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# Local Government Act, 1894.

## PARISH MEETING.

### STATUTORY PROVISIONS CONTROLLING PROCEEDINGS.

It is enacted in the Local Government Act, 1894, in effect as follows:—

- (1.) The Parish Meeting for a rural parish shall consist of the following persons, in this Act referred to as parochial electors, and no others, namely, the persons registered in such portion either of the local government register of electors or of the parliamentary register of electors as relates to the parish.
- (2.) Each parochial elector may, at any Parish Meeting, or at any poll consequent thereon, give one vote and no more on any question, or, in the case of an election, for each of any number of persons not exceeding the number to be elected.
- (3.) The Parish Meeting shall assemble at least once in every year, and the proceedings of every Parish Meeting shall begin not earlier than six o'clock in the evening.
- (4.) Subject to the provisions of this Act as to any particular person being the Chairman of a Parish Meeting, the Meeting may choose their own Chairman.
- (5.) A poll consequent on a Parish Meeting shall be taken by ballot.
- (6.) The reasonable expenses of and incidental to the holding of a Parish Meeting or the taking of a poll consequent thereon shall be defrayed as herein-after provided.
- (7.) With respect to Parish Meetings, the provisions in the First Schedule to this Act shall have effect.—(SECTION 2.)

In a rural parish not having a separate Parish Council, the following provisions shall, as from the appointed day, but subject to provisions made by a grouping order, if the parish is grouped with some other parish or parishes, have effect:—

- (1.) At the annual assembly the Parish Meeting shall choose a Chairman for the year:
- (2.) The Parish Meeting shall assemble not less than twice in each year:
- (3.) The Parish Meeting may appoint a Committee of their own number for any purposes which, in the opinion of the Parish Meeting, would be better regulated and managed by means of such a Committee, and all the acts of the Committee shall be submitted to the Parish Meeting for their approval:
- (6.) The Chairman of the Parish Meeting and the Overseers of the Parish shall be a body corporate by the name of the Chairman and Overseers of the Parish, and shall have perpetual succession, and may hold land for the purposes of the parish without licence in mortmain; but shall in all respects act in manner directed by the Parish Meeting, and any act of such body corporate shall be executed under the hands, or if an instrument under seal is required under the hands and seals of the said Chairman and Overseers:
- (11.) Any act of the Parish Meeting may be signified by an instrument executed at the meeting under the hands, or, if an instrument under seal is required under the hands and seals, of the Chairman presiding at the meeting and two other parochial electors present at the meeting.—(SECTION 19.)

#### Rules applicable to Parish Meetings.

- (1.) The annual assembly of the Parish Meeting shall be held on the twenty-fifth day of March in each year, or within seven days before or after that day.
- (2.) Not less than seven clear days before any Parish Meeting, public notice thereof shall be given specifying the time and place of the intended meeting and the business to be transacted at the meeting, and signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council or other conveners of the meeting.
- (3.) If the business relates to the establishment or dissolution of a Parish Council, or the grouping of a parish, or the adoption of any of the adoptive Acts, not less than fourteen days' notice shall be given.
- (4.) A Parish Meeting may discuss parish affairs and pass resolutions thereon.
- (5.) Every question to be decided by a Parish Meeting shall, in the first instance, be decided by the majority of those present and voting on the question, and the Chairman shall announce his decision as to the result, and that decision shall be final, unless a poll is demanded.
- (6.) A poll may be demanded at any time before the conclusion of a Parish Meeting.
- (7.) A poll may be demanded by any one parochial elector in the case of a resolution respecting any of the following matters, namely:—
  - (a.) Any application, representation, or complaint to a County Council or District Council;
  - (b.) The appointment of a Chairman for the year or of a Committee, or the delegation of any powers or duties to a Committee, or the approval of the acts of a Committee;
  - (c.) The appointment of an overseer, the appointment or revocation of the appointment or dismissal of an assistant overseer or a parish officer;
  - (d.) The appointment of trustees or beneficiaries of a charity;
  - (e.) The adoption of any of the adoptive Acts;
  - (f.) The formation or dissolution of a school board;

- (g.) The consent or refusal of consent to any act, matter, or thing which cannot by law be done without that consent;
  - (h.) The incurring of any expense or liability;
  - (i.) The place and time for the assembly of the Parish Meeting;
  - (k.) Any other prescribed matter;
- but, save as aforesaid, a poll shall not be taken unless either the Chairman of the meeting assents, or the poll is demanded by parochial electors present at the meeting, not being less than five in number or one-third of those present, whichever number is least.
- (8.) In case of an equal division of votes at a Parish Meeting, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
  - (9.) Where a Parish Meeting is held for the election of Parish Councillors, opportunity shall be given at the meeting for putting questions to such of the candidates as are present, and receiving explanations from them; and any candidate shall be entitled to attend the meeting and speak thereat, but, unless he is a parochial elector, not to vote.
  - (10.) If the Chairman of the Parish Meeting is absent from or unwilling or unable to take the chair at any assembly of the Parish Meeting, the meeting may appoint a person to take the chair, and that person shall have, for the purpose of that meeting, the powers and authority of the Chairman.
  - (11.) Any notice required to be given to or served on a Parish Meeting may be given to or served on the Chairman of the Parish Meeting.—(FIRST SCHEDULE, PART I.)

#### General.

- (1.) Minutes of the proceeding of every Parish Meeting shall be kept in a book provided for that purpose.
- (2.) A Minute of proceedings at a Parish Meeting signed at the same or the next ensuing meeting by a person describing himself as or appearing to be Chairman of the meeting at which the minute is signed, shall be received in evidence without further proof.
- (3.) Until the contrary is proved, every meeting in respect of the proceedings whereof a Minute has been so made shall be deemed to have been duly convened and held, and all the members of the meeting shall be deemed to have been duly qualified; and where the proceedings are proceedings of a Committee, the Committee shall be deemed to have been duly constituted, and to have had power to deal with the matters referred to in the minutes.
- (4.) Any instrument purporting to be executed under the hands or under the hands and seals of the Chairman and of two other members of a Parish Meeting shall, until the contrary is proved, be deemed to have been duly so executed.
- (5.) Subject to the provisions of this Act, a Parish Council may make, vary, and revoke standing orders for the regulation of the proceedings and business at Parish Meetings for a rural parish having a Parish Council.
- (6.) Where there is no Council for a rural parish, the Parish Meeting may, subject to the provisions of his Act, regulate their own proceedings and business.—(FIRST SCHEDULE, PART III.)

### PRACTICAL RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS AS TO CONDUCT OF MEETINGS.

- (1.) In parishes where there is a Parish Council, the Chairman of the Parish Council, if present at a Parish Meeting, will preside at such meeting. In other cases the Parish Meeting will elect its Chairman.
- (2.) The Chairman should read the notice, if any, by which the meeting has been convened.
- (3.) No quorum is fixed by law for a Parish Meeting, but there should be at least two parochial electors present.
- (4.) The Minutes of the previous meeting should be read and signed.
- (5.) The business should be taken in the order in which it has been arranged on the agenda.
- (6.) Any motion may be made without notice, but should be reduced to writing and handed to the Chairman, and must be moved and seconded before being submitted to the Meeting.
- (7.) When a motion has been moved and seconded, amendments may be proposed, but they also require to be seconded, and should not be in the form of a direct negative.
- (8.) Amendments should be voted on separately, and should as far as possible follow one another in the order in which they effect changes in the original motion.
- (9.) The mover of a substantive motion has the right of reply, but the mover of an amendment or of a motion for adjournment has not.
- (10.) Every speaker should address his remarks to the Chairman, and should stand while speaking.
- (11.) No person, other than the mover, should be allowed to speak more than once on the same motion, except by way of explanation of something arising out of his own speech.
- (12.) Any person may "rise to order," and raise any question as to any matter of order. The decision of the Chairman on any point of order is final.
- (13.) The Chairman cannot dissolve the meeting by leaving the chair without the consent of the meeting.
- (14.) The Chairman may take all necessary measures to preserve order at the meeting.

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The following are the Minutes of the first Parish Meeting in Thwaite held in the Schoolroom at 7 o'clock on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1894.

Proposed by Mr. Ashford and seconded by James Stannard that the Revd. George Thomas Carpenter be Chairman of the Parish Meeting until 25<sup>th</sup> March 1895.

Proposed by Harry Fernando Syrett and seconded by Mr. Ashford that Frederic Rose be District Councillor and Guardian.

George Thomas Carpenter, Chairman.  
March 25<sup>th</sup>. 1895.

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held in the Schoolroom at 7 p.m. on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1895.

Proposed by Mr. Amess and seconded by Mr. Warren that Frederic Rose and David Boy be Overseers of this parish until the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1896.

Proposed by Mr. Amess and seconded by Mrs. R. Amess that Frederic Rose be Surveyor of this parish until the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1896.

Alfred Ashford Chairman

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held in the Schoolroom at 7 p.m. on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1894.

Proposed by Mr. Boy seconded by Mr. Syrett that Mr. Alfred Ashford be Chairman for the ensuing year ending 25<sup>th</sup> March 1894.

Proposed by James Stannard and seconded by H. Syrett that Frederick Spencer Cracknell and George Thomas Carpenter (Curate in Charge) be elected Overseers for the ensuing year ending 25<sup>th</sup> March 1894.

Alfred Ashford  
Chairman

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held in the Parish Schoolroom at 7 p.m. on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1894.

Proposed by Frederic Rose seconded by Robert Smith that Mr. Alfred Ashford be Chairman for the ensuing year ending 25<sup>th</sup> March 1898.

Proposed by Thomas Upson and seconded by Charles Rookyard that Frederic Rose and David Boy be Overseers for the ensuing year ending 25<sup>th</sup> March 1898.

Proposed by David Smith and seconded by Wm. Green that Frederic Rose be Surveyor for the ensuing year ending 25<sup>th</sup> March 1898.

Alfred Ashford  
Chairman

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held in the Parish Schoolroom at 7 p.m. on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1898.

Proposed by William Green and seconded by Alfred Pookyard that Mr. Alfred Ashford be Chairman for the ensuing year ending 25<sup>th</sup> March 1899.

Proposed by Mr. Alfred Ashford and seconded by William Green that Frederic Rose be Guardian & Rural District Councillor.

Proposed by Mr. Alfred Ashford and seconded by Alfred Pookyard that Frederic Rose and David Boy be Overseers for the ensuing year ending 25<sup>th</sup> March 1899.

Proposed by William Green and seconded by Alfred Pookyard that Frederic Rose be Surveyor for the ensuing year ending 25<sup>th</sup> March 1899.

Minutes attached to let Cottages so that no sub letting was allowed

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held in the schoolroom at 7 p.m., on the 25<sup>th</sup> March, 1903.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> George T. Carpenter, rector, was voted to the chair. Mr. Frederic Rose wished to resign his office of Overseer. The Meeting appointed Messrs Robert N. Spinks (Brookford Hall) and Alexander Bloomfield (Hill Farm, Tharaito) Overseers.

Proposed by Mr. Spinks, seconded by Mr. Bloomfield that an Assistant Overseer be appointed. Carried.

Proposed by Mr. Spinks, seconded by Mr. James Steward that when desired the occupier of a parish cottage should be entitled to the hire of a parish allotment: the allotment not to be sub-let. Carried.

Present holders of parish cottages. David Smith, William Brauhaw (2 cottages), J. Clover, T. Upton, R. Nuttall (2 cottages), Joseph Steward, Mr. Pookyard.

Proposed by Mr. Spinks, seconded by Mr. James Steward that 6 months notice beginning from April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1903, be given to all holders of parish allotments who do not occupy parish cottages. Carried.

The allotment question created much interest, to make sure of the meeting's intention being clearly understood

Mr. Robert Nuttall proposed and Mr. H. F. Syrett seconded that the parish allotments be attached to the parish cottages in order & that the allotments be not sub-let. Carried.

Proposed by Mr. Alexander Bloomfield, seconded by Mr. H. F. Syrett that a new gate be placed at the entrance to the parish allotment near Mr. J. Clover's cottage. Carried.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the late Overseer (Mr. F. Rose) for the kind way in which he had discharged the duties of his Office.

Mr. H. E. Garrow's notice re-letting of his Cottages was given to the Overseers for them to deal with.

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held in the Schoolroom at 7.30 p.m., on the 6th May, 1903. Chairman, Rev. G. T. Carpenter

This being a Meeting of Emergency called in accordance with directions received from the County Council to elect a Representative to meet the Parish Councillors for the Parish of Wetheringsett-cum-Brockford for the purpose of jointly appointing a Manager of Wetheringsett-cum-Brockford School it was resolved to postpone the reading of the minutes of the last general meeting until a future meeting.

Proposed by Mr. Alexander Bloomfield; seconded by Mr. James Stannard that the Rev. G. T. Carpenter be the Representative. Carried.  
Mr. Carpenter thanked the Meeting.

George Thomas Carpenter  
22nd March 1904.

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held in the Schoolroom at 7 p.m., on the 22nd March, 1904. Chairman, Rev. G. T. Carpenter

Having read and signed the Minutes of the last two meetings the business of the present Meeting was proceeded with.

The Overseers' accounts were gone through and discussed. Mr. Bobbin proposed and Mr. Thomas Upson seconded Mr. Frederic Rose as Overseer.

Mr. Bloomfield proposed and Mr. Syrett seconded Mr. Robert N. Spiak as Overseer.

Mr. Frederic Rose proposed and Mr. Robert N. Spiak seconded Mr. A. Bloomfield as Overseer.

It was decided to vote by show of hands.

5 voted for Mr. Rose

6 . . . Spiak

7 . . . Bloomfield

Messrs R. N. Spiak and A. Bloomfield declared appointed as Overseers.

Proposed by Mr. R. N. Spiak and seconded by Mr. F. Rose that Mr. Harry Symonds be appointed Assistant Overseer.

Proposed by Mr. John Harvey and <sup>seconded by</sup> Mr. A. Bloomfield that Mr. Harry Symonds be paid at the rate of £4.10.0 per annum with the additional for collecting rates.

Proposed by Mr. F. Rose and seconded by Mr. R. N. Spiak that the Overseers appoint a practical man to sufficiently drain the Allotments at a convenient period of the year, and pay for the draining.

George Thomas Carpenter  
Chairman

22nd March 1904



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Minutes of the Parish Meeting held in the Schoolroom at 7.30 p.m., on the 31st March, 1905, Chairman, Rev. G. T. Carpenter.

Having read ~~and~~ <sup>over</sup> the minutes of the last meeting the Overseers' account for March 31st, 1904, was discussed. Then the account for Sept. 30th, 1904, was gone into. Then the account for March 31st, 1905, was gone into.

The Meeting authorized Mr. Harry Symonds, Assistant Overseer, to pay Jose Smith's and Fred. Tiff's bills, and the Insurance on the Parish Property.

The Meeting unanimously appointed Mr. Alexander Bloomfield and Mr. <sup>W. H.</sup> Hagger Overseers.

In case Mr. H. Fox Hagger refuses to act, Mr. W. Stannard proposed and Mr. W. Barkham seconded that Mr. R. N. Spink be the second Overseer: Mr. F. Rose proposed and Mr. John Haroey <sup>seconded</sup> proposed Mr. Albert Edward Saunders. It was put to the meeting, 6 voting for Spink, 7 for Saunders. Mr. Albert Edward Saunders was declared to be the gentleman in reserve.

The Rev. G. T. Carpenter was appointed Chairman.

A strong objection was made to the large balance in hand for the ending of the last two years respectively.

The draining referred to in the previous minutes to be done as soon as the crops are off. To be done with drain pipes: drains 9 yards apart.  
George T. Carpenter

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Minutes of the Parish Meeting held in the School room at 7.30 p.m., on the 31st March, 1906, Chairman, Rev. G. T. Carpenter.

Having read the minutes of the last meeting the Overseers' accounts for the past year were gone into and passed by the meeting.

The meeting appointed Mr. Alexander Bloomfield and Mr. Robert <sup>Hagger</sup> Bloomfield Overseers.

The meeting agreed to do without an Assistant Overseer for this current year.

Mr. F. Rose proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Harry Symonds for the careful business like way he had discharged the duties of Assistant Overseer for the last two years. Mr. Alexander Bloomfield seconded the proposition. Carried unanimously.

The Rev. G. T. Carpenter was appointed Chairman for the current year.

George T. Carpenter  
Chairman.

31st March, 1906.

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held in the School room at 7 O'clock, p.m., on the 25th March, 1907, Chairman: Rev. G. T. Carpenter.

Having read the minutes of the last meeting the Overseers accounts were gone into for the past year & passed by the meeting.

Mr. Fred. Rose proposed & Mr. J. Harvey seconded the re-appointment of Mr. Alexander Bloomfield & Mr. Robert Bickers as Overseers for ensuing year. Carried.

Mr. Rose gave a <sup>statement</sup> ~~gratitude~~ of <sup>3</sup> 10/- to Miss Eleanor Buckingham for collecting the last two rates. He suggested that other rate-payers should be asked to subscribe.

The above <sup>three lines</sup> were cancelled at the suggestion of Mr. Rose.

It was proposed & carried that Mr. Rose's surveyor of Rates, letter be sent to the Auditor & his advice obtained as to whether the land tax on parish property be paid or not.

Rev. G. T. Carpenter, appointed Chairman.

George Thomas Carpenter,  
Chairman.  
March 25th, 1907.

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held in the School room at 7.15 O'clock, p.m., on the 30th March, 1908, Chairman Rev. G. T. Carpenter.

Rev. G. T. Carpenter was appointed Chairman for the current year.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read the Overseers accounts were gone into for the past year and passed by the meeting.

Mr. Alexander Bloomfield and Mr. Arthur Daniels were unanimously appointed Overseers.

No applications were received for small holdings. Apparently the meeting appeared to think that the act was useless.

George Thomas Carpenter  
Chairman  
March 30th, 1908.

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held in the School room at 7 o'clock, p. m., on the 25th day of March 1909.

The Rev. G. T. Carpenter appointed Chairman for ensuing year.

Mr. P. Rose proposed & Mr. James Stannard seconded that Mr. Alex. Bloomfield & Mr. A. Dain be appointed Overseers. Carried unanimously.

G. T. Carpenter  
March 25th 1909.

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held in the School room at 7 o'clock, p. m., on the 23rd day of March 1910.

A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the retiring Overseer, Mr. Alex. Bloomfield. The Chairman (Rev. G. T. Carpenter) to write to him.

Mr. Charles Lockwood & Mr. John Harney were appointed Overseers.

The meeting wished it to be understood that the two Overseers were to act together conscientiously in the matter of parish property.

The Rev. G. T. Carpenter was appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

The Overseers' fees for past year were accepted.

G. T. Carpenter,  
Chairman,  
23rd March 1910

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held in the Parish Room at 7.30 p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1911.

The Rev. Mr. Hayman Cummings was appointed Chairman.

The notice concerning the meeting was read.

The Chairman read the minutes of the last meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1910.

The Overseer's accounts for the year past were presented & accepted.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Overseer, which having been seconded by Mr. A. Daniels, was carried unanimously.

Mr. Jas. Staunton proposed, & Mr. F. Rose, seconded, Mr. John Harvey, as Overseer.

Mr. A. Daniels proposed -- Mr. Charles Lockwood and Mr. F. Rose. -- This was seconded by Mr. J. Harvey.

Mr. J. Harvey proposed, & Mr. F. Rose seconded that Mr. A. Daniels be elected Overseer.

Mr. John Harvey declined to be re-elected, and Mr. A. Daniels also declined his name to be withdrawn.

A vote being taken for Mr. Charles Lockwood and Mr. Fred. Rose, they were unanimously elected Overseers for the ensuing year.

It was intimated by Mr. John Harvey, that one parish cottage was occupied by Mr. John Smith, an aged woman on parish allowance & unable to pay, the rent, & that the Overseer had decided not to take proceedings for the recovery of the rent due Oct 11. =  $\frac{1}{2}$  1. 15. 0.

There being a full meeting of Parish Electors, the matter was fully considered, & it was the general feeling that the widow named, having been long ill & in bed, if it be possible the consideration accorded should be ~~accorded~~ accorded.

Mr. C. Lockwood proposed, Mr. A. Daniels seconded & Mr. D. Smith & others supported the motion, that "Subject to the approval of the Auditor, the proposal of the Overseer, be adopted & the rent remitted." This was carried unanimously.

The Chairman read a communication from the Clerk to the Rural District Council, as to the action taken in the matter of "Rat Destruction", suggesting that a Committee be appointed to deal with it. On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded and supported by Mr. C. Lockwood & A. Daniels, Mr. Fred. Rose was unanimously appointed to act for the Parish.

The Rev. Mr. Hayman Cummings, was appointed Chairman for the coming year. mem. con.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman. Resolving  
was proposed by Mr. J. Harvey, & seconded  
by Mr. C. Lockwood & carried unanimously.

May 1911  
5<sup>th</sup> April 1911

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held in the  
Parish Room on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 1912.

#### Election of Chairman.

The Revd. Chapman Cummings was unanimously  
elected, but expressed a wish to retire from the Chair.  
Frederic Rose was then proposed by Mr. Daniels and  
seconded by Mr. John Harvey, and unanimously appointed.

The notice concerning the Meeting was then read, also  
the Minutes of the last Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> April.

The Overseers accounts for the past year were then  
presented & passed.

#### Election of Overseers.

Frederic Rose and Charles Lockwood were  
appointed Overseers for the coming year.

The Housing and Schooling questions in connection  
with the Parish were then discussed.

Frederic Rose,  
Chairman.

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held in the Parish Room on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 1912.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed.

The Notice concerning the meeting was then read.

The following letter was then read, and laid before the meeting for discussion :-

To. Clerk. Parish Meeting. *Age. 21. May 1912.*  
 Thewate

Dear Sir, The District Council have under their consideration the question as to the water supply for the Parish of Thewate, and it has been suggested by the Sanitary Officers that a new Well water supply is necessary, but before proceeding further in the matter, they (the Council) would be glad to have the views of the Parish Meeting as to the sinking of new well.

Yours faithfully

Harold Warner.

Clerk to. Hants. Rural District Council.

The letter was then discussed, a Resolution was then proposed by William Bauham, seconded by Joseph Stannard, that a supply of water is necessary to be provided for the parishioners of the Parish, upon being put to the vote of the meeting, received unanimous support.

A hearty & unanimous vote of thanks was given to the Rector for allowing the parishioners the free use of his Well water.

Frederic Rose  
 Chairman.

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held in the Parish Room on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1913.  
 Chairman. Mr Frederic Rose.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The notice concerning the meeting was then read.

The Overseers accounts for the past year were presented and accepted.

Mr Frederic Rose was appointed Chairman for the current year.

