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The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Schoolroom on Tuesday 23rd March 1976, at 7pm, due notice having been posted.

Present: Mrs Walton, Mrs N. Miller, Mrs M. Carter, Mrs Chapman, Mrs Jones, Mrs N. Rix, Mrs Stannard, Miss Cooper, Mr & Mrs F. Savage, Mr T. Rix, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Shephard, Mrs Clayton, Mrs Crisp and the Chairman.

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

Business Arising. The Chairman told the Meeting that she had received the two letter bins from the W.N.D.C. One had been erected on the bus shelter and Mr T Rix promised to erect the other beside the copper beech tree on the green. She further reported that the Chief Executive of W.N.D.C. (Mr Bolton), had come out at our request, to view the site of the Pig Unit being started by Mrs Fawn Parker. After a general view of the site, he met some of the residents of Bangston, at Mrs Crisp's house, to listen to their objections and worries, & to answer questions raised. He stated that this development did not need planning permission & that there was no action he could take to stop this venture. He advised everyone to be vigilant & if there was cause for worry regarding health hazards from flies & rats etc., or undue smells - to let the Chairman know & she would get in touch with the District Council to see what action could be taken.

As decided at the last Meeting, the question ^{was raised} of whether the restriction on fishermen from outside the parish should be continued. After some discussion it was decided to lift the ban for daytime fishing, but to keep the restriction on from sunset to sunrise. ~~for~~ And to review the position next Spring.

The Chairman then read the correspondence she had received from the County Planning Officer, & from the District Planning Officer regarding the proposed Pig Unit. Also from the Chief Executive of W.N.D.C. and the Southern Area Manager, regarding enquiries about the control of fishing & amenities of the village pond, in which it was stated that as the pond was part of the registered village green, that the Parish Meeting had full powers of control over the pond, both ^{for} fishing & amenities.

Mrs Payne told the Meeting about the visit of Cdr. E. Filchwood McNeil Smith on 21st October 1975 - on Trofden Day. Cdr McNeil Smith was born in the Rectory at Boughton, where his father was Rector for 4 years & his grandfather, Rev. Smith Churchill was Rector for 44 years. After visiting & chatting to acquaintances in the village & seeing his old home he kindly left a donation of £10 to the Church & £10 to the Parish Meeting ^{for improvements}. He wrote to tell his brother, Mr Charles Smith of Toronto, Canada, about his visit, and in due course Mr Charles Smith wrote to the Chairman saying how interested he was to hear about Boughton & to enclose a Money Order for £40. for the Church & Parish. After some discussion it was decided to apportion £10 to the Church & £30 to the Parish - as a large sum had been raised for the Church at last year's Fete. Mrs Payne said she had written to thank Mr Smith & the Cdr. for their generosity.

The Chairman reported that there had been a short Meeting in January to decide on Raffle Tickets & prizes for the Fete to be held on June 26th. The question of an opener was raised. The Chairman said she had asked Cdr. McNeil Smith to open it but due to age he had declined. Mrs Crisp offered to try & get Miss Rosaleyn of Rongun Room & this was agreed on.

It was decided to have a Fete Committee to go into

* Both these
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details of stalls & side-shows, catering etc. Mr Savage
to take the chair & all stall-holders & helpers would
attend. Mrs May's offer offered to have the Meeting
at her house. This was gratefully accepted. The Meeting
was arranged for Thursday 29th April.

Mrs Payne told the Meeting about the last Southern
Area Consultative Committee Meeting on 27th January
at the Council Office, Dowlan Market. At the Meeting
the priority of making good footpaths in the Southern
Area was discussed & agreed on. Also it was agreed
after much discussion that the Southern Area recommended
the system of differential rating for Council Functions
- but that they didn't accept that the Highways, Dowlan
& Hamstead Council Functions should be on a general
rate over the whole District.

The Chairman said that she hadn't received the
form for application for entries for the Best Kept
Village Competition yet, but it was unanimously
decided to enter again this year - & for the
Best Kept Village Green & Best Kept Churchyard.

Under any other business, Miss Cooper raised the
question of whether the footpath from Cowden Corner
to the Church could be ^{kept open} ~~improved~~ & steps erected. Mrs Payne
said she would contact Mr Sennitt & consult the maps
& see if this was still possible. It was also reported
that the road at the top of Whetton road had sunk & a large puddle
of water collected in wet weather.

