham Village Council to enquire how they'd managed to turn down the ^{proposed} pig unit there.

It was further requested that chairman ask Mr Robinson if he could move his much heap from the field near the workshops & village centre.

The subject of the control over the use of the village pond was then raised. The chairman had raised the question of complaints of the people living around the pond regarding noise, parking, & use of gardens & bus shelter as a toilet etc, with the W.N.D.C. & Mr Hartings of the District Secretary's office advised the chairman that there was the Parish Meeting could make its own ruling on control of fishing in the pond as it was the Registered Owner of the Pond as part of the village Green. He also suggested that the Parish Meeting send to the Home Office for a copy of the Model Bye-laws for Village Greens - or if appropriate - could alter & adapt a Bye-law & send it up for approval.

After much discussion, it was proposed by Mr Price & seconded by Mr Procter, & carried by 17 votes to 6 "that fishing in Boughton Pond be restricted to parishioners and children 16 & under". It was ^{decided} ~~understood~~, however, that each parishioner had a right to have one guest to fish, in company with him/herself. It was further decided to review the situation at ~~the~~ ^{the} Parish Meeting in the Spring. Mr Paul Price reminded the Meeting that the close season for fishing was from March 14th to June 16th. Mr Paul Price was then invited to make his proposition that the pond be dredged in order to clear deep mud & to enable water weeds to be planted to provide oxygen for the fish & pond life. Many fish having died due to the low

water level & lack of oxygen & algae caused by the very hot summer & continuous sunshine & lack of rain. It was estimated that this would cost over £50 & also local farmers would be required to cart the mud away. After discussion it was decided that a good rain would solve most of the trouble & that the Parish Meeting would not offer this at the present time, but this could be looked at again at a future date.

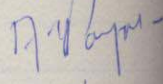
The misuse of the bus shelter by youths & fishermen using it as a toilet was brought up. It was decided to erect a notice on the shelter & to ask for co-operation of everyone to try & stamp out this undesirable habit.

Further concern about the Pig Unit was also expressed and it was proposed, seconded & carried by 30 votes to 1 with 5 abstaining, that the Chief Executive of the West Norfolk District Council (Mr Bolton) be asked to come out to visit the site & to meet the villagers concerned. The Chairman promised to write to Mr Bolton.

Several parishioners asked if the public footpath from Eastham Common to the church lane could be re-made where it had been ploughed up - also if notices could be erected. As it was asked if Mrs. F. Parker knew of the footpath that crossed their land. The chairman said she would look into the situation & report back.

Mr. Procter asked if the washing of paunches in the village pond could be stopped as it made a horrid smell & was very unhygienic as in the summer children played in the pond. There was general assent to this request & the chairman was asked to request the person concerned to cease this activity.

Being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Signed 
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