Proposed by Charles Staggallo and seconded by David Smith that Mr Arthur Daniels of Brookford Hall and Mr Frederic Rose, be appointed Overseers, carried unanimously.

Frederic Rose.  
 Chairman.

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held in the Parish room  
on Monday the 30 March 1914.

Chairman Mr Frederic Rose.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

The notice concerning the meeting was read.

The Overseers' rates for the past year were then  
presented and accepted.

Mr Frederic Rose was appointed Chairman for the current year.

Proposed by William Bauham and seconded by Charles  
Steggalls that Arthur Dainels Brookford Hall and  
Frederic Rose be appointed Overseers, carried unanimously.

Frederic Rose.  
Chairman.

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held in the Parish Room  
on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 1915.

Mr John Harvey was appointed Chairman.

The notice concerning the Meeting was then read.

The Chairman read the Minutes of the last Meeting held on  
the 30<sup>th</sup> March 1914.

The Overseers' rates for the past year were read & accepted.

Proposed by Charles Steggall and seconded by William Bauham  
that Frederic Rose, William Bauham, Thwaite and Arthur  
Dainels, Brookford Hall be appointed Overseers for the  
ensuing year.

Frederic Rose.  
Chairman.

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held in the Parish Room  
on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 1916.

Proposed by Arthur Farnow, seconded by James Stannard second unanimously  
that Frederic Rose be Chairman for the ensuing year.

The Chairman read the Minutes of the last Meeting held on the  
31<sup>st</sup> March 1915, which were read and signed  
also the Accounts for the past year which were accepted  
and passed.

Proposed by William Stegfalls, seconded by Charles Stegfalls and carried  
unanimously that Frederic Rose, Willow Farm Thwaite  
and Arthur Daniels of Brochford Hall be appointed  
Overseers of this parish for the ensuing year.

Frederic Rose and David Smith requested an abatement  
of 25 per cent off their Rates, on Cottages under 10<sup>th</sup> rentals,  
situate on Church Lane Thwaite, they offering to pay Rates on  
Cottages which occupied a rent.

Proposed by William Stegfalls seconded by Arthur Farnow that the  
25 per cent off Rates be acceded to, carried unanimously.

William Stegfalls & Arthur Farnow asked that Valuation money  
paid by them on entering the parish cottages now in their  
occupation, to outgoing tenants, be allowed to them.

Proposed by James Stannard and seconded by William Bantans their requests  
be acceded to, carried unanimously.

Proposed by Arthur Farnow seconded by James Stannard that timber be  
obtained by the Vicarage, & placed on approach from Withams Road to  
Allments field gateway, & from Lime hand gate on footpath to Parish Room  
agreed to unanimously.

Chairman.

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held in the Parish Room  
on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 1917

Proposed by William Stegfalls seconded by Archie Killen who carried  
unanimously that Frederic Rose be Chairman for the  
ensuing year.

The Chairman read the Minutes of the last Meeting held on the  
31<sup>st</sup> March 1916, and which were read and signed.  
also the Accounts for the past year which were accepted and  
passed.

Proposed by William Stegfalls seconded by David Smith that  
Frederic Rose, Willow Farm Thwaite and Arthur Daniels  
of Brochford Hall be appointed Overseers of the parish for  
the forthcoming year.

Discussion then arose as to the ability of Mrs. Bantans being able to  
pay the years rent of Cottage she occupied belonging to the parish.  
The meeting unanimously decided she could not, owing to her  
old age & feebleness, its proposition was then put by  
William Stegfalls and seconded by Charles Stegfalls that  
she be not pressed for the years rent ending 11<sup>th</sup> October 1916.

The meeting then requested that Mr Daniels owner & occupier  
of Brochford & Thwaite Hall farms, be asked to improve the  
stiles & ditch plants thro his property leading from Thwaite  
to Mendlesham.

Frederic Rose  
Chairman.





A Parish Meeting was called and held in the Parish Room on Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 1917 at the request of the  
Hautmore Rural District Council  
to

Discuss the housing needs of the Parish, and whether the Inhabitants requested the Council to build any new houses.

It was unanimously decided to reply, that the matter had better be left over for further discussion after the War was over, so many youths being drafted into the Army,

Federic Rose  
Chairman.

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held in the Parish Room on Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 1918.

Proposed by William Stegfall, seconded by Arthur Daniel that Federic Rose be Chairman for the coming year.

The Chairman then read the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> March & 27<sup>th</sup> September 1917, which were passed and signed; also the Accounts for the past year, which were accepted and passed.

Proposed by Arthur Daniel and seconded by Charles Stegfall that Federic Rose and Charles Lockwood be Overseers for the coming year.

Proposed by Arthur Daniel and seconded by Charles Stegfall that Mrs. Bankham be released from paying the years rent due 11<sup>th</sup> October 1917.

A notice from the Hautmore Rural District Council with a complaint against reference to Joseph Stannard overcrowding his cottage, Joseph Stannard mentioned he had hired another house & would like to leave his cottage at Lady-day (6<sup>th</sup> April), it was then

Proposed by Arthur Daniel and seconded by David Smith that Joseph Stannard be released from his tenancy of house as from 6<sup>th</sup> April 1918.

Proposed by Arthur Daniel & seconded by David Smith that Joe. Stannard's cottage be let to William Grew, from time of Stannard's leaving his cottage, and that he pay the 11<sup>th</sup> October next.



Federic Rose  
Chairman

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held at the Willow Farmhouse, (by consent of the Auditor - M. Dixon Esq) on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 1919.

Proposed by William Stegfall seconded by Charles Stegfall that Frederic Rose be Chairman for the ensuing year.

The Chairman then read the Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 1918 which were passed & agreed. also the Accounts of the past year which were accepted & passed.

Proposed by William Stegfall seconded by William Bamham that Frederic Rose and Arthur Rowland Daniel be appointed Overseers for the ensuing year.

Proposed by William Stegfall seconded by Archie Holten that Mrs. Bamham be released from paying the years rent due 11. October 1918.

Letter from Revd Kayman Cummings dated 20. February 1919 was then read, asking that a payment be made to him of £16 for use of and towards expense of cleaning out keep of the Parish Room, when used for holding Parish Meetings.

The parishioners present expressed the view, that no payment was due or to be paid for use of the Parish Room as it belonged to the Parish, & had been used by the Parish for their meetings since it was built, &c.

The Acting Overseer Frederic Rose mentioned he had laid the letter before the Auditor for advice, who advised no payment be made, before consulting the Parish Meeting, & agreed to this meeting being held at the house of the Acting Overseer.

After much discussion it was proposed and seconded that the Chairman, Charles Stegfall, Arthur Rowland Daniel and James Stannard interview the Revd H. Cummings on his letter.

Frederic Rose

A special Parish Meeting was held in the Parish Room on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1919.

The Committee appointed to interview the Revd H. Cummings with reference to his letter & request for payment for use of the Parish Room for the Parish Meetings, reported they had interviewed Mr Cummings, & he expressed his willingness to hand over the Room to the Parish on payment of Repair expenses, <sup>which</sup> he had paid; if the Patron of the living (the Revd J. L. Carpenter) was also willing, he said he would write to him at once.

Discussion on the selection of site by the Parish Housing Sites Committee took place, for the erection of Workmen's dwellings on the corner of field adjoining Allment field and Wickham Heath road. The parishioners present considered the site a suitable one.

Frederic Rose Chairman

A further Special Meeting held in the Parish Room on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 1919.

The Revd Kayman Cummings read a letter from the Diocesan Legal Authority Revd St Edmunds claiming the Parish Room as Church Property, and stating he had not written to the Patron of the living the Revd J. L. Carpenter as he said he would do at the last meeting.

Claim by diocesan legal authority that R.S. is Church Property

Frederic Rose  
Chairman

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held at the Willow Farmhouse.  
(The key of the Parish Room not being available) on  
Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 1920.

The Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of  
March 1919, the Special Parish Meeting held on Friday  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1919, and the further special Parish  
Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 1919 were read  
passed and signed; also the Accounts for the past  
year were accepted and passed.

Proposed by Frederic Rose. Seconded by James Stannard that  
Arthur Rowland Daniel be Chairman of the Parish  
Meeting for the ensuing year.

Proposed by Charles Stegalls and seconded by Frederic Rose  
that Arthur Rowland Daniel and Hugh Duncan  
Gower be appointed Overseers for the ensuing year.

Proposed by Walter Stegalls seconded by Charles Stegalls that  
Mrs Banham be released from paying the rates next  
the 11<sup>th</sup> October 1919.



Rowland Daniel  
Chairman

The minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the  
21<sup>st</sup> day of March 1920 were read passed and signed  
also the Accounts for the past year were accepted  
& passed.

The minutes of the Parish Meeting held the  
29<sup>th</sup> day of March 1921 at the Parish Room.

Proposed by Mr. F. Rose. Seconded by James Stannard  
that Arthur Rowland Daniel and Hugh Duncan  
Gower remain Overseers for the ensuing year.

Proposed by Walter Stegalls seconded by Mr. F. Rose that Mrs  
Banham be excused paying Rent for her cottage.

Amendment-

Proposed by William Stegalls seconded by Mr. Bloomfield  
that Mrs Banham pay her Rent for last year  
1920. Carried by 2 Votes.

Proposed by Mr. F. Rose & seconded by Mr. Bloomfield that  
Arthur Rowland Daniel be Chairman of the Parish  
Meeting for the ensuing year.



Rowland Daniel  
Chairman

1922

The minutes of the Parish Meeting held the 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 1921 at the Parish Room were read passed & signed also the accounts for the past year were accepted & passed

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The minutes of the Parish Meet held the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 1922 at the Parish Room

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Proposed by Charles Stegall & seconded by William Banker that Arthur Rowland Daniel be Chairman of the Parish Meeting for the ensuing year.

Proposed by William Stegall seconded by Charles Stegall that Arthur Rowland Daniel and Hugh Duncan Gower be appointed Overseers for the ensuing year

Walter Stegall agreed to pay 5/- per year more Rent for his House if the Parish give a Dutch Oven in his House, ~~it~~ it was put to the Meeting & carried by 8 Votes



Rowland Daniel  
Chairman

1923

The minutes of the Parish Meeting held the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 1922 held at the Parish Room were read passed & signed also the accounts for the past year were accepted & passed.

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The minutes of the Parish Meeting held the 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 1923 at the Parish Room

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Proposed by Charles Steggall & seconded by William Steggall that Frederic Rose be Chairman of the Parish Meeting for the ensuing year.

Proposed by Charles Steggall & seconded by William Steggall that Frederic Rose and Arthur Rowland Daniel be appointed Overseers for the ensuing year.

Proposed by David Smith & seconded by Charles Steggall that Miss J. J. Rose be paid £5. per year for doing the work & collecting the Rates on behalf of the Overseers.

Frederic Rose.  
Chairman.



1924

The Minutes of the Parish Meeting held the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 1923 at the Parish Room were read passed and signed also the accounts for the past year were accepted & passed.

The Minutes of the Parish Meeting held the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 1924 at the Parish Rooms.

Proposed by William Steggall, Seconded by John Shields. That the Rev. F. N. R. Perkins be appointed Chairman of the present parish Meeting.

Proposed by John Wardropper, Seconded by Evan Steggall that Arthur Rowland Daniel be appointed Chairman of the Parish Meeting during the ensuing year.

Proposed by Arthur Farrow, seconded by D. Smith that Messrs Arthur Rowland Daniel and Mr A. Bull be appointed Overseers for the ensuing year.

Proposed by D. Smith, seconded by F. Stannard that John Shields be appointed Assistant Overseer for the ensuing year at a salary of £5.5.0 per annum.

Proposed by William Steggall and F. Stannard <sup>seconded by</sup> that the Pond at the end of the Wickham Road Cottages adjoining Thatch Hall Lane be lowered.



Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> 1924 F. N. R. Perkins.  
Chairman.

A Special meeting of the Parishioners was held in the Parish Rooms on March 9<sup>th</sup> 1925. presided over by the Rev. F. N. R. Perkins, acting Chairman of the Parish Meeting.

The Chairman read a letter received from Mr Harold James, Clerk of the District Council, asking the mind of the Parish on the question of New Cottages for the Parish. After a full discussion the following resolution was passed.

Proposed by Mr E. Baker and seconded by Mr Steggall and carried unanimously: Resolved that as New Cottages are urgently needed, to the number of six. The parishioners respectfully ask that they should be purchased, and the structure and internal arrangements be such as to suite the working class; that the rent should be low enough for an agricultural worker to pay without hardship; that the Agricultural worker should have preference above others, as an occupier; that the site should be considered suitable.

F. N. R. Perkins  
Chairman

1925

The Minutes of the Parish meeting held on 17th 24th 24th 1924, and the Special Parish meeting held on March 13th 25th were read, confirmed and signed, and the general accounts for the year 1924 were read and passed.

Minutes of a Parish Meeting held on March 27th 1925, at the Parish Church.

Proposed by Mr W. Stegall and seconded by Mr J. Stone, and carried that Mr A. H. Bull be the Chairman for the ensuing year.

Proposed by Mr W. Stegall and seconded by Mr H. Farrow that Mr A. H. Bull be Treasurer and unanimously.

Proposed by Mr H. Farrow and seconded by Mr W. Stegall that Mr A. H. Bull be Treasurer and unanimously.

Proposed by Mr W. Stegall and seconded by Mr H. Farrow that Mr A. H. Bull be Treasurer and unanimously.

It was recommended that the Parish meet at the end of William Street and College and adjoining Thrusfield Hall should be considered.

Albert H. Bull  
Chairman  
Mar 29. 1925.

1926

The Minutes of the Parish meeting held on March 27th 1925, were read, confirmed and signed.

It was proposed by Mr D. Smith, and seconded by Mr Edmund Baker that Mr A. H. Bull be the Chairman for the ensuing year.

It was unanimously agreed that Mr Edmund Baker and Mr E. Curtis be appointed Overseers for the ensuing year.

Mr W. Stegall proposed, and Mr H. Farrow seconded and it was unanimously carried that Mr Cooke be appointed Treasurer Overseer, at a remuneration of £5 a year.

The Chairman pointed out to those present, that owing to a change in the Law, that this would probably be the last election Parish meeting to be held under the present Constitution.

Albert H. Bull  
Chairman.

Mar 25. 1926

1927.  
March 25<sup>th</sup>  
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The Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on March 29<sup>th</sup> 1926. were read, confirmed and signed.

Mr A. Bull. presided, and the minutes were read by the Rev F. H. R. Perkins.

The Chairman mentioned that through a change in the Law, the office of overseers would be abolished, and there would be <sup>other</sup> changes which up to the present were not well understood.

Mr Cook the Assistant Overseer read the statement of accounts <sup>of the previous year</sup> which had been duly audited. He also answered various questions in respect to the expenditure of on the Parish Cottages.

As it was understood that the Parish Meeting would not be abolished, it was decided to elect a Chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr W. Stiggall proposed and Mr A. Bull seconded, the election of Mr Edmund Baker to the office of Chairman.

This resolution was put to the meeting and a number of qualified voters <sup>voted</sup> agreed by show of hands. None voted against, and Mr Baker was declared the duly elected Chairman.

Edmund Baker  
Chairman  
Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> 27

1927.  
Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> 1927.

The Minutes of the Parish Meeting held March 25<sup>th</sup> 1927 were read, confirmed and signed.

Chairman Mr E. Baker.

Mr E. Baker read the notice calling the meeting and explained the reason namely: what was to be done with the parish property.

After some discussion. Proposed by Mr W. Stiggall: seconded by Mr A. Farrow that ~~three~~ local Trustees be appointed to manage the Parish Property.

Mr W. Stiggall Proposed Mr D. Smith seconded that Mr E. Baker be one Trustee which was confirmed.

Mr A. Farrow proposed Mr W. Stiggall seconded Mr A. Bull be another Trustee, also confirmed.

Mr W. Stiggall proposed Mr A. Farrow seconded Mr Curtis be the other Trustee. This was put to the meeting and confirmed.

Mr A. Farrow proposed Mr A. Bull seconded Mr E. Baker be appointed secretary to Trustees and to collect rents etc. at the remuneration of <sup>two pounds per annum</sup>. This terminated the meeting.

Edmund Baker  
Chairman  
Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 1928.



1928.  
Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>.

The minutes of the Parish Meeting held in the Old School Room on Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 1928 were read by Rev. F. R. H. Perkins, confirmed and signed.

Mr. C. Baker presided  
The Secretary of the Trustees read the accounts of the Parish Property etc Mr. D. Smith proposed.

Mr. Farrow seconded that the accounts be passed as correct and satisfactory on this being put to the meeting it was passed unanimously.

The unpaid accounts were read by the Chairman and on the proposition of Mr. Bull seconded by Mr. Farrow these were passed for payment after attention had been drawn to the expense of employing Solicitors although this could not be avoided. List of accounts passed 10/11.

H. Warnes & Co. £4. 9. 3.  
Rates £ 8/8/2.  
Scotts accounts. £2-10-11 & £1-16-5.  
Taxes £1. 5. 8.  
Curtis Bill. £5-0-0

Attention was drawn to the unsatisfactory state of the Parish pump, Mr. Baker & Mr. Bull were instructed to arrange for repairs etc. through the Council (District) if possible. If the Council refused responsibility, the pump to be repaired and a levy of 2/6 per head on the users to be made to meet the expense.  
C. Baker



1929.

The minutes of the Old School on May 31<sup>st</sup> 1929

Mr. Steggall and unanimous Bakes be the The minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed & signed.

Mr. D. Smith proposed & Mr. Spoor Secd. that the accounts as read & audited be passed as correct; confirmed.

The resignation of Mr. Curtis as a Trustee was read and after discussion Mr. Farrow proposed & Mr. Steggall seconded that Mr. Spoor be elected a Trustee to fill the vacancy. This was passed unanimously.

The Chairman pointed out the advantage of paying the rates before July 1<sup>st</sup> & thus obtain the rebate after discussion

Mr. Gyles proposed & Mr. Farrow seconded that a precept be made on the R.D.C. to enable this payment to be made the meeting conforming this proposition The unpaid accounts were read and passed for payment as soon as the money was available proposed by Mr. Gyles seconded by Mr. Smith accounts were. £1-5-0. H. Warnes & Co. £1-5-0. P. St. Scott. 11/2.

The Chairman pointed out that the Council accepted full responsibility for the pump on the proposition of Rev. Piskis seconded by Mr. Bull. The meeting unanimously thanked the Chairman for his work during the past year, this being done by C. Baker, Chairman.



1929.

The Parish Meeting held in the room on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 1929. Mr. [redacted] presided.

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The previous meeting was read as correct & signed. The clearing out of the public pond & churchyard was discussed. Mr. D. Smith proposed Mr. W. Spoor seconded, that as there was still a little water for general use in the pond the clearing out be left until the pond was empty. This was agreed to.

The Chairman read a letter from the Clerk of Rural District Council, re the requirements of the Parish for any new houses. After some discussion Mr. Tyler proposed & Mr. D. Smith seconded, that the Parish still required houses as proposed some four years ago, the Council be asked to build at least four houses special attention being paid to the fact that as they were required for agricultural workers the rents must be as low as possible. The difficulty of letting those already in the district to agricultural workers was due to the high rent.

This was passed unanimously. The Chairman raised the question of sites and the following were considered as suitable:-

Wickham Field. P. by Mr. A. Benham Secy. Mr. Finbow  
Adjoining Post Office. P. by Mr. Staggall Secy Mr. Wardoff

Mr. Peck's Field near Thorndon turning. P. by Mr. Tyler Secy Mr. [redacted]  
Low House Yard. P. by Mr. Finbow. Secy Mr. Spoor.

This terminated the meeting.

Signed by Chairman, Edmund Baker.  
March 28<sup>th</sup> 30.

1930.

The Minutes of a Parish Meeting held in the Old School Room on March 28<sup>th</sup> 1930.

Mr. C. Baker presided over a record attendance.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, passed as correct and signed. Coming from the minutes the Chairman reported that the Parish had been voted 1 double dwelling under the R.D.C. Housing Scheme, the site had not yet been fixed upon.

The accounts were read and the balance in hand considered satisfactory. It was pointed out that several repairs were required and the Chairman, speaking for the Trustees, said these were already in hand, estimates being asked for.

Mr. A. Bull proposed & Mr. H. Fintow seconded that Mr. C. Baker be again asked to take the chair for the coming year. This was unanimously carried. The Chairman thanked the meeting for their support and hoped they would all turn up at a joint Parish Meeting with St. Michael's on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> inst. for the appointment of a school manager.

Mr. W. Stiffall asked the Trustees to consider the fixing of a new stove in No. 1. Church Lane.

Edmund Baker,  
Chairman.

Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> 1930.

1930.

The Minutes of a Parish Meeting held in the Old School Room on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 1930.

Chairman Mr. C. Baker.

Notice of Meeting Read. Minutes of the previous meeting were read passed as correct and signed. The following accounts were passed as correct, and those not already paid were passed for payment as soon as money was available. Farrow, £11-8-2. Rates £5-7-2. Sewer £9-11-6. Lingly 5/6. Adams 6/6. and Sundries.

The Chairman explained that as a house was vacant the Trustees proposed taking over the <sup>wooden & corrugated</sup> attachment with floor complete from the outgoing tenant for the sum of £3-10-0.. as it made the house more valuable; and accordingly the Rent of that house would be raised to cover this extra cost of purchase and maintenance. The action of the Trustees was unanimously agreed to. As there were two <sup>applicants</sup> ~~tenants~~ with outstanding claims for this house and as the Trustees could not agree as to which should have the house the meeting was asked to decide by a show of hands. Mr. Briggs 10 Votes. Mr. & Mrs. Y. Upton 4 Votes. As there was no other business the Chairman closed the Meeting by thanking everyone for the excellent attendance.

Edmund Baker  
Chairman

Apr. 10<sup>th</sup> 1931



1930.

The Minutes of a Parish Meeting held in the Old School Room on April 10<sup>th</sup> 1931. at 7pm.

Mr. E. Baker presided.

The notice convening the meeting was read. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, passed as correct and signed.

Mr. W. Stiggall proposed Mr. A. Bull seconded that Mr. E. Baker be the Chairman for another year as there was no amendment it was put to the meeting and passed unanimously.

Mr. E. Baker pointed out that as it was likely he would be moving out of the Parish shortly the meeting might prefer to appoint some person as trustee of the property in his place.

Mr. A. Farrow proposed Mr. G. Muntimer seconded that Mr. Baker remain as trustee, on being put to the meeting it was passed unanimously.

The Accounts for the year were read and on the proposition of Mr. Farrow seconded by Mr. A. Briggs were passed as satisfactory and that those not yet paid be paid as soon as possible. Accounts. A. H. Bull. £6. Rev. Sec. 10/6. It was pointed out the slowness with which the R.D.C. were moving in the building of the new cottages already promised. The Chairman explained the difficulty over the sites and also plans.