Mrs Payne then told the Meeting that due to extra
commitments on the County Council she was finding it increasingly
difficult to give enough time to Parish affairs & that
she intended resigning next Spring & asked the Meeting to be
thinking of a successor. In order to lighten the load this year, it was
decided to form a Village Green Committee to look after the
mowing, maintenance & tidiness of the village green. Those householders
living round the pond & anyone else interested would be invited
to be

This was agreed on & Mrs Shephard offered to call the first meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

A. Page
29th July 1976

A. Parish Meeting was held in the Schoolroom on Thursday 29th July 1976 at 7.15 pm. Due notice having been posted.

Present: Mrs J. Savage, Mrs Shephard, Mrs Procter, Mrs D. Clarke, Mrs D. Edwards, Mrs Cripp, Mrs Walton, Mrs Carter, Mrs Cator, Mr T. Dix, Mrs A. Savage, Mr Gold, Mrs Smith, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Chapman, Miss N. Dix, Mrs Miss Cooper, Mr T. Savage & the Chairman. (20)

The Chairman read & signed the Minutes of the last Meeting, arising from the Minutes. Miss Cooper stated that she had asked for the footpath from Covenham Corner to be kept open - not re-opened, as stated. The Chairman made the necessary alterations to the minutes. Miss Cooper also stated that some pigs had got loose into the path & could be a danger to children - & also that Joan Barbers had not cut the grass on the path as they had promised. Mrs Page promised to contact Mr Geoff Allen regarding this.

The Chairman congratulated the whole village on their efforts in keeping Brighton tidy, & especially the few who kept the village green mown so beautifully & painted the posts. She said she was delighted that Brighton had won the Best Kept Village Green Award for the 4th time & ^{was} also runner up in the Best Kept Village Competitions (for villages under 400 pop.).

Thanks were also due to the Schoolchildren who did so much to stop litter. A letter from the Norfolk Society was read - congratulating the village, & asking if this was like to join the Society in the autumn.

The Fete Accounts were then passed round by Mr F. Savage, which was extremely successful. The sum of £918 was banked & there was ^{plus \$20 drawn} £30.81 expenses. Mrs Payne thanked everyone for the marvellous results which was due to their efforts & enthusiasm. Mrs Hayes a former Head Teacher at the School opened the Fete & the band of Methodist School helped to entertain. The hottest Fete yet - Temperatures in the eighties.

There was then some discussion on the village Pond which had been ~~secluded~~ gradually drying out due to the long drought. There was much discussion on whether it should be cleaned out or not. Eventually it was decided that the weeds at the edge of the pond should be got rid off & that an estimate for the dredging of the pond should be obtained. Though many present felt that there was no necessity to clean out the pond & that it could be a danger to children if it was made deeper.

Mr Crisp reported that due to the large increase in flies in the village, one resident had contacted the Health Inspector & he had visited The Fawn Parker Pig Unit & found dead pigs in an uncovered pit without lime. Mrs Chapman told the Meeting that she had never known ~~see~~ many flies in the school kitchen all the times she had worked there.

Mrs Payne said she would contact the Southern Area Manager, and the Health Inspector - stating the concern of the village on what could be a serious health hazard.

Mrs Proctor said that all their dead stock was carted away & couldn't Fawn Parker do the same. Mrs Payne said she would raise this point with the Inspector. Mr Gled asked if the RSPCA could be contacted as he feared maltreatment of the pigs. Mrs Payne said

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she was not prepared to ask for this on behalf of the Parish Meeting but that Mr Gled was entitled to ask ^{for this} himself if he wished.

The Chairman then spoke of the Norfolk Structure Plan, and told the Meeting that this was only the draft plan & that any suggestions or comments from Parishes were welcomed and taken into consideration. She said she had raised the problem of bad siting of factories dealing with poultry manure & animal waste products & other noxious substances. Also she had commented that the small villages should be allowed small natural growth & that the existing village envelopes should be revised. The Meeting agreed with these comments & had no other points to raise.

~~As there being no other business the Meeting was closed.~~

Mr J. Savage raised the question of some sort of recognition to Mr ^{Mr} Claydon - who had now left the village, for all the hard work he had put in on keeping the green mown & tidy. The Chairman welcomed the suggestion that a ~~gift~~ ^{plant} voucher for £5 be sent to him, together with a letter of thanks from the Parish Meeting. This was agreed on unanimously.

Improvements A/c

There being no further business the Meeting was then closed.

A. H. Jones

A Parish Meeting was held in the Schoolroom on Monday 8th November 1976 at 7.15 pm, due notice having been posted.