Mr. A. Farrow proposed Mr. A. Briggs seconded a vote of thanks to the Chairman for his work during the passed year, this terminated the meeting.

Sgd. Edmund Baker.

Chair - 10<sup>th</sup> 1931.

1931.

The Minutes of a Parish Meeting held in the Old School Room on June 19<sup>th</sup> 1931. at 7. pm.

Chairman. Mr. E. Baker.

The notice convening the meeting was read. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, passed as correct and signed. Arising out of the minutes attention was again drawn to the slow movement in erection of the houses by the R.D.C..

A long discussion took place over the proposed union of the Parish with Stoke Ash and <sup>after</sup> several suggestions <sup>were put forward</sup> it was unanimously decided to protest strongly against the union of either Parish or Bishopscote Proposed by Mr. W. Stiggall seconded by Mr. D. Smith that a petition be drawn up and signed by as many as possible, parishioners & tythe payers, and be presented at the meeting called by the Bishop to consider the union.

The Chairman was asked to write to the Bishop as chairman of the Parish meeting also protesting and putting forward the points against the Union. Mr. W. Stiggall was asked to take round the petition for signatures. As there was no other business the Chairman closed the meeting by thanking all for the excellent attendance.

Edmund Baker.

Chairman.

May 13<sup>th</sup> 1932.



1932.

The Minutes of a Parish Meeting held in the Old School Room on May 13<sup>th</sup> 1932 at 4.30 pm.

Mr D. Smith proposed & Mr A Farrow seconded that Mr C. Baker be Chairman for another year.

In taking the chair Mr Baker thanked the meeting for their support in the past and asked for a continuance during the present year, and asked that they should find up another chairman for next year as this was really the last he could serve.

Before reading the minutes of the last meeting the chairman explained for the lateness in calling the meeting was caused by the appeal <sup>increased</sup> and that taxes not being settled. The matter had now been settled & they would have to pay the increase.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed as correct and signed.

The accounts were read and passed as correct and left on the table for examination.

Two Parishioners to serve on the <sup>sub</sup> assessment committee when the Parish was dealt with. Mr W. Spoor. pp. by Mr Farrow sec'd by Mr D. Smith. Mr H. Finbow pp. by Mr Farrow sec'd by Mr A Baker as there were no other names these were put to the meeting and carried unanimously. This terminated the meeting.



Sd. Edmond Baker

1933.

Minutes of a Parish Meeting held in the Old School Room on Apr. 7<sup>th</sup> 1933. at 7.30 pm.

Proposed by Mr A. Farrow. Seconded by Mr P. Martin that Mr C. Baker take the Chair for the coming year.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read passed as correct & signed.

The Accounts for the past year were read and passed, comment being made on the favourable balance in hand.

The Chairman pointed out that the balance would not be sufficient to do all that the Trustees wanted to do and the majority of the repairs would have to wait until another years Rents had been collected.

Discussion took place about the vacant allotment, it was decided to plough it up and offer it rent free <sup>for the first year</sup> to any one who would take it to farm, the Trustees to pay for the ploughing.

The Chairman pointed out the difficulty of obtaining suitable agricultural workers as tenants to the new Council houses in the Parish. The meeting thought the rents were more than farm workers could pay.

This terminated the meeting.

Sd. Edmond Baker  
Chairman  
Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 1934





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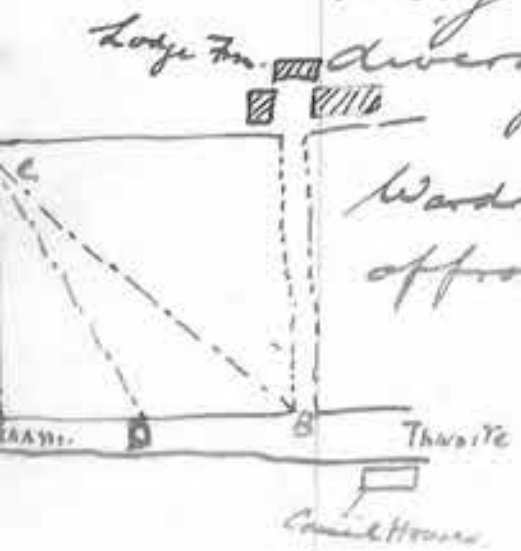
The minutes of a Parish Meeting held in the Old School Room Thwaite St. George on Monday Apr 20<sup>th</sup> 1936 at 7.45 pm.

Mr. A. Bull proposed & Mr. W. Spoor seconded that Mr. E. Baker be Chairman for the coming year, on being put to the meeting this was carried unanimously.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

The Accounts were read and passed as satisfactory.

Letters were read dealing with the diversion of a footpath which crosses the Lodge Farm Front Meadow. After considerable discussion the following motion was proposed by Mr. Spoor and seconded by Mr. Farrow and carried unanimously. That this meeting agrees that the footpath across the Lodge Farm Front Meadow from the N.W. corner of the meadow to the point where the drive joins the Thwaite Wickham Road shall be diverted so as to join the Thwaite-Wickham Road at a point approximately 100 yds further west. Ref sketch the diversion is from A.C.B. to A.C.D.



Proposed by Mr. Spoor seconded by Mr. Wadsoffer that the Sanitary Committee again be approached about the condition of the pond.

Carried at Baker

July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1936

Minutes of a Parish Meeting held on July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1936 in the Old School Room Thwaite at 7.30 pm.

Mr. E. Baker was in the Chair.

Minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed unanimously.

The Chairman reported have received a Requisition for information on June 11<sup>th</sup> 36 re Parish Houses occupied by Bantons & continued and having replied to same.

Go further receiving on June 18<sup>th</sup> 36 a notice that the Hartismere R. D. Council would consider the demolition of the above houses on July 15<sup>th</sup> 1936 at 3.5 pm.

The Chairman reported that he had written to & also called to see Mr. Cecil Oaks about the possibility of obtaining a loan or grant under the Housing Rural Workers Act 1926-31; after some discussion the meeting decided this was impracticable and if was proposed by Mr. Farrow Sec. by Mr. Wadsoffer that Mr. Baker be asked to attend the meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup> 36 to represent the Trustees. Agreed.

Mr. Farrow proposed Mr. Wadsoffer seconded that if there was no chance of the present houses remaining that the demolition be submitted to on condition that two new houses be built to replace those demolished at some suitable place in the Parish & if possible near to the present houses.

This was put to the meeting and agreed to.

Mr. Mulliner proposed & Mr. Farrow seconded that the outstanding accounts be paid.

*E. Baker*  
Chairman  
Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 1937.



Minutes of Parish Meeting held Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 1937 in the Old School Room, Thwaites St. George at 7.30pm.

Proposed by Mr. G. Baker & seconded by Mr. A. Farrow that Mr. G. Baker be Chairman for the year.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Raising out of the minutes Mr. G. Baker reported that he had attended the meeting of the Hartismere Rural District Council on July 15<sup>th</sup> 36 and opposed on behalf of the Parish the Demolition of the cottages (4) situated in Church Lane, but was not successful but obtained a promise that the houses built to replace these should be built in the Parish and as near the others as it was possible to obtain a suitable site.

After reading the Demolition order it was agreed, after discussion, that the matter be left in the hands of the Trustees to deal with as they thought best.

Various correspondence was read. Air Raid Precautions. Mr. Spoor P. Mr. Farrow sec. that Mr. G. Baker be appointed Parish Air Raid Warden this was passed unanimously.

The Chairman pointed out that as Mr. A. H. Bull had recently died there only remained two Trustees of the Parish Property. Mr. G. Baker P. Mr. Farrow sec. that Mr. Finbow be appointed a Trustee. Mr. Finbow P. Mr. Smith sec. that Mr. G. Baker be appointed a Trustee, as there

were no other names proposed it was unanimously agreed that these two Gentlemen should be appointed as Trustees of the Parish Property in addition to Messrs W. Spoor & Ed Baker.

Parish Representatives for the Rating & Valuation Committee Messrs Brett & Finbow were elected on the Prop. of Mr. R. Nuttall. Sec. by Mr. G. Baker Proposed by Mr. Smith see by Mr. R. Nuttall that outstanding accounts be paid. agreed

Attention was drawn to the condition of the gateway into the Churchyard and also the Rectory ditch, it was agreed that a letter be sent to Rev. Perkins drawing his attention to same.

Edmund Baker  
Chairman.  
May 26<sup>th</sup> 1938.



Minutes of Parish Meeting held in the Old School room Thwaite St. George on Thursday evening May 26<sup>th</sup> 1938. at 7 pm.

Mr. W. Spoor proposed & Mr. G. Baker seconded that Mr. E. Baker be Chairman for the current year. Agreed.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed & signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of the minutes Mr. W. Spoor proposed Mr. Wardrop see the Rev. Perkins again about the ditch from the churchyard along between the road and "the Grange" garden, & the two gateways concerned; Mr. D. Smith seconded this was agreed.

Various correspondence was read. The Demolition of the condemned Houses in Church Lane was considered and the action of the Trustees in the matter was unanimously confirmed.

Various tenders for the above were considered and Mr. D. Smith proposed Mr. H. Finbow seconded that Mr. Crane's offer of complete demolition & clearance away of everything for the sum of £3 Mr. Crane to dispose of, as he chose, everything, be accepted, also that Mr. E. Baker be authorised to pay him the £3 upon completion of the job to the satisfaction of the Trustees, this was agreed.

Mr. R. Nuttall P. Mr. Farrow see that the Insurance Policy be amended by



striking out the first item as it was no longer necessary.

Mr. Farrow P. & Mr. Smelt Sec. that Mr. Baker's action be confirmed in allowing the tenants of demolished houses a months rebate on their rents as they vacated the houses a month before Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Spoor P. & Mr. Farrow Sec. that the accounts as paid be passed. Attention was drawn to condition of arch & ditch at the corner where the Wickham Road joins the main road, it was agreed that a letter be sent to the County Council.

Sgd. *Wm. Baker*  
Chairman  
May 30<sup>th</sup> 1939.



Minutes of a Parish Meeting held at Thwack St. George in the Old School Room on Tuesday evening May 30<sup>th</sup> 1939 at 7.15 p.m.

Proposed by Mr. W. Spoor Sec. by Mr. A. Farrow that Mr. L. Baker be Chairman for the present year. Agreed.

The Chairman read the ~~the~~ minutes of the last meeting which were unanimously confirmed & signed.

Arising out of the minutes it was proposed by Mr. G. Barham & sec. by Mr. H. Finbow that a letter be written to Rev. Perkins drawing his attention to the blocked state of the gateway leading from Wickham Rd. to "The Grange"; this caused the water to run across the roadway to the ditch on the other side causing the pedestrians to walk through water. Agreed.

Various Correspondence was read & noted particularly the extra cost of the audit stamp.

Mr. Baker reported that it had been necessary to go to Bury St Edmunds. to interview the Income Tax Inspector it was agreed on proposal of Mr. A. Farrow, Sec. by Mr. G. Barham that Mr. Baker be allowed expenses @ the rate of 2<sup>d</sup> per mile for so doing.

As no offer to rent the site & gardens of the demolished houses it was agreed to put up a notice in order to try & obtain a tenant.

Attention was drawn to the fact that

the fencing between the allotments & Church Lane was in very bad condition

It was agreed on the Proposal of Mr R. Muntimer sec. by Mr A Farrow that tenders be obtained for fencing the above and also the site of demolished houses and that the matter be left in the hands of the Trustees to deal with as they thought best. Agreed.

The new arrangement for payment of the Fidelity Bond was explained and Mr H. Finbow proposed Mr A Farrow sec. that Mr Baker's salary be increased by sufficient to cover the cost of the Bond which at the present time was five shillings. Agreed.

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Attention was drawn to the missing foot bridge in Mr Alston's meadow on the footpath leading from the Bucks Head to Wetheringselt & Thorndon where it crosses the river. Proposed by Mr G. Bantam Sec. by Mr A. Farrow that a letter be sent to the County Council. Agreed.

Mr W. Spoor proposed and Mr A Farrow: sec. that accounts as paid be passed & the following were agreed passed for payment.



W. Baker  
Chairman  
May 1940

Minutes of a Parish Meeting held at Thwait St. George in the Old School Room on ~~Tuesday~~ Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> 1940 at 7 pm.

Proposed by Mr J Wandroffer Sec. by Mr H. Finbow that Mr E Baker be Chairman for the present year. Agreed.

Minutes were read & discussed and agreed to as a correct record.

Arising out of the minutes Mr G. Bantam Proposed Mr H. Finbow sec. that a letter be written to re gate way into the Grange from Wickham Rd.

The action of the Trustees in fencing the allotments was confirmed.

The Foot bridge in Mr Alston's meadow was allowed to drop until after the war.

Various Correspondence was read. Collection of Waste Materials :- after discussion Mr G. Baker was appointed as local organiser for same. The accounts were examined & passed for payment.



W. C. Spoor  
Chairman  
June 25 1940

Minutes of a Parish Meeting held at Thwait St George in the Old School Room on Thursday Evening June 25<sup>th</sup> 1942. at 7.30pm.

Proposed by Mr G. Baker Sec. by Mr Cottrell that Mr W. Spoor be Chairman for the present year. Agreed.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, & confirmed by the meeting & signed by the Chairman.

Correspondence was read & noted, arising from Mr Cottrell proposed Mr G. Baker second that Mr Rowe (Sanitary Inspector) be <sup>be written to</sup> clear out the pond near the church. Agreed.

The Bills were examined and passed for payment.

The Accounts as audited were examined and the Auditors remarks noted. On the proposition of Mr Cottrell Sec. by Rev Hill that the Trustees invest the sum of approx. £80 (Eighty Pounds) in what ever they thought most suitable after asking the advice of the Bank Managers.

Invasion Committee. Mr G. Baker explained the importance of having an Invasion Committee and after reading several communications and after some discussion it was proposed by Rev. Hill & sec. by Mr S. Wilding that a Committee be formed. Proposed by Mr G. Baker Sec. by Mr W. Spoor. that Mr Cottrell be Chairman Proposed by Mr W. Spoor Sec. by Mr S. Wilding Mr Cottrell be Clerk. The following were appointed to the Committee with power to co-opt if necessary Mr W. Spoor, Mr S. Wilding Mr G. Baker Mr H. Fisher

Chairman  
25<sup>th</sup> June 1942

Minutes of a Parish Meeting held in the Old School room at Thwait St George on Wednesday evening March 1<sup>st</sup> 1944. at 7.30pm.

Proposed by Rev. Hill Sec. by Mr Cottrell that Mr G. Baker be Chairman for the coming year. Agreed.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed by the meeting & signed by the Chairman.

Arising therefrom the Chairman reported that nothing had been done about clearing out the pond near the church & no reply had been received from the Sanitary Inspector. Rev. Hill Proposed Mr Farrow second that the Sanitary Inspector be again written to about the clearing of the pond this was unanimously agreed to.

Mr Baker reported that £80 had been invested in 3% Defence Bonds but that some might have to be sold out again to help pay for the extensive repairs that had been necessary. Agreed.

Various correspondence was read & noted including a letter from Mr G. Baker resigning his appointment as Trustee also one from Mr W. Spoor resigning the position of Chairman of the Parish Meeting as well as Trustee. These gentlemen were thanked for their services.

After some discussion it was decided on the proposition of Mr A. Farrow Sec. by Mr Cottrell that only one Trustee be appointed to fill the vacancies and that the Bank be asked to accept <sup>the</sup> signatures of any <sup>two</sup> of the Trustees on cheques, this was

carried unanimously.

Mr. Finbow proposed Mr. J. Summis second that Mr. R. Farrow of Lodge Farm Thwack be appointed the Trustee this was agreed.

Accounts as paid were passed.

On the proposition of Mr. H. Finbow Sec. by Mr. J. Summis that Mr. Ravens bill be returned and that he be asked to properly complete his work and then send in his bill in greater detail this was agreed.

Mr. Cottrell Proposed Rev. Hill seconded the Trustees be authorised to pay this bill also Mr. Arbon's with the best settlement they could get.

Mr. E. Baker reported that Mr. G. Barker had refused to pay 5/- for the odd piece of garden but offered 2/6 after discussion Mr. J. Summis proposed Mr. A. Farrow second that this be accepted as no one else would give anything for it; this was agreed.

Mr. E. Baker pointed out that the Cottages were only insured for £650-0-0. Mr. Cottrell Proposed Rev. Hill Sec. that this amount be increased by £100-0-0. this was agreed.

The attention of the meeting was called to the state of the ditch on the west side of the allotments & it was agreed that each allotment holder should be asked to help by cleaning out his own length.

J. Mothersole

2<sup>nd</sup> April 1944

Minutes of a Parish Meeting held at Willow Farm House, Thwack S. George on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1944 at 4 pm.

Proposed by Mr. H. Finbow & Seconded by Mr. S. Wilding that Mr. G. H. Mothersole be appointed Chairman for the coming year. — Agreed.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of the minutes:

Proposed by Mr. G. H. Mothersole & seconded by Mr. H. Finbow that a letter be sent to the East Suffolk War Ag. Ex. Comtee. re ditch at back of Parish Property and drain under Church Lane with outlet into pond to stop flooding the Parish Property Cottages. — Agreed.

Attention was drawn to a quantity of turf etc. in the ditch adjacent to the Council Houses Proposed by Mr. H. Finbow Seconded by Mr. Farrow that a letter be sent to the Sanitary Inspector drawing his attention to this. — Agreed.

Proposed by Mr. Farrow & Seconded by Mr. Brett that the accounts as paid be confirmed.

James A. 4099.

April 14<sup>th</sup> 50.

Minutes of a Parish Meeting held in the Old School room Thwaites St. George on Friday April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm. 15 persons present.

It was proposed by Mr. Cottrell seconded by Mr. J. Summis that Capt. J. R. Hogg be appointed Chairman for present year.

The minutes of the last Parish Meeting were read agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Arising from the minutes a report was made on what had taken place re the pond and ditch adjacent to the Churchyard and it was agreed that the matter be left in the hands of the Chairman to make further enquiries and report at the next meeting.

Correspondence was read from the County Council re foot-paths & public rights of way after discussion Mr. Cottrell proposed Mr. Hogg seconded and it was agreed that the Chairman Mr. D. Smith & Mr. A. Farrow be appointed to represent the Parish in dealing with this matter.

Fire insurance increase on the Cottages was reported by the Clerk. Proposed by Mr. Colby seconded by Mr. A. Farrow the Clerk's action be confirmed.

The accounts as audited and bills paid were submitted to the meeting, examined and on the proposition of Mr. Colby seconded by Mr. J. Summis it was agreed they be passed as satisfactory.

The water main being laid in the Parish and its uses was discussed very

fully. Proposed by Mr. Wilding seconded by Mr. Colby and unanimously agreed that the following resolution be forwarded to the Hartismere Rural District Council: "That in the opinion of this Parish Meeting it is highly desirable that a water supply from the main is brought up the Wickham Road as far as Hazeldene Bungalow & that it should be made available for all houses and not merely for the Council Houses — particularly as it is understood that no Stand-pipes are to be erected."

The need for further houses in the Parish was pointed out and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Hartismere R.D.C. pointing the shortage.

James N. Hogg.

June 30<sup>th</sup> 1950.

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No year shown. Assume 1950 by date on previous minutes.

Minutes of a Parish Meeting held in the Old School Room Thwaite St George on Friday June 30<sup>th</sup> 1950. at 7.30 pm.

Present Capt. <sup>J.N.</sup>Hogg & nine parishioners.

The minutes of the last Parish Meeting were read, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Arising from the Minutes the Chairman reported he had made further enquiries re the pond and ditch adjacent to the Churchyard, but had not yet been able to arrive at a satisfactory solution to the problem. After discussion it was agreed that it be left to the Chairman to continue enquiries and report at the next meeting. It was reported that

Council House tenants were throwing tins, cinder dirt & rubbish into the ditch adjoining the allotments, the water in the small <sup>pond</sup> had thus become contaminated and was now unfit for the ~~the~~ tenants of the Parish houses to use for washing purposes. The ditch was becoming blocked up which in turn would flood the allotments in the winter. After discussion Mr Farrow proposed Mr Furbow send & it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Hartlepool R.D.C. pointing out the trouble.

The meeting discussed the piped water supply and it was decided to wait for the decision of the Council.

Disappointment was expressed with the Rural Council's reply to the letter asking

for houses to be built in the Parish and it was agreed another letter should be written expressing disappointment.

Correspondence was read re Ambulance services, Old Peoples Welfare & Town & Country Planning Circulars etc.

The Sub Committee reported they had now received maps of the Parish and would get to work and report on the Rights of way & foot paths at the next Parish Meeting.

As there was no further business this concluded the meeting.

James N. Hogg.  
Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 50

Minutes of a Parish Meeting held in the Private Room at the Bucks Head at Thwaite St George on Friday Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 1950 at 7.30 pm.

Present Capt J.N. Hogg Chairman 7 Parishioners & the Clerk. The minutes of the last Parish Meeting were read by the Clerk, confirmed by the meeting & signed by the Chairman.

Arising from the Minutes. The Chairman reported that a little progress had been made in clearing the ditch & pond & lowering the water level adjacent to the Churchyard, but some water was still held up near the cottages. After discussion it was proposed by Mr J. Green seconded by Mr ~~A. Farrow~~ Furbow that Mr A. Farrow be authorized to obtain some help and clear the trouble and if necessary pay a reasonable amount for the

**WATER SUPPLY AT OLD COTTAGES**  
**KESSINGLAND APPEAL SUCCEEDS**

Lowestoft County Bench yesterday upheld an appeal by Mrs. Ellen Alcock, of 623, London Road South, Lowestoft, and Mr. Harold Samuel, of Corton Road, Lowestoft, against notices served on them by Lothingland R.D.C. to connect cottages at Oakland Terrace, Kessingland, to the Council's water supply.

It was explained by Mr. Peter Cooper, that Mrs. Alcock owned 12, and Mr. Samuel six, of the dwellings, the rents of which ranged from 9s. 2d. to 7s. 4d. a week. They were at present supplied by a deep well, and were not designed to take a supply of running water, having no sinks or drainage system. The cost of connecting them to the mains would be from £25 to £30 each, but this would be only the first step in the expenses the owners would have to bear. Appellants, he added, were prepared to put in a standpipe near the well, which would be a considerable improvement.

Mr. G. W. Setterfield, Clerk to the R.D.C., pointed out that owners of property were entitled to charge tenants 8 per cent. on the capital involved in connecting to the mains, and said that a sample taken from the well had been described as unsatisfactory.

In view of the age of the properties, the Bench allowed the appeal on condition that four standpipes were provided.

and report at the next meeting as read from the Housing Manager RDC stating the tenants of the Council had had their attention drawn to the created in the ditch adjoining the cottages; but nothing was said about the nuisance and making it possible to get away. It was agreed the clerk should write again pointing mission to the Hartismere R.D.C. A letter was read dated Nov 1st to the Water Committee asking for an assurance Parish Houses would not be done for a reasonable time otherwise they did not consider it practicable to put into the houses & therefore asked for stand pipes to be permitted to be erected. No acknowledgement had yet been received. The Kessingland appeal case was read to the meeting.

It was reported the pump (public) on the allotments was in an unsatisfactory condition, proposed by Mr. Finbow second by Mr. R. Nuttall & agreed that a letter be written to the Hartismere R.D.C. drawing their attention to the trouble. The Audited Accounts were read & examined. Proposed by Mr. Cottrell & Sec. Mr. Nuttall that they be accepted & passed as very satisfactory. Thatching Houses unable to find a thatcher, suggested a letter be sent to Thatchers Association. agreed. The Sub-committee appointed to deal with the footpaths reported they had not yet received the market maps although promised several days before. This terminated the meeting.

Minutes of a Parish Meeting held in the Private Room at The Buck's Head Inn, Thwaite St George on Friday December 8th 1950 at 7.30 PM.

Present:- Capt. J. N. Hogg, Chairman, 7 members and the clerk.

The Minutes of the last Parish Meeting held on Nov 10th 1950 were read by the clerk, agreed by the Meeting as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Arising from the Minute it was reported the work of clearing the mouth of the drain under Church Lane into the pond had been satisfactorily carried out by Mr. P. Farrow and his helpers. Proposed by Mr. R. Nuttall, second by Mr. H. Finbow that the cost of labour, 17/6, be paid to those who had done the work with thanks of the Meeting. Agreed.

The copy of the letter, No 10, written to the Housing Manager, Hartismere Rural District Council, re the continued nuisance on allotments adjoining the Council Houses was read to the Meeting, if no action was taken shortly it was left to the Clerk to follow up.

Letter dated Dec 7th from Mr. Reeve re water supply to the Parish Cottages was read. Proposed by Mr. P. Farrow, second by Mr. A. Farrow that no action be taken at present, but the Hartismere R.D.C. should be given a little more time to make up their minds. Agreed.

A letter from the clerk, Hartismere R.D.C. re diversion of a footpath, under National Parks & Access to the Countryside Act 1949, was read and discussed. Proposed by Mr. R. Stannard, second by Mr. J. Lummis and unanimously agreed that the diversion would be beneficial to the public and all concerned.

Thatching Parish Houses.  
 Estimates were read out for making a good lasting job were considered; it was pointed

out that, if the houses were likely to be condemned a lot of money would be wasted but something must be done before long as water was coming through in one or two places. The life of the houses depended on the Hartismere R.O.C. It was proposed by Mr. J. Hummis, second by Mr. C. Farrow & agreed that the matter should be left in the hands of the Trustees with the power to act as soon as the Council had replied giving the value of the houses.

As there was no other business the Chairman said before he closed the meeting, which would be his last as he was leaving the Parish, he would like to thank the Parishioners for the support he had received since he moved into the Parish and more so since he had been Chairman of the Parish Meeting. He had not ~~not~~ been in the Parish long, before he realized the necessity for some place where the young folks of the Village could meet in the evenings etc. and amuse themselves with games & darts etc rather than standing on the corner of the cross roads or outside the pub. He made up his mind that he would see that something was provided to serve this need before he left the Parish but he was sorry to say he had failed. He had hoped some agreement could be arrived at for the use of the Old School Room to serve this purpose until such time that something better could be provided. The Chairman then read out the following resolution, "That this Parish Meeting of Thwaite St George deplors the fact that the present incumbent has allowed the Parish Room to fall into such a state of delapidation as to render it unuseable and that he has not co-operated in the many Parishioners

to have the building restored and made available for the uses for which it is most urgently needed" which he proposed from the Chair and asked if someone would second it; this was done by Mr. Standard. The resolution was then put to the meeting and declared by the Chairman as carried.

This terminated the meeting.

July 9<sup>th</sup> 1951

R. Farrow  
Chairman

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School Room

Minutes of a Parish Meeting held in the Private Room at the Bucks Head Inn Thwaite St George on Monday July 9<sup>th</sup> 1951 at 7.30 pm.

Present nine Parishioners & the Clerk.

The Clerk asked for nominations for Chairman Proposed by Mr. H. Finbow second by Mr. Colwell that Mr. R. Farrow be appointed; as there were no other nominations the motion was put to the meeting & agreed unanimously.

The minutes of a meeting held on Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 1950 were read by the Clerk, Mr. Colby proposed Mr. R. Farrow seconded that they be agreed as a correct record, carried, they were then signed by the Chairman.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Houses had been satisfactorily thatched, the Trustees had made a payment of £30-0-0 on acct to Mr. J. Farrow. The final bill had now been received which amounted to £9-12-6 more than the estimated amount. The increase was



read out to the meeting and examined by those present, on the proposition of Mr. A. Farrow seconded by Miss Wilkinson and <sup>was</sup> agreed as correct by the meeting. The Clerk explained that the Investment of 3% Defence Bonds were due for Redemption in November 1952. In consultation with the Bank Manager & taking into consideration the remarks of the Auditor last year and the debt being carried he advised them that the best course would be to apply for redemption, then square up the accts and report back to the meeting.

The Meeting could then consider the position as it then stood & if they would favour the balance. It was proposed by Miss Wilkinson & second by Mr. A. Farrow and agreed by the meeting that the Clerk should act as above stated.

Mr. A. Farrow reported there was a possibility of water shortage in parts of the Village after discussion it was agreed that should shortage arise the Chairman should be informed & he would contact the Harlow R.D.C.. The Clerk was asked to find out who now represented the Parish on the Board of Managers of the Thwait & Sloke Ash School.

Dec 5 1952

R. Farrow  
Chairman

Minutes of a Parish Meeting held at Miss Wilkinson's Premises in the Parish of Thwait & Sloke on Friday 5th December 1952.

Present: - The Chairman: Mr. R. Farrow, Twentytwo Parishioners and Mr. Dixon in the place of the Clerk, Mr. Edmund Baker, who was unavoidably in hospital.

Reported Mr. J. Green, Sec: - Mr. A. Farrow and carried unanimously that a letter be sent to Mr. Baker in sympathy and concern and hope of his speedy and complete recovery.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, & agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Arising from Minutes: -

① Reference footbridge leading from the Churchyard into Church Lane; the Chairman reported that in conversation with the Rev. Hill it was learned that the cost of repair would be £6. and if Parishioners were willing to contribute towards this amount the footbridge would be repaired, if not, it would be demolished. Towards this repair £2. had already been subscribed and the Meeting was asked to help in this matter and so preserve an amenity.

② National Playing Fields Association: It was reported that no Flag Day had been conducted but the Clerk was asked to write to the Association and enquire of the advantages and benefits obtainable by the Parish if it became a member, should assistance of the Association be sought at some future time.

③ 3% Defence Bond: The Clerk reported that the redemption of the Bond was in hand and a form signed by the requisite number of members of the Meeting confirming the minute made on 18th March 1944 that Mr. R. Farrow be appointed a Trustee

of the Thwaites Parish Property Trust.

Water supply :- Correspondence was read concerning the possibility of the connection of main water supply to the four Parish Houses. It was considered most necessary that the houses be connected to the main as soon as possible as there was now no alternative public water supply available to the tenants. An estimate received from the Hartismere Rural San. & Council was read to the meeting, also a Schedule of Deferred Payments on loans from £10 to £50. The estimate totalled £36-13-6 for all the Houses & was made up as follows :-

Tapping fee.	10-0-0.
Laying & Supplying $\frac{1}{2}$ " B.W. Tube from Slopecock to Cottages. Carry Service pipes into Kitchens & fix Stop cocks at points of entry. Supply & fix one $\frac{1}{2}$ " inch tap at convenient point in each kitchen	26-13-6
	<u>£ 36-13-6.</u>

Proposed Mr. G. Farrow Sec. Mr. Hummies, "that the four Parish houses be connected to the main water supply and carried into each kitchen as per estimate. Carried unanimously. With reference to the payment of the cost of fitting the water to the houses, it was, after much discussion

① Proposed Mr. Cotterell, Sec. Mr. Stammers "that the Trustees pay for the cost of fitting under the 5 year Deferred Payment Schedule in agreement with the Hartismere R.D.C. amounting to approx £4 per  $\frac{1}{2}$  year repayment for 5 years and that an increase in rent be applied for to compensate the expense involved owing to the low funds of the Trust.

② Proposed Mr. J. Green, Sec. Miss Wilkinson "that the tenants of the four Parish Houses pay

for the cost of the fitting of the water supply in equal proportions in agreement with the Hartismere R.D.C.

A vote was taken by a show of hands and the proposal was adopted by a majority of 2 Votes.

Coronation Festivities :- The Chairman spoke saying that it was the general feeling of the Parish that some effort should be made in this respect and he called for suggestions, first of which though he had received an offer from Mr & Mrs Clarke of the Bucks Head Inn, that they were willing to provide a Children's Tea free of any charge at a date to be arranged. The Clerk was instructed by the meeting to write to Mr & Mrs Clarke a letter of acceptance and thanks on behalf of the children for their spontaneous offer.

Miss W. Wilkinson suggested that a Parish Hall was the most desirable amenity which the Parish now lacked. There was no facility available for meetings and entertainment, a Woman's Institute had recently been formed, also British Legion activities, and with this start many other activities etc, relative to the Parish would probably come in the future, there fore a suitable place to meet and associate with local community life was most necessary. A Fund for a Parish Hall has already been running for some time and they should make every effort during Coronation Year to hold fetes & other functions to augment the fund.

Mr. Cotterell then stated that there was an amount of £551-6-2 in hand in the fund towards a Parish Hall also a site of land was available measuring 60' x 190'

① Proposed by Miss Wilkin Sec. by Miss Battell

"That a Committee be formed to organise functions to raise funds for a Parish Hall during Coronation Year"

② Proposed Mr. J. Green, Secd Mr. Mulmen "That a general Parish Feast be held at a date to be decided during Coronation Week and that further functions be organised for a Parish Hall."

The two proposals were put to the Meeting and a majority was obtained for proposal No. 2 & carried.

Proposed Mr. J. Green, Secd. Mr. W. Middleditch, "That a general Parish Meeting be held at Miss Wilkinson's Premises with her kind permission on Wednesday 7th Jan 53. for the purpose of forming a Committee to organise Coronation Activities within the Parish. Agreed unanimously.

The Chairman closed the Meeting with a vote of thanks to Miss Wilkinson for allowing the Meeting to be held in her room under such congenial conditions. Miss Wilkinson responded.

This terminated the Meeting.

July 17<sup>th</sup> 1953

Chairman

Robert Farrow

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held at Miss Wilkinson's premises in the Parish of Thwait on Wednesday Jan: 7<sup>th</sup> 1953 at 7 p.m.  
Present - Mr R. Farrow in the chair, and 12 Parishians.

Owing to the absence of Mr Edmund Baker through illness, the chairman asked for nominations for a D. Clerk for the meeting. It was proposed by Mr Lottell that Miss Wilkinson be asked to fill this office. This was seconded by Mr R. Farrow & agreed by the meeting. Miss Wilkinson accepted & the Chairman asked her to read the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were accordingly read, passed as correct & signed by the Chairman.

#### Arising from Minutes

Bridge  
Repair

Mr J. Green asked if any more had been done about the Bridge. The Chairman reported that Mr Nuttins had been making a collection towards this repair work. Mr Nuttins said that he thought the amount to date was about £4-15- It was agreed to find out how the fund stood & if more had been promised. Mr Lottell proposed & Mr J. Green seconded that when the repairs were carried out the Rector be asked if the Bridge could be re-inforced with concrete & iron. It was agreed to ask the Rector to make sure that a really solid structure be made. Mr J. Green asked if these Bonds had been transferred. The Chairman said he was not sure, but he would find out from Mr Baker

Redeemed  
Bonds

Water Supply  
to Parish  
Colleges

The Chairman read a letter from the R.D.C. to Mr Baker saying that the question of a loan to pay for the work would be considered with other requests in an application to the Ministry. The work to be put in hand as soon as this was received.

Coronation  
Festivities

Mr J. Green proposed that a sub-committee be formed from the General Coronation Committee to arrange a Feed. He said that last time 2/6 per head was charged & every house contributed food of some kind, & that a slack bill was handed for the time.

The Chairman reported that there was nothing in the record of Parish Meetings to say what arrangements had been made.

Mr Green then said that Mr Clarke of the Bucks Head had offered to do food for everyone at a stated price - to be settled if the offer was agreed to -

The meeting considered this a very fine offer & Mr Nuttall said he would see Mr Clarke & find out what the cost per head would be if the Parish collected the money.

It was proposed by Miss Browning and seconded by Mr Middlemist that the Trustees of the Fund for a Hall be on the Committee automatically. agreed. Mr J. Green said that he understood that Mr Edmund Baker did not wish to

Committee  
for the Parish  
Hall

be on the Committee as he was on the Coronation Committee in his home village. The meeting asked that the Deputy Clerk should write to Mr Baker asking him if he would be willing to serve as an ordinary member of the Committee even if he did not wish to take an official position.

It was proposed by Miss Browning & seconded by Mr Colterell that any of the original members of a previous Parish Hall Committee who were still in the Parish should be asked to serve again. The only member not present on the meeting was Mr J. Lummis and the Chairman agreed to ask him to serve on the Committee.

It was proposed by Mr Colterell & seconded by Mr Nuttall that some young people be elected to the Committee & they proposed Mr J. Green, Mr R. Farrow & Mr K. Bagg. These young men agreed to serve.

It was proposed by Mr Battell & seconded by Mr Colterell that Mr Robert Farrow be elected. Mr Robert Farrow thanked them but declined.

Mr Colterell proposed & Mr Battell seconded that Miss Wilkin be asked to serve. Miss Wilkinson agreed to serve. Mr R. Farrow proposed & Miss Browning seconded that Mr Battell be asked to serve. Mr Battell agreed.

The Chairman said that he would like to see Mr Middleditch on the Committee  
Mr Middleditch said he would be pleased to serve as a member.

Mr J. Green proposed - Mr K. Briggs seconded that Mr H. Ribbons be asked to serve on the Committee.

It was agreed that the Chairman should approach him v. the matter. The elected Committee stands as follows -

Mr Robert Farrow, Mr Arthur Farrow, Mr Cotterell, Mr Middleditch, Mr Nuttins, Mr J. Green, Mr K. Briggs, Mr R. Farrow, Mr Battell & Miss Wilkinson. (Junior)

To be asked - Mr J. Lummer, Mr E. Baker, Mr H. Ribbons

It was proposed by Mr Cotterell & seconded by Mr J. Green that the Committee meet on Thursday Jan: 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m at Miss Wilkinson's Premises to discuss activities for raising money during the year. Agreed.

It was proposed by Mr J. Green & seconded by Mr Cotterell that a report of the meeting just held be sent by the Deputy Chairman to the Miss Express. Agreed.

Proposed by Mr Cotterell & seconded by Mr Nuttins that a vote of thanks be given to Miss Wilkinson for the use of her room for the meeting.

Miss Wilkinson said she was pleased to end the room.

~~There being nothing further~~  
Miss Browning asked if the matter being up one other question & that was the condition of the field foot-path between Church Lane & the Walks.

The Chairman said that the bad condition of this path had been reported to the Council with a request for improvement to be made.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting.

March 5 1953

R Farrow

Minutes of a Parish Meeting held in the Women's Institute Room Thwaites St George by permission of Miss Wilkinson on March 5<sup>th</sup> 1953 at 7pm. Present Mr R Farrow Chairman 13 other persons & E Baker Clerk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, Mr J Green proposed & Mr A Farrow seconded that they be agreed as a correct record & be signed by the Chairman. Agreed. Arising from the minutes complaint was made that the hand rail had not been erected & that the bridge would have lasted longer if made in stone or coated with concrete. It was pointed out that the bridge was Church property, it had been repaired by public subscription & was nothing to do with the County Roads & Bridges

County Roads & Bridges Council

committee report that they had done the work as contractors for the Church Authority.

Cottages

It was reported that the water supply had not been done yet as the water authority has been too busy with burst pipes & other work.

Accounts

The accounts were read out and after various questions were answered were laid on the table. It was proposed by Mr S Cottrell & seconded by Miss Wilkinson that they be passed with satisfaction, this was agreed by the meeting.

appointment of Trustee

After discussion Miss ~~Wilkinson~~ proposed Mr J Green seconded that another trustee should be appointed for the Parish Property at the next Parish Meeting & that it should be put on the agenda.

Complaint was again made about the dangerous condition of the path to the "Walks". The Chairman & Clerk were asked to make enquiries about it. This completed the business of the meeting & the Chairman thanked Miss Wilkinson for the use of the room with heating & lighting, Mrs S Cottrell proposed & Mr S Nuttall seconded & it was agreed that it be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 1959

To Genl. Y. arant

Minutes of a Parish Meeting held in the Cafe, The White St George on Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 1959 at 7pm. The minutes of the last Parish Meeting were on view before the meeting. Mr Nuttall proposed and Miss Meadows seconded that Mr R Farrow be appointed Chairman this was agreed. The minutes of the last meeting were read & given as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Miss Browning pointed out that the last three letters of her name had been missed out it was agreed that the "ing" should be added and the alteration was initiated by the Chairman. Arising from the minutes complaint was again made about the "Walks" pathway very little had been done to it. Miss Browning suggested that the Rural District Council should be approached again and at the same time the foot bridge should be replaced, which was removed when the ditch adjoining the Norwich & Ipswich main road was cleared out last year. Mr S Cottrell explained that owing to 12 months hold up by the County Council in enlarging the culvert, the ditch had filled up again. Machinery was expected shortly to clear out the ditch again after which the gateway was being replaced. Attention was drawn to the increased assessment and consequently the increased rates to be paid, after discussion Miss Wilkin proposed that an appeal against the assessment should be made seconded by Mr Meadows & agreed.

Parish Property Cottages

appointment of Trustee

Appointment of Trustee was considered proposed by Mr. Cottrell that Mr. R. Pulliam be appointed seconded by Miss L. Meadows & agreed by the meeting. The question of "if three trustees was sufficient" was considered by the meeting, on the proposition of Miss Browning seconded by Mr. R. Mullins it was agreed that three trustees was sufficient.

Parish Supply of Electricity

Electricity Supply for the Parish was discussed very fully, Miss Wilkinson proposed Mrs. Roberts seconded that a letter be sent to Gas & Electric Board at Beccles pressing the needs of the Parish & asking what the present position was.

Church old School room

Church Room & question was asked who were the owners? as the Building was deteriorating very quickly during the last year or two, also it was thought it could, if repaired, be used for the Social side of the Parish, Miss Browning & Miss Wilkinson both said that the Church Authorities were the owners, they had no money for repairs, & did not wish to part with the Building.

During the meeting the accounts were passed round they were read out and discussed, in the light of the general financial position, with the increased assessments it was thought the rates would go down but the more rates, a repairs bill for the school of £65.9-7 was due to the Clerk who had paid the Builder on behalf of the Trustees

Several suggestions were put forward and discussed by the meeting, it was finally decided that the advice of the Auditor should be sought & if necessary another Parish Meeting should be called when suitable suggestions could be considered.

C. J. D. ... Chairman  
25/6/58

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Church Bells of Suffolk by J. J. Raven D.D.

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1. Bell. no inscription  
New when church was restored in 1846.

In 1553 - 3 bells.

Old Bell inscribed 'Miles Craye made me 1626'  
Sold to Helis 1846.

Aug 6/1951

Church Past

to the time of his death. Minutes of the last meeting were read questions were asked & answered, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. A list was read from the surveyor on the path from Church Lane to the hedges after a long discussion

it was agreed that there was a great improvement and that Mr. Smith had completed the style it would be quite satisfactory. Mr. Pullham reported that he was in communication with the County Surveyor about staking the cost of the bridge and gateway culvert near Brookside House. A letter was then read from the County Surveyor re Footbridge on Pubber's way to Mendlesham cost of putting would be £35. but the right way was very little used and the question was asked if the cost was justified at the present time? The meeting felt that the bridge and style were very messy but should be replaced at a much less cost.

It was proposed by Mr. C. Briggs seconded by Miss Browning that Mr. Pullham should contact the County Surveyor with a view of getting both bridges done at the same time and consequently at a less cost. This was carried.

It was reported that Electing now being planned for the Village & District did not cover Brookford Hall, Thwait Hall, Hill Farm Thwait & Brookside small holding. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Board pointing out these omissions and asking if there is any reason that the above properties & houses cannot be included; also why the cost of connection has jumped up so much? It was proposed that the Insurance Company should inspect the Parish

houses with a view to increasing the Insurance Appointment of Trustee to replace full vacancy by Mr. Farrow's death. Proposed by Mr. Pullham seconded by Mr. Clark that Mr. A. R. Bristol be appointed Trustee to fill the vacancy.

A letter was read from the Community & Key Committee asking the Parish to support the & Key Survey a discussion it was proposed by Mr. Barton & seconded by Mr. Wilmson that full support should be given to the survey.

Complaint was made that in heavy rains the water from the main road ran on to the forecourt of the Bucks Head flooding the house proposed by Mr. Clark seconded by Mr. Pullham that a letter be sent to the County Council on the flooding. This was agreed.

Alce Nislar Chairman  
28/1/59



A Parish Meeting was held in the Cafe at the Bucks Head, Thwaite St George on Wednesday January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.

Present - Mr A. Bristow in the chair, Mr E. Baker retiring clerk, 22 parishioners & Mr Thomas Manager of Lloyds Bank, Egl.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed & signed.

Mr Pulham reported that the result of his communication with the Surveyor about the bridges had resulted in the Council agreeing to meet the cost of one bridge & Mr Pulham to meet the cost of the other.

The Chairman said that owing to Mr Baker's resignation from office in the Parish, since he no longer held property in Thwaite necessitated the election of a trustee for the Parish Property & a ~~secretary~~ <sup>clerk</sup> & Treasurer for the Parish Meeting.

Miss Wilkinson proposed & Mr Pulham seconded that the Rev. F.A. Addison be appointed as Trustee. The meeting agreed & Mr Addison consented to serve in this position.

Mr Bristow proposed & Mr Roberts seconded that Miss Wilkinson be asked to serve as ~~secretary~~ <sup>clerk</sup>. The Meeting agreed to this proposal. There being no further nominations & Miss Wilkinson being willing to accept the position, she took over forthwith.

The Rev. Addison asked if it was really necessary to have a treasurer for the Parish Meeting since a Parish Council did not have one. <sup>In the case of the Trustees</sup> were responsible for the Finance of the Parish Property.