Present - Mrs J. Savage, Mr R. Procter, Mr B. Smith, Mrs Chapman, Mrs A. Walton, Mrs Cator, Mrs M. Carter, Mrs R. Pex, Mrs Nagus Miller, Mrs R. Payne.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, approved & signed. Arising out of Minutes, the Chairman stated that she had seen the local Health Inspector & he was now satisfied that all dead pigs were being properly buried & that spraying against flies was being done. He promised to make checks from time to time. The Chairman then stated that the Village Pond had been dredged - but this was not completed as the rain started at Bank Holiday weekend & went on until conditions were too bad to continue. For the record the Pond had dried up completely - only leaving wet mud in the centre. The dredging was done by the drag-line of the Worsey Internal Drainage Board [Ref 143.20] organised by Mr Cliff Annsby. Mr Cliff Annsby & Mr Bert Annsby had kindly repaired the overflow outlet to the pond & thanks were due to them for this. Thanks were also due to Mr Ralph Procter, the Miller Bros & Mr Annsby for the disposal & carting away of the spoil. The Chairman suggested that all who had helped should have letters of thanks from the Parish Council. This was agreed by all.

Correspondence regarding two planning applications approved, was received - for John Parker's bungalow & for the use of the outbuildings at Hall Farm ^{for catnip making} for Mrs Cooper, letters also from WNDL re Selwyn Jubilee celebrations & the Norfolk Society. Also a letter asking for support for the Cancer Research - suggesting we could raise funds by candle singing. It was decided to look into this possibility.

Mrs Payne told the Meeting that the Bank Statements showed £5.71 on the Parish Meeting A/c & £201.31 on the Parish Improvements A/c. She further stated that Mr F. Savage had kindly donated all the petrol for the grass cutting this summer & our ^{grateful} thanks were due to him.

The Meeting then discussed the Silver Jubilee Celebrations for June 7th 1977.

Many ideas were discussed & it was decided to ask Mr F. Savage to take round a notice stating the possibility of having a 'sit down' tea, or a buffet tea, for all, and asking them if they'd prefer a house to house collection or to pay at the door. Children of school age would be free.

Another Meeting just to discuss the celebrations would be held as soon as he had got the answers.

Being no further business the Meeting was declared closed.

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A Meeting was held on 8th December 1976 in the Schoolroom, due notice having been posted.

Present Mrs Shephard, Mrs Walton, Mrs Golebee, Mr & Mrs Bert Armsby, Mr Tim Rix, Mr F. Savage, Mrs J. Savage, Mr Harding, Mr Peter Smith, Mr & Mrs Goodall, Mrs Jones, Mrs Burton, Miss G. Oswald, & the Chairman, Mrs Mary Carter, Mrs R. Rix, Mrs Lator.

The Chairman said that the Meeting had been called to vote on the proposal that Boughton should be designated a Conservation Area - & to discuss the Silver Jubilee Celebrations on 7th June 1977.

It was reported that Mr Higgins of Planning Dept. of West Norfolk District Council had come out to Boughton on Monday 6th December & was available for anyone to come and ask questions. About ten were present & after Mr Higgins had outlined the scheme & pointed out the full implications, he then answered many questions put to him. He went on to state that the measure would help the village to stay as it is, as far as possible - to preserve its character & to ensure that full consideration would be given to all planning applications. There would be a 'Conservation Sub Committee' including one member of Boughton Parish Meeting & the District Council - they would thoroughly look at every application with careful consideration, before passing on their comments to the Planning Committee. He said they were not out to stop growth but just to see that extra care would be taken. The Meeting decided to ask for the whole central village to be included in the Conservation Area - up to Cavenham Corner on the Mill Hill Rd - & including the old Rectory & the 2 houses on the south side of Oxenburgh Rd. A vote was then taken & passed nem con.

Being two abstentions,

The celebrations for the Queens Silver Jubilee

on 7th June 1977, was then discussed at length. Mr F. Savage had taken a questionnaire round the village & the results were in favour of a sit down meal by outside catering - to be paid for individually. Mrs Payne said she would obtain estimates from Messrs Porters of Selby & Mr Hall of Northwold.

Mrs ^{Gillian} Oswin suggested that a dance be held after the tea, & after some discussion it was agreed that this would be enjoyable for all ages & Mrs Oswin offered to lend her stereo & to put on the records. Everyone was asked to bring their own favourite records to provide a good variety. Other entertainment was suggested - party games etc & the evening to be concluded with community singing. It was decided to hold another meeting to discuss the arrangements further.

A. V. Jones.