Minutes arising from Minutes

Appointments

Trustee of P. Property

~~Secretary~~ Clerk of Parish Meeting

Treasurer

Finance of Parish Property

It was agreed that the Trustees should appoint their own treasurer.

Mr Baker reported that there was at the present time an adverse balance, with an overdraft at the Bank of £9 - with monies coming in during the next two months, there should be a balance of about £3 - at the end of March.

Mr Abdon asked what the assets of the Parish were, how many parish houses & allotments.

Mr Baker reported that there were four Parish houses & about 2 1/4 acres of allotments & gardens.

The total rents collected in the year from the cottages amounted to £26-8-5 - the Rates are paid by the Parish & since the East-increase they now amount to £28-18-2

Tenants are still repaying for the cost of main water laid on. This should finish at the end of March, but payment will continue to be paid till the amount is cleared.

Rents from allotments & gardens amount to 82/6

Mr Abdon suggested that the Trustees might examine the possibility of the Tenants being willing to purchase their houses.

Reference to Parish land - about 2 1/4 acre.

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It was noted that the Tenants be given rents to meet the

Since under the present the property could

the Parish was in the line of £65-9-7

id. the builder who paid the cottages were subject

Mr Baker said no, he did not think so.

Village  
Hall Fund

Mr Pullam said that was the question of the Village Hall Fund which amounted to several hundred pounds now, & if not needed for a village hall might be used for the Parish Property, & to pay back the debt to Mr Baker. It seemed to him that consideration of the disposal of this money & the question of the financial position of the Parish Property were bound up together.

The Chairman pointed out that the village hall fund must be discussed at a separate meeting.

Mr Abston suggested that the <sup>Parish</sup> Trustees be asked to apply to the village hall trustees for a donation towards the cost of supplying the Parish houses with electricity.

Miss Browning proposed that the Parish Meeting be adjourned, so that an Open Meeting could discuss the Village Hall Fund, & the result of the Open Meeting be referred back to the Parish Meeting. This was generally agreed to & the Parish Meeting was adjourned.

31.3.59

28.1.59

Chairman

## OPEN MEETING re VILLAGE HALL FUND.

Mr Pullam proposed & Mr J. Lummis seconded that Mr Britton be asked to chair the Open Meeting. This was agreed, & Mr Britton accepted. The Chairman asked Mr Baker about the Trustees of the Village Hall Fund. Mr Baker explained that Mr Cotterell, Mr Roberts Farrow & himself had been Trustees. Mr Cotterell had been Treasurer. Mr R. Farrow had died recently & Mr Cotterell had left the District & resigned his position. Mr Baker did not feel justified in acting alone, so he had asked Mr Thomas, Manager of Lloyds Bank Eye to act with him.

During the time that Mr Cotterell was Treasurer, he had added small amounts to the Fund from whist-drives etc. He had put the money into Defence Bonds & from time to time added another certificate.

~~Mr~~ Mr Thomas introduced himself & said that he had accepted the Trusteeship as a temporary matter to help Mr Baker. He told the meeting that the total sum in the Fund now stood at £711 with the interest accumulated. The investment was in 4% Defence Bonds. He does not think the Fund is subject to Tax. The meeting expressed their thanks to Mr Thomas for his help.

Mr Clark proposed & Mr Nuttall seconded that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Cotterell for all the work he had done. Agreed. The question of the need for a village hall was opened for discussion.

Mr Clark proposed & Mr Ribbons seconded that there should be a village hall.

Mr Roberts said he did not think a village hall was needed now, as there were not enough organisations to use it - make it pay & it was a very expensive thing to buy & to maintain.

Miss Browning seconded Mr Roberts statement. Mr J. Humnis pointed out - that the small church room was to be put in repair & would be available for meetings in the village & this was quite big enough for such a small place. He suggested that a better use of the money could be made by using it to make the parish houses more habitable, to give a donation towards the cost of repairing the church room & to pay back the debt to Mr Baker. There would no doubt be enough over to put aside for use on the parish houses when needed.

After some more discussion it was agreed <sup>unanimously</sup> ~~by a majority~~ that a ~~parish~~ <sup>village</sup> hall was no longer needed in the village & Mr Pulham suggested that we forget all about the village hall & consider a more profitable use for the fund to benefit the village. Mr Thomas said that in order to divert the money to other uses it would be necessary first to put a notice in the press to this effect, stating that a meeting called to discuss

Press  
Notice

The Fund it had been decided <sup>unanimously</sup> ~~by a~~ majority that a village hall was no longer needed & that the parishioners desired to divert the fund to a more profitable use. He said the notice would have to be legally worded & would cost a small fee. He offered to see that this was done & to get the notice printed. The meeting agreed to this. Fourteen days at least would be needed to allow time for ~~the~~ opposition to be put to the proposal. It was therefore agreed to call another meeting to discuss the fund again.

Mr Abbot proposed & Mr Pulham seconded that Mr Bristow serve as a trustee for the fund. This was agreed. Mr Bristow accepted.

A meeting was fixed provisionally for ~~Thursday~~ Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. at the Bucks Head Cafe. The meeting closed at 9:30 p.m.

Alan Bristow

20/2/59

opinions were to be expressed at the meeting by those present at that meeting & not sent in by way of signatures to a statement.

Deed

Mr Baker produced the original Deed which states clearly that the Fund is for the purpose of buying land & building a hall. The chairman said that, according to this, if a village hall was not <sup>so</sup> desirable at the present time, it would appear that the money should be left where it is until such time as a village hall is needed & there is enough in the Fund to justify the building & maintaining of a hall.

Wetheringsett Hall as an alternative

Mr C. Briggs said that he thought the use of Wetheringsett Hall could well be considered as an alternative to the building a hall in Thwaite. The money could be used to renovate this building which needed a large sum spent on it to put it in order.

Money not to be spent on Parish Halls

Mr Land said he was on the original committee that started to collect money for a hall. He said he definitely did not agree that the money should be spent on the Parish Halls. He suggested that a playing field, to keep the children off the road would be an asset to the village. He said that the Fund was not originally called a Village Hall Fund, but a Fund for supplying amenities for the young people of Thwaite. Mr Cotterell had called it the Village Hall

Fund to give it a definite name. Mr Thomas offered to ask Mr Joyce to look up and see if the Fund can be used for purposes other than a village hall.

Playing Field

It was pointed out that there were, at present only about 5 children in Thwaite who could use a playing field and that these children would not use it any more than they used existing facilities given by a local farmer for this purpose. Nothing will keep them off the roads if they want to wander.

Mr Ribbons said that, in her view, the money should be left where it is until it accumulates such a sum as would be sufficient to purchase land & build a good hall. This might take a number of years, but by that time there would be plenty of young people to use it & maintain it.

Committee of inquiry

Miss Brown proposed & Mr Clark seconded that a committee be formed to look into the possibilities of obtaining village hall facilities for the village of Thwaite, taking into account the Church Room in Thwaite and Wetheringsett village hall. This was carried.

Mr Clark proposed that the number on the committee be five, with the Trustees of the Fund as ~~ex-officio~~ <sup>ex-officio</sup> members. Miss Brown proposed & Mr Clark seconded that the original members of the village hall committee be asked to serve.

Mr G. Lummis and Mr R. Nutmer said they would not be willing to serve. Mr A. Farrow was also an original member

of the committee, & Miss Brown proposed & Mr Clark seconded that he should serve again. He agreed.

Mr Clark proposed & Mr Banham seconded that Mr Land should serve.

Mr Bristol proposed & Mr Abton seconded that Mr C. Briggs be a member.

Mr C. Briggs proposed & Mr Land seconded that Mr Clark serve on the committee.

Mr Clark proposed & Mr C. Briggs seconded that Mr W. Ribbons also serve on the committee.

All these gentlemen were willing to serve & were therefore elected.

Mr Abton asked if this investigating committee was willing to go further than just make enquiries about a village hall in Thwaite & include the possibilities of <sup>using</sup> Wetheringsell Hall. The committee said they were willing.

Mr Clark proposed that the chairman make a clear statement as to what was required of this committee.

The chairman said that the committee was purely a temporary committee formed for the purpose of investigation & that its function was simply to look into the possibilities of providing village hall amenities for the Parish of Thwaite, taking into account the Church Room in Thwaite which would be available to the people of the village, and the possibility of making the village hall in Wetheringsell serve both villages without provision of a special hall in

Definition  
of committee

The committee was given three months to make investigations & report to a general meeting. The date fixed for the 204th General Meeting was Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. at the Bulls Head Cafe. The meeting closed at 9 p.m.

Alan Smith  
10/3/59

A General Meeting of the Parish of Thwaite was held at the Bulls Head Café on Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.

Seventeen people were present. Mr A. Bristow was in the chair.

Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed & signed.

Arising from  
Minutes

Mr Nutmer stated that to his knowledge, Mr Land was not on the orig. Village Hall Committee. He had been on a sub-committee for a field or for sports. This was supported by the meeting.

The Chairman said that Col. Voysey had come over to give the meeting the legal position about the fund.

Legal  
position  
of fund

Col. Voysey stated that Mr Thomas had not known there was a deed in existence when he first offered to give advice. He said there were three things that could be done: the money could be spent now on a village hall; it could be left to accumulate & so enable the village to have a hall some years hence when there might be a need for one.

Thirdly, the Trustees could go to the Court of Chancery & say they wanted to use the money for other purposes & what would be done about it? This might prove expensive & the expenses would have to come out of the fund, or someone's pocket. The Chairman thanked Col. Voysey

& said the most sensible thing to do seemed to be to leave the money where it is for the time being.

Miss Browning said it seemed a pity the deed had not been produced before this as it would have saved all the time spent on considering what should be done with the money.

Mr Baker said he had forgotten there was a deed till Mr Cotterell reminded him of it & told him where it was. Mr Banham asked if the interest on the investment could be used. Col. Voysey said no, he was afraid not.

Mr Pullham asked if it was worth while trying to add to the fund since the village did not want a hall?

Miss Browning stated that several of the signatories of the paper produced at the last meeting were people who had always wanted a hall, but during the last seven years they had done nothing to raise more money to enable a hall to be built. It had been proposed at the time of the coronation to raise another £500 & build a hall as a coronation memorial. Mr Battell, who lived here at that time had offered a site for a hall. The deed was asked for then, but had not been produced. The Chairman said that as the deed had now been produced stating

exactly what could be done with the money. There was nothing more we could do except - disband the Investigating Committee, thank them for offering to help & apologise for giving everyone so much trouble in discussing a question which need not have arisen.  
 He also thanked Col & Mrs Thomas for their help in the matter.  
 The meeting closed at 8 p.m.

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Not really in accord with Stat. provision that the Clerk also acts as the Chairman & writes & signs the minutes.  
 Hardly Democratic!

The annual Parish Meeting was held at the Bulls Head Cafe on Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup> 1959. at 7.30 p.m.  
 Present the Clerk and 15 other Parishioners.  
 The Clerk had received a note from the Chairman, Mr A. Bristow saying that he was unavoidably prevented from attending the meeting because of an unexpected business engagement. He sent his apologies. As neither of the other Parish Trustees were willing to take the chair, Mr Pulham proposed that Mr J. Lummis seconded that the Clerk, Miss Wilkinson should take the chair. The meeting approving & the Clerk being willing to do so the meeting proceeded.  
 The minutes of the previous Parish Meeting were read, confirmed & signed.  
 The question of the debt to Mr Baker was brought up. The Rector, the Rev. Addison proposed & Miss Browning seconded, that this question be left in the hands of the Parish Trustees. Agreed.  
 The Clerk stated that Mr Baker had asked who was the Treasurer to whom he could send the accounts etc.  
 The Trustees have not yet appointed a Treasurer, but will be <sup>rough figures of income & expenditure were given</sup> know when they do so.  
 The Clerk stated that in the past any question relating to the Parish Houses had been discussed at a Parish Meeting. It was decided that in future the Parish Houses would be the concern of the Trustees, who would give a report on the Property at the annual Parish Meeting.

apology for absence

Minutes

arising from minutes

Treasurer

Parish Houses

Mr C. Briggs asked who the Trustees were + how many. The answer was that there were three trustees, Mr A. Bristow, The Rev. F.A. Addison + Mr H. Pulham.  
 Mr Addison stated that he had written to the Archivist but no Trust Deed could be found, so there was nothing laid down as to how many Trustees there should be. The Meeting agreed to keep three trustees.

Mr G. Bamham asked if there was any question of selling the Parish houses, would the Parish know?

The Rector stated that such would have to be referred to Charity Commissioners, & Notice exhibited to give wished to do so, a chance.  
 Mr G. Lummis asked if it be possible to have the pump removed + the hole <sup>text pump</sup> was filled.

Pump

Mr P. Lummis stated that pump in <sup>Wickham Skeith</sup> ~~Wickham Skeith~~ dealt with by the Council was gradually derelict pumps + holes.

Church Road + Dildes

Mr Pulham reported that of taking water from the Church Parishes Houses and to flow away in the had been suggested the Council cannot do but it will probably

later date.  
 Mr Bristow complained of mosquitoes from the church moat + other standing ponds + suggested that oil be poured on the water to dispose of this pest.

Mr C. Briggs proposed that the Church Authorities go into the question of the water in the moat - to see if anything can be done to clear it + leave a channel only for the water to flow through. This was agreed, + the Rector said it should be brought up at a Church Meeting.

### Hartismere Rural District Council

FRANK CUNLIFFE  
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 E. BUTCHER  
 Treasurer and  
 Deputy Clerk  
 Telephone No. - Eye 341 (4 Lines)

Council Offices,  
 Castleton Way,  
 Eye, Suffolk.

X/L/35.

18th August, 1958.

Dear Sir,

Parish Pump, Thwaite St. George.

Your letter of the 7th instant has now been considered by the Water Committee of the Council and I am asked to say that as the pump vests in this Council the proceeds of the sale thereof (less any costs incurred) will have to be credited to the district council, not parish, funds.

Yours faithfully,

Frank Cunliffe.

Clerk to the Council.

Mr. Edmund Baker,  
 Clerk to Thwaite Parish Meeting,  
 Old Newton Hall,  
 Stowmarket,  
 Suffolk.

Mr Stannard proposed that <sup>allotment</sup> Rents be collected at Michaelmas <sup>Oct. 11<sup>th</sup></sup> <sup>5</sup> still put up to state date place where this should be Mr Nutmer seconded this.

Mr Lam proposed + Mr Roberts led that allotments should sub be without reference to Treasurer of the Parish Property. Mr Lam wishes to relinquish his on a newcomer to the wants an allotment, this should referred to the Treasurer.

was agreed.  
 Mr Lam proposed + Mr Bamham id that a years notice be if a tenant wishes to give up lotment, or in the case of a newcomer wanting an allotment + existing tenant holding more than



Road Safety

one, the years notice be given again. This was agreed, as it would enable a tenant to farm his allotment & benefit from the produce grown there.

Mr Clark raised the point of the dangerous corner from the Wickham Street Road onto the main road. He proposed that the Council be asked to look into this question & see that small trees & wide grass opposite the Bucks Head be cleared away to give clear vision round the corner to the right when coming out of the side road, & also to consider the question of the new hedge planted along the main road opposite the Post-office, which when grown up will make a blind turn to the left towards Norwid. Accidents have occurred & very near accidents also because cars cannot see round the corner. The Rector seconded this proposition, & it was carried.

Mr Clark stated that five years ago wood had been cut, but now it had grown up again. The Council was asked to write to the Council. There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9 p.m.

Katherine C. Wilkins  
16.12.59



Present

Minutes

Arising

Parish House

A Parish Meeting was held at the Bucks Head Cafe on Wednesday Dec: 16<sup>th</sup> 1959. at 7.30 p.m. The Chairman Mr A. Bristow presiding, the three trustees, the clerk and 16 other Parishioners.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed & signed.

The clerk reported that part of the hedge & young copse opposite the Bucks Head had been cut & that Lora Henner had given permission to the Parish to cut the wood on his property there. Mr Clark has offered to do this.

The clerk also reported that the Parochial Church Council had arranged for a channel to be cut in the moat round the church yard & the pipes cleared, so that the water could be carried away without causing a swamp.

The Rev: F.A. Addison, Treasurer for the trustees stated that the Parish accounts had been audited in September & that Mr Baker's Secretary had been most helpful in getting things together for the audit. He told the Meeting that the Parish property is not a charity, therefore the Charity Commissioners have nothing to do with it. These cottages are the property of the Parish & the trustees work as a Housing sub-committee of the Parish Meeting.

The auditors cannot order us to sell the cottages, but strongly advise us to do so as they are run at a loss. The financial position is fairly favourable at the moment as the collection of money still owing for the installation of main water is nearly completed.

Parish Property

There is £19-odd in the Bank, but £15- will be needed to pay rates at the end of the year.

The debt owing to Mr Baker is about £80-, which the Parish will have to find as we have to face the fact that if Mr Baker died suddenly his executors would demand this payment at once.

The auditor advised us to do all we could to sell the property & so pay off this debt. The next agreed debt to Mr Baker before a sale could be made was £100- from the Roads & Bridges Dept: would have to be made & a valuation given to the District Valuer.

The Chairman read a letter from the Ministry of Health & Local Government agreeing to the sale of the property if formalities are carried out & the price settled.

Mr C. Briggs asked if it would not be possible to raise the rents of the cottages & so pay off the debt to Mr Baker.

The answer was - "Yes, but where would we obtain the money meanwhile to put the houses in order? Keep them so."

We should raise the rents to 7/6 now & eventually to twice the gross annual value of the cottages. But the tenants would have the right to stand in a

Certificate of disrepair & say you must repair first. The Rev. Addison gave the amounts of the present rents of the cottages

Tenants have monthly agreements - except

Resolution Entered in Minute Book

At a Parish Meeting of the Parish of Thwaite St. George

held at the Buck's Head, Thwaite

on Wednesday the 16th day of December 1959,

pursuant to notice duly given

It was resolved -

That this Meeting do consent to the sale of the following property, viz:-

the 4 cottages and appurtenances thereto, being the property of the Parish of Thwaite St. George.

under the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1933, and of any other statutes in that behalf, subject to such Order as the Minister of Housing and Local Government shall issue touching such sale and the application of the produce thereof.

(signed) Alec Bristow

Chairman presiding at the Parish Meeting aforesaid.

Daniel Roberts done in Lira - add in the Bank for 7/15 -

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must repair first.  
The Rev. Addison gave the amounts of  
the present rents of the cottages

Tenants have monthly agreements - except  
Mr A. Farrow whose agreement is a  
yearly one.

The Chairman said that this meeting had  
been called to ask the Parishioners' consent  
to sell the cottage.

Mr Clark proposed & Mr J. Lummis  
seconded that the Parish try to sell the  
property. This was passed by a Majority vote.

It was agreed that before the method of  
sale was decided on - i.e. Auction,  
Tender or Private Treaty - the Valuation  
should be obtained & the question as  
to whether the Tenants could be asked  
to turn over in the event of a sale,  
gone into, to find out how the Law stands  
in regard to this matter.

Mr Nuttall thanked the Rector for all the  
work he had done to find out the  
position of the Parish Property.  
The Rector thanked Mr Forster for his  
able chairmanship of the Meeting.  
The Meeting rose at 8.45 pm

Chas. D. Smith  
2/6/60

A Parish Meeting was held at - The Bucks Head Cafe on Thursday June 2nd 1960 at 7.30 p.m. Present - Mr A. Bristow, in the chair, the two other trustees, the Clerk and nine Parishioners.

Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, corrected & signed.

Arising from Minutes

The Clerk reported that the hedge & small copse opposite the Bucks Head had been cut, thereby making the corner safer. Also that a channel had been cut in the Church Road - to carry the water away, & a new pipe was to be laid by the Churchyard gateway, & under the gateway into the Grange paddock to further encourage the flow of water away from the houses & the moat.

Parish accounts

The Treasurer of the Parish Houses Committee presented a Balance Sheet of the accounts and explained that three of the tenants have paid up in full for the installation of main water which has helped the finance considerably.

The Phoenix Insurance assessment was £5-1-3, but is now £4-6- The reason being that when Mr Baker was here he acted as agent & had a commission fee.

The a/c fee was £1- last year, but this year will probably be £2. There are half year rates to pay & a bill to pay Mr Tree for work on the roof of the Stone Cottage. When these are paid there will be a balance of just over £4 - The sum of £5-4-2 due to

Finance

Mr Baker for expense is still outstanding Mr Pulham proposed & Mr Bristow seconded that the accounts be adopted. This was agreed.

House Property

The Rector reported that in a discussion with the Valuation Officer he had learned that the Ministry had not yet instructed him to act. He would act on the instruction of the Ministry after we had decided in what way we should sell the houses.

Correspondence on Property

But whatever reserve price the Ministry decided on would not be divulged to us, nor even to the District Valuer, until after we had received offers. The Chairman reported that he had written to the R.D.C. on May 23rd about the sale of the property & had asked for confirmation of the fact that none of the houses had been scheduled for demolition. The reply, written on May 26th stated that the R.D.C. had referred to the Public Health Dept. who had stated that, so far, the cottages had not been the subject of formal action under the Housing Acts, but that it could not be said for certain that such property would not be considered in this light at some future date.

Method of Sale

The question of the method of sale was discussed. Mr Pulham said if the property was sold by Tender, the Tenders would have to go to some neutral person outside the Parish; unless the Parish decided to have Tenders sent to a Parish Meeting & opened there.

Sale of Property

It was also put forward that if an auction was decided on, some people might offer a much higher price than the property was worth to be sure of getting it.

The D.C. has reported that security of tenure by existing tenants would still exist - whoever bought the houses - the right of the new owner to ask for vacant possession could only be settled in a Court of Law.

The question as to whether a purchaser could get possession by offering a better price was brought up.

The answer is the same. It would probably require a means test & could only be settled by a Court.

The Rector said that he considered that the present tenants should have first refusal to purchase their houses. Miss Brouning & Miss Britlow said they thought this was only fair course.

Mr R. Briggs proposed sale by auction. Mr Nuttin seconded this. Put to the vote the decision against auction was carried by 7 votes to 4.

The Rector stated that he had been previously asked to find out if any of the tenants wished to purchase their houses. Two had said yes & two had said no.

The question came up as to whom the offers should be given.

Sale of Property

The Rector said that as the Chairman was the real official of the Parish Meeting, offers should go to him. Miss Brouning seconded this & it was passed by the Meeting.

The offer to be made in writing, a month being given for offers to be made.

Mr Britlow said he would write to each of the tenants concerned.

The question was discussed as to whether payments for the houses should be prompt or by instalments. If by instalments how long should be given for the completion of payments.

Mr C. Briggs proposed, & Mr Nuttin seconded that one third of the price should be paid down & 12 months given for the whole amount to be paid.

This was put to the vote & carried.

The question as to whether interest should be charged was brought up.

Mr C. Briggs proposed & Mr Pullham seconded that no interest be charged. This was carried.

The Rector proposed, & Mr C. Briggs seconded that offers should be sent to the trustees without delay after they had been presented. Carried.

The question as to whether the small orchard piece behind Mrs Farrow's house would go with the house was brought up. The answer is that the orchard counts as in with the allotments & does not belong to the house. It cannot be sold, but

Mr Farrow can continue to rent -  
There being no further discussion the  
meeting closed at 9 p.m.

Celia Doider  
5<sup>th</sup> December, 1960

The Grange,  
Thwaite,  
near Eye,  
Suffolk.

8th June, 1960.

Mrs. Farrow,  
Parish Cottages,  
Thwaite,  
near Eye,  
Suffolk.

Dear Mrs. Farrow,

At the Parish Meeting held last Thursday evening, the  
2nd June, it was agreed by a majority vote that the parish  
cottages should be offered for sale to their present tenants.  
I have therefore been asked to write to you asking whether  
you would like to buy the cottage you occupy. If so, will  
you please let me know, by Saturday the 2nd July at the latest,  
what price you would be prepared to offer.

I must point out that before the sale can be made the  
Ministry of Housing will have to approve the price as being  
satisfactory according to their valuation of the property.

In view of the difficult state of the parish finances  
at present, it would of course be best if you were able to  
pay the full amount at the time of the sale. However, if  
this is difficult, the Parish Meeting agreed to allow one  
third of the price to be paid at the time of the sale and  
the rest within twelve months, without any interest being  
charged.

If there is anything that is not clear, or if you have  
any questions, I should be very glad to see you and talk it  
over.

Yours sincerely,

Alec Bristow  
Chairman of Thwaite St. George Parish Meeting

Also sent to Mr. Young, Mr. Brown  
& Mr. Roberts.

1960

A Parish Meeting was held in the Church Room,  
Thwaite, on Monday Dec: 5<sup>th</sup> 1960 at 7 p.m.  
Present - Mr Bristow, The Rev: Addison, Mr Nuttins, Mr Brown,  
Mr Bristow, Miss Browning and the Clerk.  
The Clerk explained that the meeting had been called  
to elect a Chairman to the Parish Meeting & so  
regularise the position of chairman. At the last  
Annual Meeting ~~in 1959~~ when the Chairman  
should have been elected, Mr Bristow had seen a message  
at the last minute to say he was unavoidably prevented  
from attending the meeting. The clerk was elected to  
the chair for that meeting & no official Chairman  
was elected. It is necessary for the Chairman to  
be elected every year at the Annual Meeting.  
The business of election of Chairman was proceeded  
with. Miss Browning proposed that Mr Bristow  
be re-elected. Mr Nuttins seconded the proposal. The  
Meeting agreed unanimously, & Mr Bristow then took  
the Chair

Election  
of Chairman

Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were read,  
confirmed & signed.  
There being nothing arising from the minutes, the  
Chairman explained that there were papers to be signed  
in connection with the sale of the Parish House, &  
that they had to be signed by the Chairman of the  
Parish Meeting & the Rural District Councillor for this  
area. The Solicitor has asked for a minute recording  
the election of the Chairman of the Parish Meeting, &  
as the Chairman had not been officially elected  
in 1960. it was necessary to call a special  
meeting for the purpose of this election now.  
The Meeting thanked Mr Bristow for taking on the  
Chairmanship again. There being no further discussion  
the meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.

Celia Doider  
10<sup>th</sup> May, 1961



The annual Parish Meeting of Thwaites St George was held on Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 8.15 p.m. in the Bucks Head Cafe

Present

The Trustees of the Parish Property, the Clerk & five other Parishioners.

Election of Chairman

The Clerk opened the proceedings by a statement that at this meeting the chairman for the year must be elected by the Parish.

Mr Pulham proposed, & Mr Clark seconded, that Mr Bristol be re-elected as chairman again for another year. Mr Bristol agreeing to serve & the meeting accepting the proposition, he took the chair & proceeded with the business of the meeting.

Resolution of Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed & signed.

There being nothing arising from the minutes the chairman asked the treasurer to present the accounts.

Pres. State of accounts

The Treasurer, the Rev. F. A. Addison presented the balance sheet for the year. He informed the meeting that last year the account showed a balance of £19-10-3. Because the tenants who were paying off for the installation of water paid off what was still owing in a lump sum.

This year the total receipts were £51-4-2 but as the expenses totalled £43-9-10 it only left a balance of £7-14-4 in the Bank.

He stated that Mr Farrow had paid the full amount of £150- for her house & that Mr Brown had

paid half of the total sum (£100) for his house up to date.

The Treasurer had received a letter from Col. Voisey stating that he had paid off the debt to Mr Baker which amounted to £74-8-9

a further sum of £131-9-7 now stands to the credit of the Parish since the sale of the houses & this plus the £7-14-9 is a total balance of £139-3-11

Colonel Voisey's account is £22-5-6 for £145 there is an account from J. Smith of £71 for repairs to Mr Brown's ceiling.

It was stated that these repairs were carried out before any money had changed hands, & while the houses were still the property of the parish. The ceiling of the house in question had fallen & there was damage to the roof which had to be repaired & therefore it had been essential to repair at once. Mr Pulham proposed, & Miss Wilkinson seconded that these two accounts be paid. The meeting agreed.

The Treasurer also stated that Col. Voisey had served increased Rents notices on Mr Roberts & Mr Youngs. The increase to commence in the autumn. If the tenants consider repairs are necessary before they consent to pay increased rent they can apply to the Local Authority for a certificate of disrepair.

The Treasurer agreed to see Col. Voisey about the position of the Rents & the Insurance on the two houses sold as both the Insurance & the Local

authority will have to be informed  
The Accounts, have been prepared for the  
audit - will be deposited at the Grange,  
by agreement with Mr Bristow, for  
inspection up till the time of audit which  
June 5th

The chairman thanked the Rector for keeping  
the accounts.

There followed some discussion on the  
position of the two houses still in the  
ownership of the Parish, including possible  
cost of repairs, but no definite decision  
could be reached at the present time.  
Mr Pulham asked if it would not be  
better to invest the money we held now  
until it was needed.

The treasurer said that we should soon  
have to pay a Rate statement - so it  
was agreed to leave the money in the  
Bank as a current account for the  
present.

Mr Nuttall asked that a meeting  
which had been cancelled should be  
posted as cancelled - agreed.

Mr Clark asked that notices of  
Parish Meeting be made more public.

It was agreed to put up four  
no 1's one on the Church Room, one  
at the P.O. one at the Bucks Head  
& one at the Garage.

The Clerk was asked to write for particulars  
of audit - notices of Meeting & of notices  
There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Houses  
still left  
to Parish

Notices

Cole Bristow

The Annual Parish Meeting of Thwaites St George  
was held in the Cafe at the Bucks Head Inn  
on Tuesday March 27th 1962. at 8 p.m.

Present

The retiring chairman, nine parishioners & the  
Parish Clerk.

The Clerk stated that the first business of the meeting  
was to elect the chairman for the coming year.

Mr Nuttall proposed & Mr Robert recorded that  
Mr A. Bristow be re-appointed as chairman. Mr  
Bristow being willing to take this office again,  
& the Meeting being ~~not~~ agreeable to his  
election, he took the chair

Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were read,  
confirmed & signed

Arising  
from Minutes

The treasurer reported that he had seen Col.  
Voysey & the insurance people about the position  
of rates & insurance on the two parish houses  
which had now been sold.

Parish  
Houses

Mr Nuttall asked why the two houses had  
been sold as they were, for £150, & £100-  
respectively. He understood that a meeting  
should have been called to discuss the  
offers made, before the actual sale of the  
houses took place.

Miss Browning said that she understood  
that a resolution was passed whereby the  
sitting tenants should be asked to make  
offers to the chairman & that those offers  
should be sent straight to the Ministry  
concerned, for their approval.

The Minutes of the meeting relating to the  
sale of the houses were referred to. The  
chairman read these minutes. There was  
nothing in them to say that a meeting



should be called before the offers were accepted. The treasurer stated that he had been asked by the Government Auditor what the Parish proposed to do about the two houses that were not sold. He had said they would remain Parish property for the time being. There was a query as to whether the houses did not really belong to the local authority as they had originally been controlled by the overseers of the poor who had been replaced by the local government authority the R.D.C. The treasurer said he would make some further enquiries about this.

accounts

The treasurer gave a statement of the accounts on March 31<sup>st</sup> 1961. There had been £7-14-4 standing to the account. Part of the Finance of the Parish had been done by the Solicitors H. Warnes, during the last year after the sale of the houses. £131-7-7 had been paid by them into our account. The Parish had also been put up to the maximum we could legally ask, which is based on the rateable value of the property & the rates.

The balance to the end of March would be £157-14- + we had to consider that there would shortly be Rates to pay. The audit fee may be as much as £3- this year.

Thatel  
Roof

Miss Wilkinson suggested that the Thatel of Mr Roberts & Mr Youngs Collage, be looked at with a view to estimating how much it would cost to patch it. This was agreed to.

The ~~under~~ copper in Mr Roberts Collage is to be renewed. The materials are already to hand & Mr Pulham has promised to get someone to do the work.

Hedge in Lane

Miss Wilkinson was asked if she would have her hedge lowered bordering her orchard on Church Lane, ~~the~~ as the corner is dangerous for traffic owing to the height of the hedge. This she agreed to do.

Foot Paths

Mr Bristol proposed Mr Nuttin seconded that the County Council be asked to do repairs to the footpaths leading from Church Lane to the walks as it has sunk on the side by the ditch & is dangerous to walk on. Part of this footpath has been ploughed over & Mr Bristol agreed to ask Mr Pulham to put his part of the path back into use as a path. The clerk was asked to write to the Council about the footpath & also to ask if it was possible to supply some map showing the footpaths in the ward so that the Parish might be sure they were kept open. There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

Cile Dwyer  
31<sup>st</sup> October, 1962



A Parish Meeting was held in the Buck Head Cafe on October 31<sup>st</sup> 1962. at 8 p.m.  
Mr A. Bristow in the chair, the clerk + six other parishioners.

Present  
apology for absence

An apology for absence was received from the rector, the Rev. F. A. Addison, who sent particulars of the present financial position for the Meeting.

Minutes

arising from minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed + signed  
A new copper has been put into Mr Roberts house  
It is presumed that the R.P.C. have no authority over the Parish houses as property owners & the Parishioners of Thwait, being the rightful owners, are therefore responsible for their upkeep.

The hedge round Miss Wilkinson's orchard, has been lowered 18" + it is hoped this will make the wire in the lane safe for vehicles passing up + down.

As regards Footpaths. The Parish has been supplied with a map showing the footpaths in Thwait. There are five of these footpaths  
Mr Pullham asked if it was necessary to keep all these paths open as they were not really used. They cost a good deal to keep in repair.  
Mr C. Briggs said that the path running from Church Lane through to the gate from hence to the main road was frequently used. There is a rumour of footpaths, in which case they would have to be kept open. The chairman suggested that the Council should be asked about this, whether they would, in such circumstances, be

Finance

responsible for the cost of upkeep i.e. slits, bridges, hedges etc. The clerk was asked to write about this  
There is, in the bank, £169-14-1. £3- insurance + £8- rates are due to be paid out.

Thatching of Parish Houses.

There is still about £9- rent to be collected from Mr Young, for the last six months. The balance at the end of the year should be about £157-4-1  
Miss Wilkinson reported that Thatchers, Mr Garrard of Mickfield, was thatching stacks at the moment, but would be prepared to come + do the work as soon as the stacks were done. The cost had been estimated in the early summer as £75, but this did not include the wiring. Miss Wilkinson had offered to be responsible for this. Mr Pullham asked if the estimate included cost of straw + boards.  
Miss Wilkinson thought not, but would find out. Miss Browning asked where the straw should be put, as Rose Bros. would be delivering it, as the verge opposite the cottage belongs to Mr Aldous, Miss Wilkinson was asked find out from him if he had any objection to the straw being put there.  
Mr C. Briggs said, ought we not to get other estimates? There is a man at Gisleham also who does thatching as it is so late in the year + the work is urgent before the winter. It was decided to get Mr Garrard to do the work. If, with materials, + extra deterioration since the early summer, the work costs more than originally estimated we must be prepared to accept the extra cost - it was left to Mr Bristow + Miss Wilkinson.

Small jobs

any other business

to settle it up.  
 Mr Pulham asked if it was always necessary to call a Parish meeting to approve small repair jobs. Miss Wilkinson proposed & Mr Pulham seconded that small jobs should be left to the discretion of the sub-committee (originally called trustees).  
 Mr Nuttall said that several of the allotments needed draining as they are waterlogged in bad weather.  
 Mr Pulham stated that with all agricultural lands the tenants are responsible for draining. The landlord usually supplies half the cost of the pipes. Mr Nuttall said that there are drains there, but probably blocked. Mr Bristow suggested that Mr Pulham should ask the drainage officer if a grant could be obtained to help with such drainage.  
 Miss Browning proposed Mr Pulham should do this. Mr Pulham said he would go & look at the four allotments mentioned on a wet day & see the extent of the flooding & what could be done about it.  
 There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Celia Doster  
 9th May, 1963



The annual Parish Meeting was held on Friday May 9th at 8 p.m. at the Bulls Head Cafe.  
 Mr A. Bristow was unanimously re-elected as Chairman. Other parishioners present were, Mr A. Bristow, Mr C. Briggs, Miss Browning, Mr R. Nuttall, Mr Roberts, Mr G. Clark, Mr C. Briggs & Miss Wilkinson, parish clerk.  
 The Meeting stood in silence in remembrance of the late Rector, the Rev. F. A. Addison, who had taken so much interest in Parish affairs, & had kept the accounts of the Parish Meeting for the last few years.  
 Minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed & signed.  
 The Chairman read a letter from the County Surveyor on Footpaths & their upkeep. The map showing the footpaths in the Parish was examined & it was agreed that these paths should be walked at intervals to keep them open. Mr Clark proposed, & Mr C. Briggs seconded that we should make a party one Sunday to walk the paths. Sunday May 12th was fixed, to meet at the Church Room at 3 p.m.  
 Miss Wilkinson reported that the re-thatching of the two Parish cottages had been completed & the bill for this had been paid. As the original estimate had not included bracks or straw, & as the thatchers had to have a second load of straw, the final sum came to £97.10. This had been paid by the clerk & it was agreed to be paid out of the Parish account. Last time these cottages were offered for sale there was no response. Mr Clark proposed & Mr Bristow seconded that

Minutes arising from minutes

Parish Property

Parish  
Property

Financial  
Report

allotments

Dangerous  
road crossing

allotment-  
gates

that the Chairman should approach the  
Parish with a view to offering the cottage  
for sale again. This was agreed.  
The Clerk gave a financial report with  
balance sheet. This showed a balance at  
the end of March 1963 of £178-18-10  
out of this the first instalment of rates will  
have to be paid.

The question of flooded allotments were  
brought up. Mr Nuttall said that  
Mr Pulham had been to look at the allotments  
in question, when the weather was wet, but  
it was not known if he had found out  
~~about~~ a possible grant for draining could  
be obtained. The Chairman offered to see  
Mr Pulham & find out.

Mr Clark brought up the question of  
danger to pedestrians crossing the main  
Norwich-Ipswich road from the Wickham R<sup>d</sup>  
to the Post-office, & suggested that a  
footpath along the main road from the  
corner would give greater safety to  
people on foot. The grass verge on  
both sides is very uneven to walk on  
& he considered that a proper footpath  
should be constructed. Miss Brown  
seconded his proposition & it was agreed  
that the Clerk should write to the  
County Surveyor, putting forward this proposition.  
Mr Nuttall proposed & Mr Robert seconded  
that as we had money in hand, proper  
gates should be provided to the entrances  
to the allotments in place of the bedstead  
ends which served the purpose of gates

allotment-  
gates.

at the moment. Mr C. Briggs said that a double  
gate at one entrance & a small gate at the other  
should not cost more than about £14- to £15-  
It was agreed that Mr R. Finbow could  
probably provide the necessary gates & Mr C. Briggs  
said he would take Mr Nuttall over to look  
at gates & get an estimate of costs.  
There being no further business to discuss the meeting  
closed at 9 p.m.

Cilee Smith  
23<sup>rd</sup> October 1963

Minutes of the Parish Meeting of Thwaite held in the Buck's Head Cafe on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 1963, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: The Chairman, fourteen parishioners and Colonel Voysey. The Chairman welcomed Colonel Voysey, who had kindly agreed to be present to give legal guidance.

Chairman's Statement. The Chairman explained that, as a result of thorough investigations with the Ministry of Housing & Local Government, the National Association of Parish Councils and the East Suffolk Parish Councils Association, he had to report that the only legally recognized official of a Parish Meeting is the Chairman, who is responsible for the whole business of the Meeting and cannot lawfully delegate his responsibility to any other person. However, since when he was elected there was a mistaken belief that there could be other officials, he offered to resign if the Meeting so wished so that another Chairman could be appointed. He was, however, asked to continue in office and agreed to do so but said he must take over all the duties if he was to accept full responsibility.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Arising from Minutes:-

(1) Footpaths. As agreed, some parishioners had walked the footpaths on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> May and again on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> May. Those going East to Collingford Bridge and 4<sup>th</sup> towards Mendlesham were in order, but the paths marked on the County Council's map to the North were impassable, and would it appeared need major reconstruction work to establish them. Mr. Pulham offered to speak to Mr. Aldous about the matter and his offer was accepted with thanks.

(2) Allotments. The Chairman had obtained the Minister's consent to the purchase of new gates, which had now been delivered. Proposed by Mr. Clarke and seconded by Miss

Wilkinson that allotment holders be asked to put up the gates. Agreed. Mr. Pulham promised to provide cement and sand; this was gratefully accepted. The Chairman undertook to call a meeting of allotment holders to discuss the question of drainage.

Parish Cottages. In accordance with notice duly given, the disposal of the two remaining cottages was discussed. The Chairman pointed out that it had already been resolved, at the meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 1955 that they should be offered for sale, but the price then offered had been turned down by the Minister. A new situation had now arisen, with the impending departure of Mr. & Mrs. Roberts and the possible departure of the Youngs. On a resolution proposed by Miss Wilkinson and seconded by Mr. Clarke, it was agreed that the cottages should again be offered for sale; also that they should go for the highest price that could be obtained on a postal auction advertised and conducted by Colonel Voysey, subject to the Minister's consent.

Danger to Pedestrians on Main Road. Miss Morris asked if there was any possibility of a speed limit through Thwaite. If not, she proposed that the appropriate Authority be asked if a footpath could be made along the side of the road to Brookford Garage. Mr. Free seconded this. Mr. Russell Briggs then raised the question of danger in the other direction for children going to school, especially as there was a suggestion that they might no longer be allowed in the bus. The Chairman undertook to find out what the bus regulations were and whether a speed limit was possible; meanwhile, and in addition, he would apply for a footpath to be made both North to Stoke Ash and South to Brookford.

There being no further business, Colonel Voysey was thanked for his attendance and the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Alice Davies

31<sup>st</sup> March, 1964

MINUTES of the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting of Thwaite held at the Buck's Head Café on Tuesday the 31st March 1964 at 8 p.m.

Present:

The Chairman and twelve parishioners

Minutes

Matters arising:

It was proposed by Mr. Pullham and seconded by Mr. [unclear] times that Mr. A. Bristow be appointed Chairman for the year. There being no other nominations, Mr. Bristow agreed to continue in office.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

1. Footpaths. Mr. Pullham kindly undertook to speak further to Mr. Aldons about the footpaths to the North and to report back to the next meeting.

2. Drainage of Allotments. The Chairman agreed to call a meeting on the site, with Mr. Pullham and the allotment-holders to look into the problem in order to put a proposal for the agreement of the next meeting.

3. Sale of Parish Cottages. The Chairman reported that, on the instructions of the Meeting, the remaining two cottages had been advertised for sale by postal auction and had, with the approval of the Minister of Housing and Local Government, been sold for the sum of £575. Charges for advertising, preparing contracts and conveyancing amounted to £23.3.0, which the meeting authorised to be paid to Colonel Voysey. This, together with the amount in hand at the Bank, would leave the Parish with a credit balance of approximately £600. The Minister had enquired what it was proposed to do with this balance. It was agreed that, with due notice given, suggestions should be invited at the next Parish Meeting for the spending of these funds, subject to the Minister's consent.

4. Traffic dangers on Main Road. As instructed, the Chairman had raised this matter with the Authorities concerned. He read out (a) correspondence

with the Education Committee, confirming that children under eight qualify for transport to school only if the distance exceeds 2 miles, and children over eight only if the distance exceeds 3 miles; and (b) with the Highways and Bridges Department, who reported that a speed limit through Thwaite was impracticable, but who had promised to look into the question of providing footways to R. ckford and Stoke Ash and had sent a representative to examine the problem.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9 p.m.

Celia Dwyer

29<sup>th</sup> June, 1964

MINUTES of a Parish Meeting of the Parish of Thwaite held at the Buck's Head Café on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> June 1964 at 8 p.m.

Present:

The Chairman and 12 parishioners.

Minutes

Matters arising:

of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

1. Footpaths. Mr. Pullham reported that he had spoken to Mr. Aldons, who said that some blockages, and lack of access across the ditch, were already in existence when he took over the farm. The Chairman agreed to find out what, if anything, they would be prepared to do towards the labour and cost of restoring the path from public funds.

2. Traffic Dangers on Main Road. The Chairman read a further letter he had written to the County Council, together with their reply stating that funds were not at present available for the provision of the footway, which would cost £2,560, but the matter would be considered in conjunction with the 1965/66 estimates.

Drainage of Allotments: Notice having been duly given in the announcement

of the meeting, it was proposed by Miss Wilkinson and seconded by Mr. Clarke that the allotments should be drained at the expense of Parish funds from the sale of cottages. This was carried by 12 votes to 1, Mr. Rudram asking that his opposition to the motion recorded. The Chairman undertook to seek the Minister's approval of this expenditure, which Mr. Pulham thought would come to about £75-£80.

Proceeds from Sale of Cottages:

After considerable discussion, it was proposed by Miss Browning and seconded by Miss Morris that some of the money be used for putting up a bus shelter in Wickham Road by Lodge Farm gates, subject to the Minister's approval. The Chairman explained that it was probably not within the authority of a Parish Meeting to do this; he undertook to find out what special powers would be necessary for the purpose and what the procedure should be.

Remaining Parish Funds

After some discussion of other possible ways of spending surplus funds from the sale of the cottages, the Chairman undertook to enquire from the Minister what limitations if any were legally imposed on what could be done with Parish money. In addition it was proposed by Mr. Pulham, seconded by Mr. Stannard and carried unanimously that the Chairman should find out the best method of investing the surplus.

There being no further business, the meeting close at 9.10 p.m.

Ciles Norris  
30<sup>th</sup> March 1965

MINUTES of the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting of Thwaite, held at the Buck's Head Café on Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> March 1965 at 8 p.m.

Present:  
Appointment of Chairman:

The Chairman and 9 parishioners.  
It was proposed by Mr. Mutimer and seconded by Mr. Clarke that Mr. A. Bristow be appointed Chairman for the year. There being no other nominations, Mr. Bristow agreed to continue in office.

Minutes  
Matters arising:

of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed.  
1. Footpaths. The Chairman reported that he had inquired into the position and that there were no public funds available towards restoring the previous path across Mr. Aldous's land. With some regret the Meeting agreed to the proposal by Mr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Mutimer, that the matter be allowed to rest.

2. Traffic Dangers on Main Road. The Chairman reported that he had heard no more from the County Council since their previous letter of June 1964. Mrs. Wilkinson said that there was, in the present difficult times, no money available for providing footways; however, the Chairman agreed to write again to the County Council.

3. Drainage of Allotments. The Chairman reported that the Minister had duly authorised the application of £75 from the sale of the cottages towards the draining of the allotments. The work had been completed at a cost of £84; the £9 difference was available from allotment funds. Notice having been duly given in the announcement of the meeting, it was proposed by Mr. Clarke and seconded by Mr. Clifford Briggs that a bus shelter should be built on the Wickham Road and that some of the Parish funds from the sale of the cottages be applied to this purpose. The Chairman explained that in addition there may be grants available towards the cost from the Rural District Council and the County Council. The resolution was carried.

Bus Shelter:

unanimously and the Chairman was asked to raise the matter with the Rural District Council.

Audited Accounts for 1963/64. The accounts for 1963/64, duly approved by the District Auditors, were presented to the Meeting, showing a credit balance in March 1964 of £71.14.9.

Parish Funds: Pending the decision on the bus shelter and any other proposals that might be made, it was proposed by Mr. Pulham, seconded by Miss Browning and resolved unanimously that the credit balance at the Bank should be put on deposit account.

Churchill Memorial: The Chairman read a letter from the Rural District Council inviting the Parish to subscribe to the Winston Churchill Memorial Fund and setting a target of £5. After discussion, it was proposed by Mrs. Bristow and seconded by Mr. Pulham that a house-to-house collection be made. This was carried, and Mrs. Bristow undertook to make the collection. Miss Wilkinson reported that she had also had a letter, setting the same target, to the Women's Institute.

Piping of Ditch: Mr. Clarke suggested that something should be done to pipe the ditch between the thatched cottages and the Parish allotments, which was in a very bad state. After discussion it was agreed that Mr. Clarke should find out what was entailed and the likely cost and the Chairman should ascertain the position from the Council. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

Cile Nislas  
2nd August, 1965.

MINUTES of a Parish Meeting of the Parish of Thwaite, held at the Buck's Head Café on Monday 2nd August, 1965, at 8 p.m.

Present:

Minutes

Matters arising:

The Chairman and 10 parishioners. of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

1. Footways on Main Road. The Chairman read out a further letter he had written to the County Surveyor, as instructed by the previous meeting, together with the Surveyor's reply stating that there were insufficient funds available for the construction of footways in the current estimates but that the matter would be raised again by the Joint Highways Committee when the 1966/67 estimates were considered.

2. Proposed Bus Shelter. The Chairman reported that he had been in touch with the Clerk to the Hartismere Rural District Council on the question of a grant towards this project and had submitted a form of application for submission to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

3. Disposal of Parish Funds. The Chairman reported that the placing in the meantime of the balance of Parish funds on deposit at the Bank, as resolved at the previous meeting, would have to be delayed until the accounts had been passed at the next District Audit.

4. Churchill Memorial Fund. It was reported that the sum of £3.9.0 had been subscribed by the Parish. A letter of thanks from the Chairman of Hartismere Rural District Council was read out, stating that the Council had managed to raise approximately £100 more than its target figure of £720.

5. Piping of Allotments Ditch. The Chairman reported that he had been in touch with the Rural District Council, as instructed by the Meeting. They in turn had referred the matter to the East Suffolk County Council, who had written to say that the matter was entirely one for the Parish. After discussion of estimates obtained by Mr. Clarke, it was proposed by



Mr. Pulham, seconded by Mr. Mutimer and carried unanimously that the Parish should contribute £40 to the piping of this ditch. The Chairman undertook to apply to the Minister for permission to spend this money.

6. Proposed Residential Development. The Chairman read a notice he had received from the Planning Department of the East Suffolk County Council stating that Mr. B.R. Lummis had applied for permission to develop his field at the corner of the Main Road and Mill Lane for residential purposes and asking for comments from the Parish. The Chairman also read out a letter he had sent to Mr. Lummis inviting him to the Meeting so that he could explain what he had in mind. Since Mr. Lummis had neither come to the Meeting nor replied to the letter, the Chairman undertook to write to him again and to inform the County Planning Officers that, while the Parish Meeting could not object in principle to such a general proposal, they wished to be consulted if and when specific plans are put forward.

After some discussion of the dangers to traffic caused by the growth of scrub at the corner of Wickham Road and the Main Road, which made it impossible for drivers and pedestrians to see what was coming, the Chairman undertook to write to the Council asking whose responsibility it was to keep this piece of land tidy.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Alec Nuttall  
1st April, 1966.

Traffic Dangers  
at Wickham Road  
Corner.

MINUTES of the Annual Assembly of Thwaite Parish Meeting, held at the Buck's Head Café on Friday the 1st April 1966, at 8 p.m.

Present:

The Chairman and 8 parishioners.

Appointment of Chairman:

It was proposed by Mr. Mutimer and seconded by Mr. Pulham that Mr. Bristow be appointed Chairman for the year. Mr. Bristow pointed out that in his view someone else with more time to give to the Parish should be appointed. Since however no other nominations were put forward, Mr. Bristow agreed to serve for another year.

Minutes

Matters arising:

of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

1. Footways on Main Road. The Chairman reported that he had again raised this question with the County Council, but had been informed that in present financial conditions expenditure on this project could not be contemplated.

2. Proposed bus shelter. The Chairman reported that he had duly applied to the Hartismere R.D.C., but that after considerable correspondence they had finally refused any grant for this purpose, saying that they could only contemplate grants for shelters on main bus routes, and even then only in very exceptional circumstances. While the Parish could go ahead on their own, using their own funds, one possible consequence was that children would have to go to the shelter instead of being picked up along the route. It was proposed by Miss Browning, seconded by Miss Wilkinson, and carried by 8 votes to 1, that the proposal should be shelved.

3. Disposal of Parish Funds. The Chairman reported that the Parish funds now amounted to over £500. Keeping a small amount in the current account for running expenses, he had arranged as instructed by the Meeting to put £500 on deposit so that it might earn interest until it was decided how to spend it. After some discussion of possible uses for the money, the Chairman was asked to look into the possibility of a Playing Field or Playground.

Piping of  
Allotment Sitch:

The Chairman reported that this work had now been completed. The cost of the pipes was £26.15.0 and no other charge had been incurred, so the Parish was well within the sum of £40 which the Minister of Housing and Local Government had approved for the purpose.

Proposed Reside-  
Development:

The Chairman read out a further letter he had written to Mr. B.R. Luminis, expressing regret that he had not replied to the invitation to attend the previous meeting and offering to see him informally to chat about his proposals for development of the Mill Lane site. The Chairman reported with regret that Mr. Luminis had not had the courtesy to reply to this second letter either.

Traffic Dangers  
at Wickham Road  
Corner:

The Chairman read out correspondence he had had with the local office of the County Council's Roads and Bridges Department, to which he had been referred by Hartismere R.D.C. It was established that the scrubby patch of ground belonged to Lord Henniker, but the local official of the Department had said to the Chairman on the telephone that so long as Mr. Rudrum was kindly prepared to have the overgrowth cut the Council did not propose to take the matter up with Lord Henniker; they did not consider the corner dangerous and in any case there was shortly to be a traffic sign erected. In view of the Meeting's feeling that this attitude was most unhelpful, Miss Wilkinson kindly undertook to take up the matter as a County Councillor.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Cile Driston  
30/3/67

MINUTES of Thwaite Parish Meeting held at the Buck's Head Café on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 1966, at 8 p.m.

Present:

Playing  
Fields:

The Chairman explained that he had called the meeting to report the results of enquiries he had made. While it was possible to establish a Playing Field, subject to Minister's approval, from Parish funds, upkeep of such a place might prove difficult. He understood that the National Playing Fields Association might be able to help, not only with advice but also with grants. The Meeting asked him to pursue the matter further and to find out what commitments might be entailed in taking such a grant. There being no other business, the Meeting terminated at 8.40 p.m.

Cile Driston  
30/3/67

MINUTES of the Annual Assembly of Thwaite Parish Meeting, held at the Buck's Head Cafe on Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> March 1967 at 8 pm.

Present:

Appointment of Chairman:

The Chairman and 8 parishioners.

It was proposed by Mr. Mutimer and seconded by Mr. Aldous that Mr. Bristow be reappointed Chairman for the year. There being no other nominations, Mr. Bristow agreed to serve for another year.

Minutes

Matters arising:

of the previous meeting were approved, and signed.

1. Traffic Dangers on Main Road. The Chairman reported that the County Council had once again stated that in present circumstances there was no finance available for the provision of footways on the Main Road. The matter would come up again when the 1967/68 estimates were considered.

2. Proposed Children's Playground. A discussion took place on the question of using some of the Parish funds for a children's playground, with provision of such facilities as swings. The Chairman reported that he had, as requested by the previous meeting, been in touch with the National Playing Fields Association once again, who had explained that the only grants available were towards running expenses, not towards the capital cost of land etc., and that even then such grants were only made if an equal sum was contributed on a regular basis by the residents. Some doubts were expressed whether the playground would be used and whether it could be properly maintained after the novelty had worn off. Also it would not be possible to confine its use to children living in the Parish and fears were expressed that those from outside might not treat it with proper care. The point was also made that to transfer land from agricultural use to a playground would probably require planning permission, in which case the price of

the land would be greatly increased. The Chairman undertook to look into this and to seek further advice from the National Playing Fields Association.

It was agreed that no further suggestions would be made on the use of Parish funds until the question of the children's playground had been settled.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9 pm.

Alex Dorling  
28/12/67

Use of Parish Funds

MINUTES of a Parish Meeting of the Parish of Thwaite, held at the Buck's Head Café on Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> December 1967 at 8.0 p.m.

Present:

Minutes

Matters arising

The Chairman and 13 parishioners of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

1. Traffic Dangers on Main Road. The Chairman reported that there had been no further response from the County Council on the question of the provision of footways along the main road since their previous letter stating that there were no funds available for this purpose and that the matter would come up again when the 1967/68 estimates were considered. Miss Wilkinson informed the Meeting, as County Councillor for the area, that such matters were being held up in the present economic situation and that the Council had written several times to the Ministry on the subject but had received no reply.

2. Proposed Children's Playground. The Chairman reported that he had confirmed with the National Playing Fields Association that there were no grants available towards the capital cost of such a venture but only towards upkeep and maintenance, and even then only if an equal sum were contributed on a regular basis. After some discussion it was proposed by Miss Wilkinson, seconded by Mr. Pulham and agreed unanimously that a small committee be formed, consisting of parents of young children, to look into the matter and make a recommendation to the next Parish Meeting. It was agreed that the Committee would consist of Mr. C.E. Briggs, Mr. D.H. Briggs, Mr. J.N. Denny and Mr. R.G. Lummis and that the Chairman of the Parish Meeting be asked to be Chairman of the Committee if the members so desired.

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter

Planning Appeal:

from the Clerk to the County Council asking for the views of the Parish on a forthcoming appeal by E. Lacom & Co. against the refusal by the Council to grant permission for non-illuminated information panels on the gable ends of the Buck's Head. After an explanation by Mr. West of the proposal it was agreed unanimously that far from being detrimental to the amenities of the locality, the proposed panels would be most desirable, and the Chairman was instructed to write to the County Council accordingly.

After further discussion it was proposed by Mr. Pulham and seconded by Mr. R. Lummis that it would be in the interests of the Parish if two roadside signs announcing the Buck's Head were put up, between 200 and 300 yards north and south, to avoid the danger of sudden braking by cars because of the present lack of notices. This proposal was carried by 11 votes to 2, and the Chairman undertook to include this recommendation in his letter to the Council.

The question was raised by Mr. Denny of the unsafe condition of the old well and pump on the allotments and the desirability of having it filled in. It was agreed that the Chairman would look into this with some of the allotment holders and report back to the next Meeting.

There being no further business the Meeting ended at 8.55 p.m.

Celia Bridson

1/4/68

Revised Pump  
on Allotments:

MINUTES of Thwaite Parish Meeting held at the Bucks Head Cafe on Monday the 1st April 1968 at 8 p.m.

The Chairman and 11 parishioners.

It was proposed by Miss Wilkinson and seconded by Miss Browning that Mr. Bristow be appointed Chairman for the year. There being no other nominations, Mr. Bristow agreed to serve again.

of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

1. Footways along main Road. The Chairman reported that he had written again to the County Council on this matter, but had again received a reply that there were at present insufficient funds available for the purpose; however, the question would be kept under review when the next estimates were considered. Miss Wilkinson confirmed, as County Councillor for the area, that this was so, but mentioned the possibility of a hard verge, which, though not ideal, would give pedestrians something to walk on and so reduce the danger from traffic.

2. Planning appeal. The Chairman read out a letter which he had written to the Clerk to the County Council, as instructed by the previous meeting, reporting the meeting's unanimous support for Messrs. E. Lacom + Co's proposed panels on the Bucks Head and adding the further majority recommendation that it would be advantageous to have two roadside signs - one to the North and one to the South - for the purpose of announcing its location to passing cars, so avoiding sudden braking.

3. Disused pump on allotments. The Chairman reported that he had examined the old pump with some of the allotment holders and that it was clearly in a dangerous condition. It would not be necessary to get the Ministry's consent to spend money to have it filled in, since there was nearly £20 in the Parish's allotments account, and he recommended that this should be done as quickly as possible. This was

Present:

Appointment of

Chairman:

Minutes

Matters arising:

agreed. Mr. Pullham kindly agreed to help and suggested that it might be possible to sell the lead from the pump and so reduce the cost.

Proposed children's

Playground:

The Chairman reported that the Committee had met and thought that the most suitable site would be the piece of ground separated from the main allotments and at present used by Mr. Bandam. It would be necessary to cover the area with macadam or some similar surface and to surround it with strong fencing. A gate would also be needed so that the children would not have to go through the allotments to reach the playground. There was at present a sum of a little over £500 which, subject to the Ministry's approval, was available for use if the Parish agreed.

After some discussion, it was proposed by Miss Browning and seconded by Mr. Pullham that the practicability of the suggestion should be investigated further and estimates for the work obtained.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

Alan Disher

1/4/69

MINUTES of a meeting of the Parish of Thwaite held at the Buck's Head on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> October 1968 at 8 p.m.  
The Chairman and six parishioners.

Present:

Improvement of A140 Road:

The Chairman explained that he had called the meeting specifically to inform the residents about the East Suffolk County Council's proposals for improvements at several places along the Ipswich-Notwich road. He read out a letter he had received from the County Surveyor, dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> July, showed the accompanying map and summarised the surveyor's report which had accompanied it.

So far as the Parish of Thwaite was concerned, the proposal would mainly affect its southern boundary, since the intention was to by-pass Brockford to the East and not to rejoin the existing road until a point slightly north of Brockford Garage, which would then front on to a secondary road, as the existing road would by then have become at that section.

The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting to discuss the matter at Wetheringsett, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September, at the invitation of the Wetheringsett cum-Brockford Parish Council. Representatives of the County Council had addressed the meeting to explain the scheme and answer questions. What had emerged from the meeting could be summarised under two headings: (a) the work was unlikely to be undertaken for some years, there being limited money available and other by-passes more urgently needed, notably at Yaxley; and (b) the Authorities had not firmly decided whether to make the new road to the East or the West, but clearly thought the arguments for going East were almost overwhelming.

The meeting terminated at 8.55 p.m.

Celia Bristol

MINUTES OF  
THE ANNUAL

MEETING of the Parish of Thwaite, held at the Buck's Head on Tuesday, the 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1969, at 8 p.m.

Present:

Appointment of  
Chairman:

The Chairman and 10 parishioners.  
It was proposed by Mr. Pulham and seconded by Mr. Mutimer that Mr. Bristol be reappointed Chairman for the year. There being no other nominations, Mr. Bristol agreed to serve for another year.

Minutes

Matters arising:

of the previous meetings were read, confirmed and signed.  
1. Footways along Main Road. It was agreed that the construction of a footway on the grass verge between Thwaite and Brockford was a distinct improvement and would probably have to suffice until the new road improvements were undertaken.

2. Disused pump on allotments. The Chairman informed the meeting that he was happy to report not only that the pump had now been removed and filled in but that the metal had been sold and had brought an extremely good price, giving a balance of £1.8.5 after paying the cost of labour.

3. Improvements to the Main Road. The Chairman reported that the County Council were still not in a position to say when the work was likely to begin, but he gathered that the new road would almost certainly by-pass Brockford to the East and would join up with the existing road to the North of Brockford Garage. Further North it would probably be widened to the West and some buildings would most likely be demolished.

4. Proposed Children's Playground. Mr. Pulham had kindly gone into this matter further and had obtained estimates both for surfacing and for a fence and gate amounting to a total of £488. After a discussion, Mr. Pulham agreed to seek an alternative price for concreting the area instead.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.5 p.m.

Celia Bristol  
16/2/70

MINUTES of a meeting of the Parish of Thwaite held at the Buck's Head on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> February, 1970 at 8 p.m.

Present

Minutes

Matters arising:

The Chairman and eleven parishioners of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Improvements to Main Road. The Chairman read a further exchange of correspondence with the County Council confirming the road widening plans previously announced but pointing out that no firm date could yet be given for the starting of the work.

Miss Wilkinson gave a brief talk to the meeting explaining from her position as a County Councillor the reasons for some of the delays and frustrations met with in an undertaking of this kind.

Proposed Children's Playground. The Chairman explained that Mr. Pulham had kindly obtained an alternative price for concreting and fencing the whole area. This would amount to £435. The Sub-Committee had gone into the matter of equipment and the items agreed would cost approximately £200.

It was proposed by Mr. Pulham, seconded by Mr. C. Briggs and carried unanimously that, subject to the Minister's approval, the work be carried out as soon as the weather became suitable, subject to a ceiling price of £650 for the whole work.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

Alec Bristow

16/3/70

MINUTES of the Annual Assembly of Thwaite Parish Meeting, held at the Buck's Head on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> March 1970 at 8 p.m.

Present:

Minutes

Appointment

of Chairman:

The Chairman and ten parishioners of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed. It was proposed by Mr. Pulham and seconded by Miss Browning that Mr. Bristow be again appointed Chairman for the year. There being no other nominations, Mr. Bristow agreed to serve for another year.

Matters arising

from minutes:

Road Widening. Nothing further had been heard from the County Council as to when the work was likely to begin. However, the Chairman understood that priority was to be given to bypassing the Yaxley bends before anything could be done about Brockford and Thwaite.

Children's Playground. The Chairman reported that he had written to the Ministry, as instructed by the previous meeting, to ask for approval to spend up to £650 from sale proceeds to construct and equip the playground. It had also been agreed by the Sub-Committee that a seat for parents would be a useful addition. No reply had yet been received from the Ministry, but as soon as permission had been granted the builders would be instructed to go ahead and the equipment would be ordered as, by unanimous resolution, the previous meeting had agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Alec Bristow

4/1/71

MINUTES of a meeting of the Parish of Thwaite, held at the Buck's Head on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> January 1971 at 8 p.m.

Present: The Chairman and nine parishioners.

Miss Wilkinson suggested that the Chairman should be reconfirmed in office, since the appointment is an annual one. The Chairman thanked her and pointed out that the next appointment should take place at the Annual Assembly, due to be held between the 1<sup>st</sup> March & the 1<sup>st</sup> April.

of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Minutes  
Matters arising: The Chairman reported that nothing further had been heard about road alterations at Thwaite or Brockford. Satisfaction was expressed at the completion of the playground, which had been a great success with the children.

Planning applications: Discussion then took place on the main item for which the meeting had been called. The East Suffolk County Council had asked for the views of the Parish on two applications for planning permission made by Mrs. L.J. Proctor and due to be considered on the 18<sup>th</sup> January.

1. Application for two caravans. A motion, proposed by Mr. Clifford Briggs and seconded by Mr. Denny, that this was acceptable to the Parish, was carried nem. con., 7 voting in favour and 2 abstaining.

2. Application for kennels. Mr. Pulham proposed that the meeting should not commit itself at this stage but, in the event of the caravan application being granted, should ask for the opportunity to consider the kennel application in more detail, particularly in regard to proper access, facilities for cars and if possible signposting, all of which were highly unsatisfactory at present. This proposal was seconded by Mr. Briggs and carried nem. con. (8 for, 1 abstaining). The Chairman undertook to report these views to the Council.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Alan Proctor  
29/3/71

MINUTES of the Annual Assembly of Thwaite Parish Meeting, held at the Buck's Head on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> March, 1971, at 8 p.m.

Present: The Chairman and eleven parishioners.

Appointment of Chairman: It was proposed by Miss Wilkinson and seconded by Miss Browning that Mr. Bristow be reappointed for the year. There being no other nominations, he agreed to serve once again.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Matters arising: The Chairman read to the meeting the letter he had written to the County Council following the previous meeting, as instructed. Because of the postal strike he had not had a written reply, but he had been told by telephone that the Council was suspending a decision on whether to accept or reject the application by Mrs. Proctor for planning permission for 2 caravans and a kennels until they received detailed plans, particularly as regards access and car parking facilities. The Chairman suggested that the applicants might save time and trouble by submitting their plans to the Parish Meeting in the first place. This was agreed. It was suggested by Mr. Proctor that it would be a great help if there were a sign at the entrance to Church Lane. The Chairman undertook to enquire about this and find out how to go about making application.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8.50 p.m.

Alan Proctor  
27/3/72



MINUTES of a meeting of the Parish of Thwaite, held at the Buck's Head on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> May, 1971, at 8.0 p.m.  
The Chairman and 10 parishioners.

Present:  
Main Road  
Alterations:

The Chairman explained that he had called the meeting in order to explain the present position with regard to the future of the main Norwich road and its implications for the inhabitants of Thwaite. He had once again been in touch with the East Suffolk County Council to try to find out when the road works were likely to be started, exactly what the alignment of the proposed road would be, and what plans there were for the junction of the widened road with the road to Wickham Skeith, in order to avoid (a) cutting Thwaite in half, and (b) the increasing danger to the inhabitants from the increase in speed and volume of traffic.

The County Council had been as helpful as they could, but had pointed out that the final alignment of the road was still not certain. While any such uncertainty, for instance as to whether Brockford was to be by-passed to the east or the west, remained, it was impossible to be specific about other plans. At Thwaite itself there would, if present intentions were fulfilled, be a north-bound carriageway well to the west of the existing road; but how soon this would be built, when the south-bound carriageway would be made and how long the present road would continue to carry two-way traffic were questions to which at present no answer could be given.

The meeting closed, after a discussion, at 8.40 p.m.

Alec Duxton  
27/3/72

MINUTES of the Annual Assembly of Thwaite Parish Meeting, held at the Buck's Head on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> March, 1972, at 8.0 p.m.

Present:  
Appointment  
of Chairman:

The Chairman and eleven parishioners.  
It was proposed by Miss Wilkinson and seconded by Miss Browning that Mr. Bristow be reappointed for the year. There being no other nominations, he agreed to serve once again.

Minutes

of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed.  
Matters arising: 1. Applications by Mrs. Proctor. The Chairman had been informed by the County Council that they were granting this application for a probationary period and would reconsider the situation in the light of whether or not satisfactory arrangements had been made for such matters as access and car parking facilities. Mr. Proctor explained that detailed plans had been deferred until the whole site could be considered in relation to the erection of the new barn for agricultural purposes.

2. Road sign. The Chairman reported that he had been unsuccessful in his approaches about a sign to identify Church Lane. The status of Thwaite as a Parish Meeting was a considerable disadvantage; a Parish Council, which has a right to precept on the rates, would be in a better position to get such jobs done.

3. Main road. The County Council had informed the Chairman that no further progress could be made until the result of the forthcoming enquiry as to whether Brockford should be by-passed to the east or the west.

4. State of footways. The Chairman undertook to find out what could be done about cleaning and maintaining footways along the main road and providing litter bins. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.43 p.m.

Alec Duxton  
26/3/72

MINUTES of a meeting of the Parish of Thwaite, held on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> May, 1972, at 8.0 p.m. at the Bucks Head.

Present:  
Applications for  
Outline Planning  
Permission:

The Chairman and nine parishioners.

The Chairman explained that he had called the meeting to consider two applications for outline planning permission for the building of dwelling houses in Thwaite referred to him by the East Suffolk County Planning Officer.

1. Outline planning permission sought by ' '. Free for building of 2 or 3 houses, O.S. 139, Wickham Skeith Road. After a brief discussion, it was agreed nem. con. (9 voting in favour and 1 abstaining) that the Meeting should recommend approval of this application.

2. Outline planning permission sought by Mr. P. Proctor for the building of 1 or 2 houses, O.S. 147, Church Lane. After further discussion, it was also agreed nem. con. (9 in favour, 1 abstention) to recommend approval of this application.

The Chairman undertook to pass on these recommendations to the County Planning Officer.

This concluded the business of the meeting, which closed at 8.20 p.m.

Alec Dristow  
26/3/73

MINUTES of a meeting of the Parish of Thwaite, held on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> February, 1973 at 8.0 p.m. at the Bucks Head.

Present:  
Application for  
Outline Planning  
Permission:

The Chairman and ten parishioners.

The Chairman explained that the meeting had been specially called for the purpose of considering an application by Mr. H.F. Pulham for outline planning permission for the building of two bungalows for ex-cultural workers in Wickham Road, Thwaite (O.S. 70). This application had been referred to the Parish Meeting for comment and the County Council had requested that such comment should be conveyed to them as soon as possible. After a brief discussion it was agreed nem. con. (nine voting in favour and one abstaining) that the Meeting should recommend approval of this application.

The Chairman stated that it was his intention to raise at the forthcoming annual assembly of Thwaite Parish Meeting the question of the desirability of joining in with a neighbouring Parish Council so as to become part of a larger and more powerful unit.

Also notification had been received from Harthamere R.D.C. that the sum of £8 was available to Thwaite to enable the parish to participate in the campaign to 'Plant a Tree in '73'. This would have to be discussed at the next meeting.

The question was raised and discussed at some length of the granting of permission to Mr. Aldous for the building of a bungalow opposite the post office. It was suggested that the planning department had failed in its duty to refer the matter to the Parish Meeting and instead had dealt with the application by Mr. Aldous at officer level. The Chairman undertook to find out the position and report back to the Meeting.

These being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m., and it was agreed that the next meeting would start at 7.30.

Alec Dristow  
26/3/73

Forthcoming  
Annual Assembly

MINUTES of the Annual Assembly of Thwaite Parish Meeting, held at the Buck's Head on Monday the 26th March 1973 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:  
Appointment of Chairman:

The Chairman and fifteen parishioners.  
It was proposed by Mr. Pulham and seconded by Mr. David Briggs that Mr. Bristow be reappointed for the year. There being no other nominations, he agreed to serve once again.

Minutes  
Matters arising:

of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed. The Chairman reported that, as instructed by the Meeting, he had written to the County Planning Officer informing him that the Meeting recommended approval of Mr. Pulham's application for planning permission for two bungalows for agricultural workers in Wickham Road (O.S. 70).

Joining with a neighbouring Parish:

After considerable discussion of the pros and cons of joining the parish of Thwaite up with a neighbouring parish so that it might raise its status by being represented on a Parish Council instead of remaining an isolated Parish Meeting, it was proposed by Miss Wilkinson that, since Stoke Ash would appear to be the natural partner, the Chairman should investigate the matter with members of the Stoke Ash Parish Council. An amendment, proposed by Mr. Bowler and seconded by Mrs. Rimmer, that the matter should also be discussed with Wetheringsett, was carried unanimously.

Tree planting:

A letter from the Hartismere Rural District Council was read out by the Chairman informing the Meeting that £8 had been allocated to Thwaite for planting trees as part of the scheme called 'Plant a Tree in '73'. After discussion it was agreed that 4 Mountain Ash and 4 Silver Birch should be ordered, and the Chairman should discuss with the Local Authority the siting of the trees.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m. Celia Dristol

8/4/74

MINUTES of a meeting of the Parish of Thwaite, held on Monday the 23rd July, 1973 at 7.30 p.m. at the Buck's Head.

Present: The Chairman and ten parishioners.  
Application for outline planning permission: The Chairman explained that he had called the meeting to consider an application by Mr. Pulham for outline planning permission for the construction of a reservoir at Willow Farm, in 2 part shown on the ordnance survey map as O.S. 112 and 128. After an explanation of the project by Mr. Pulham, followed by a discussion, it was unanimously agreed to recommend to the County Planning Officer that the application be granted.

Road sign: The Chairman agreed to take up with the local authority the question of whether it would be possible to have a sign to show the whereabouts of Church Lane, since at present it was very easy for visitors to miss the turning.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Celia Dristol  
8/4/74

MINUTES of a meeting of the Parish of Thwite, held at the Buck's Head on the 4th December, 1973, at 7.30 pm.  
The Chairman and seven parishioners.

Present:

Application for  
Outline Planning

Permission:

The Chairman explained that the County Planning Officer had referred to the Parish Meeting an application by Miss E.M. Morris for planning permission for the erection of three detached chalet bungalows west of Willow Cottage along the Wickham Road. After some discussion, the Chairman was instructed to notify the County Planning Officer that the meeting recommended approval of this application, with the rider that it was felt by a majority that two bungalows would be preferable to three.

Road sign:

It was explained by the Chairman that there seemed to be no possibility of getting the local authority to provide a sign showing the Church Lane turning.

Tree planting:

The Chairman reported that he had received notification that the eight trees ordered by the Parish for the scheme to 'Plant a Tree in '73' would shortly be delivered. The Meeting agreed to leave the Chairman to decide exactly where to plant the trees after consultation with Mr. Webb of the County Council department concerned. The Chairman offered to have the trees planted at his expense and this was agreed.

Joining with a  
neighbouring  
parish:

The Chairman reported that he had been in touch with Mr. Bligh of Stoke Ash who was concerned with a Working Party set up by the Parish Councils Association to study this matter of amalgamation. When all the implications had been studied (the Working Party had only issued its report and suggestions during the past week) the matter would be taken further. Meanwhile there had been little interest

from Wetheringssett, which was already grouped with Brookford in a joint Parish Council serving a population of 606 and is referred to in the Working Party's report as not wishing for any change in its status.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Celia Nash  
8/4/74

MINUTES of the Annual Assembly of Thwaite Parish Meeting, held at the Buck's Head on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> April, 1974, at 7.30 pm.

Present:

The Chairman and four parishioners.

Appointment of Chairman:

It was proposed by Mr. West and seconded by Mr. Proctor that Mr. Bristow be reappointed for the year. There being no other nominations, Mr. Bristow agreed to serve once again. Of the previous meetings were read, confirmed and signed.

Minutes

Matters arising:

Tree planting. The Chairman reported that the eight trees had been planted in the allotments adjacent to the children's playground, where they will provide much needed shade. It was, he said, disappointing that the trees - or at least some of them - had not been planted along the Wickham Road, where they would be seen and enjoyed by more people, and where Mr. Webb of the County Council department concerned had recommended that the trees should be planted. The Chairman stated that he had no doubt that Mr. Webb was correct in his view that the County Highways Authority had complete jurisdiction over the roadside verge as far as the brow; also that the owner was the Lord of the Manor. Mr. Aldous had, however, objected and asserted that the land was his. If this had been the only objection, the Chairman would have not been influenced, since he preferred to believe the local authority. However, what had decided the matter was the fact that the inhabitants of the houses opposite use the verge to park their cars and would find the trees a nuisance.

Joining with a neighbouring parish. The Chairman reported that, following the report by the Working Party, he would shortly be having further talks with Stoke Ash Parish Council. Meanwhile he had established that Thwaite could continue to hold its own parish meetings and in certain circumstances could precept on the rates in its own right.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

MINUTES of a meeting of the Parish of Thwaite, held at the Buck's Head on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1974, at 7.30 pm  
The Chairman and eight parishioners.

Present:

Joining with a neighbouring parish:

The Chairman explained that he had called the meeting to report on his negotiations concerning amalgamation into a joint Parish Council with Stoke Ash. Following the annual assembly of Thwaite he had discussed the proposal with Stoke Ash Parish Council, who were in favour of the amalgamation. On the 26<sup>th</sup> June he had written to the Secretary of the Mid Suffolk District Council asking for information. A reply dated the 4<sup>th</sup> July had been received, which the Chairman read out to the meeting. Briefly, the proposal was acceptable, Thwaite having 3 members and Stoke Ash 7 members of the enlarged council, but elections should be held separately in the two parishes. Since this would not be possible until new elections were held in 1976, it was agreed that the proposal for amalgamation should be held over until the annual assembly of 1975, when a formal resolution would be proposed. After discussion, there being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.  
Caleb Bristow 22/4/75

MINUTES of the Annual Assembly of Thwaite Parish Meeting, held at the Buck's Head on Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 1975, at 7.30 pm  
10 parishioners.

Present:

Appointment of Chairman:

Amalgamation with Stoke Ash:

Proposed by Mr. Pulham and seconded by Mr. D. Briggs that Mr. Bristow be reappointed for the year. This was agreed.  
The following resolution was proposed by Miss Wilkinson, seconded by Mr. Pulham, and passed by a majority of 9 for, 1 against: "That the Parish of Thwaite be amalgamated with the Parish of Stoke Ash in a joint Parish Council to be known as the Stoke Ash + Thwaite Parish Council, which shall consist of ten members, seven being elected by the Parish of Stoke Ash and three separately elected by the Parish of Thwaite." The Chairman was instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Mid Suffolk District Council.  
The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.  
Caleb Bristow 29/4/75

MINUTES of the Annual Assembly of Thwaite Parish Meeting,  
held at the Buck's Head on Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> April 1976 at 7.30 pm  
10 parishioners

Present:  
Appointment of  
Chairman:

It was proposed by Miss Wilkinson and seconded by Mr. Briggs that Mr. Bristol be reappointed. This was agreed.

Amalgamation  
with Stoke Ash:

The Chairman reported that this amalgamation had now been completed and the necessary instruments drawn up. The three members of the joint Parish Council nominated by Thwaite would be meeting with the other members from Stoke Ash in May and he would call another Parish Meeting in Thwaite in due course to report upon the proceedings of the new Parish Council of Stoke Ash and Thwaite.

Minutes

of the previous Parish Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Alec Bristol  
13/10/76

MINUTES of a meeting of the Parish of Thwaite, held at the Buck's Head on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 1976 at 7.30 pm.  
The Chairman and 7 parishioners.

Present:  
Joint Parish  
Council:

The Chairman reported that the Stoke Ash and Thwaite Parish Council was now fully operative and consisted, as laid down in its constitution, of ten members, seven from Stoke Ash and three from Thwaite. The three members elected to represent Thwaite were Mr. David Briggs, Mr. John Denny and Mr. Alec Bristol. The Chairman of the joint Parish Council was Mr. Shuttleworth.

There appeared to be little Council business specifically related to Thwaite at the present time. However, since there was due to be a joint Parish Council meeting next day he had called a meeting at Thwaite to enable parishioners to raise and comment on any matters they wished to be discussed by the Parish Council.

There being no items that any of those present wished to raise at the Council at the moment, it was proposed by Miss Wilkinson and unanimously agreed that in future instead of holding a meeting anyone wishing to have a matter brought up at the Council should let the chairman or one of the other members know. The chairman undertook that notices of forthcoming Parish Council meetings should be posted in Thwaite in advance.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Alec Bristol  
23/5/78

MINUTES of a meeting of the Parish of Thwaite, held at the Buck's Head on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 1977 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

The Chairman and 11 parishioners.

Parish Council:

The Chairman explained that, since there had been no individual suggestions put to him for discussion at the next meeting of the joint Parish Council of Stoke Ash and Thwaite, he had called this meeting of the parish of Thwaite to give villagers the opportunity to raise any matters that might be usefully discussed at the Council. Two matters were put forward as topics of general concern: the disgusting and rat-infested state of the property off Church Lane previously owned by Mr. Peter Proctor, and the possibility of a speed limit on the main road through Thwaite. The Chairman promised to raise these matters at the next Parish Council meeting, but pointed out the difficulty of getting anything done. The topic of a speed limit had been raised with the authorities on many occasions but they had always replied that it was against official policy to impose speed limits - which in any case were very difficult to police - unless and until danger to life could be demonstrated.

There being no further items raised, the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

C Alec Pzislav  
23/5/78

MINUTES of a meeting of the Parish of Thwaite, held at the Buck's Head on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 1978 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

The Chairman and 15 parishioners.

Parish Council:

The Chairman reported that the joint Stoke Ash and Thwaite Parish Council was now meeting regularly to discuss matters of concern to the two parishes and that he had been appointed Chair - of the joint Council for the current year. The purpose of the meeting was to invite subjects for discussion at the Parish Council and to discuss the disposal of surplus funds from the Jubilee celebrations.

Disposal of Jubilee funds.

This item, it was agreed, would be taken first. The Jubilee events, the Chairman explained, had been so successful that there was a surplus to be distributed to the participating parishes for use as they thought fit. Stoke Ash and Thwaite had each been allocated a sum of somewhat more than £200, subject to confirmation and to the district audit. He invited suggestions how best to spend that money for the benefit of the Parish. Miss Wilkinson proposed that a new and enlarged public notice board should be provided; the present one was inadequate both for church and for parish notice. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Denny suggested that a Sports Club be established at the school at Stoke Ash, to which the children from Thwaite went, and kindly undertook to go into the question of what the necessary equipment would cost. The other suggestion forthcoming was that the cost of a village sign should be looked into, and this the Chairman promised to do. Another meeting would be called to decide on which project to adopt, due notice having been given of the proposals. While it was proposed that the questions of whether and under what conditions the school could be used for a sports club should be enquired into, along with what the cost of hitting the school hall would

be and what would need to be done about the storage and insurance of the equipment.

The Chairman explained that the suggestions put forward, together with any others that might be forthcoming, would have to be put specifically to a later Parish Meeting, due notice being given publicly in advance.

Road dangers:

Mr. Clarke raised the question of a speed limit on the Wickham Road through Thwaite. Mrs. Gloria Smith asked, if that was not possible, whether a warning sign could be put up further from the main road than the present one. Mr. Pullham added that for the sake of visibility the verges needed cutting. The Chairman undertook to raise these matters through the Parish Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.0 pm.

Alec Bristol  
11/10/78.

MINUTES of a meeting of the Parish of Thwaite, held at the Buck's Head on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 1978 at 7.30 p.m.

Present

Disposal of

Jubilee Funds

The Chairman and 7 parishioners.

The Chairman explained that the purpose of the meeting was to decide between the three suggestions for spending the surplus funds put forward at the previous meeting.

No other suggestions had been received in the meantime, and he had therefore given public notice of the three proposals:

1. A new Notice Board for the village; 2. The formation and equipment of a Sports Club; 3. A decorative Village Sign.

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had, as promised, gone into the question of the third proposal and had discovered that the design, construction and erection of a Village Sign that would do credit to Thwaite and gain the necessary planning permission would cost several hundred pounds.

It was therefore agreed that this proposal would be dropped.

On the two remaining suggestions, the meeting agreed to adopt the proposal of a Sports Club after hearing from Mr. & Mrs. Denny and Mrs. Smith about the likely cost of equipment.

The Chairman, however, expressed the view that the other suggestion for an enlarged notice board was an important one and undertook to provide the material for this to be put up in the Spring when the weather became suitable.

There was some discussion of the cost of hiring the school hall for the Sports Club (likely to be £4.80 a night) and the problems of storage and insurance. It was agreed to ask Mr. & Mrs. Denny and Mrs. Smith to form a committee to go into the whole matter.

The question was raised of the Village Hall Fund, and whether it could be used for other purposes. The Chairman said that he would make suggestions at the next meeting.

The Council had been approached about a speed limit and/or a better placed sign, the Chairman reported, but had turned it down. The verge, however, had been cut

Village Hall Fund

Road dangers



The day after the matter had been raised by Mr. Pulham at the previous meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 8.50 pm.

Alec Bristol  
27/3/79

MINUTES of a meeting of the parish of Thwaite, held at the Buck's Head on Tuesday, 27 March 1979 at 7.30 pm.

Present: The Chairman and 8 parishioners.

The Chairman explained that this was the annual assembly of the parish and an opportunity both to elect a chairman and to raise any matters for discussion.

Chairman: It was proposed by Mr. and Mrs. Briggs and seconded by Mr. John Denny that Mr. Bristol be asked to stand again for another year. There being no other proposals, Mr. Bristol agreed to take the chair.

Parish Council: The Chairman explained that nominations were needed for three representatives from Thwaite to serve on the joint Stoke Ash and Thwaite Parish Council for a further term. He had a supply of nomination forms for the use of anyone wishing to put forward names.

Playground: Mr. Cracknell raised the question of the state of the children's playground. It was agreed that this would be looked into. Mrs. Gloria Smith invited items of interest for the next issue of the news letter.

News Letter: The question was raised by Mr. Denny of the dangerous state of the old well. The filling appeared to have subsided and there was about 8 feet of water. Mr. David Briggs kindly offered to look into this and to see what material was available to fill the well and remove the danger.

Allotment well: Now that the path from Willow Farm to the Buck's Head had been constructed, the question was raised as to whether it could be extended to the Garage at Brookford. The Chairman undertook to raise this through the Parish Council.

Footway: The question was raised as to whether available funds could be used to purchase a portable building for the Sports Club. The Chairman agreed to convene a special meeting to discuss the matter. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Village Hall Fund:

Alec Bristol  
20/4/79

MINUTES of a meeting of the Parish of Thwaite, held at the Buck's Head on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 1979 at 7.0 pm.

Present:

9 parishioners and the Chairman

Chairmanship:

Mr. Bristol explained that the Chairmanship of the Stoke Ash and Thwaite Parish Council had passed to Mr. Poole and that Mr. Denny had been elected Vice-Chairman. It was therefore necessary to elect of a Chairman for the Thwaite parish Meeting, or to confirm the present Chairman in <sup>the</sup> office to which he had been elected for the year at the Annual Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> March 1979.

It was proposed by Miss Browning and seconded by Mr. David Briggs that Mr. Bristol should continue as Chairman and this was agreed unanimously.

Footpaths

The Chairman explained that the purpose of the meeting was to confirm, for record purposes as required by the County Council, the existence or otherwise of six five footpaths as shown on existing ordnance survey maps. After some discussion it was agreed that the short one marked 4 at the western boundary of Thwaite along the Wickham Road had ceased to exist, that striking north towards Colsey Wood, <sup>No. 3,</sup> had been completely blocked, and one marked 5 and shown joining the main road opposite Hill Farm turning did not exist. There seemed to be no need or desire for these three. The remaining two, Number 2 south of the Buck's Head and Number 6 from the end of Church Lane were used; Mr. Palham explained that application had been made to alter the latter. The Chairman undertook to notify the Council accordingly.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.30

Ciles Bristol

MINUTES of a meeting of the Parish of Thwaite, held at the Buck's Head on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> November, 1979 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

8 parishioners and the Chairman.

Thwaite

Jubilee Club:

The Chairman explained that ~~that~~ the purpose of the meeting was to consider the proposal, put forward at the meeting previously held, that the money available in the Village Hall Fund should be put towards the purchase of a building for the village to use as a sports and recreation centre, to be administered by the Thwaite Jubilee Club. He had undertaken to convene a special meeting in order, if it was the wish of the Parish, to pass a resolution to that effect. The present meeting was the result, due public notice having been given of the intended resolution. He had discussed ~~with~~ the proposed use of the funds with his solicitor, who had given it as his opinion that, since such use was in full accord with the original aim set out in the Trust Deed of 16<sup>th</sup> June 1943 as "To apply the Fund in purchasing land and erecting thereon a building suitable for the purposes of a parish hall", no change of purpose was involved, and hence no action need be taken to vary the terms of the Deed.

The Chairman then put to the meeting the following resolution, formally proposed by Mr. David Briggs and seconded by Mr. John Denny: "This meeting of the Parish of Thwaite resolves that the money standing to the credit of the Thwaite Parish Hall Fund should be applied towards the purchase of a suitable building to be administered through the Thwaite Jubilee Sports Club in the interests of the village for recreational purposes." This resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. Denny, as Chairman of the Thwaite Jubilee Club, informed the meeting that Mr. Farrow had expressed his willingness to return to the Parish, for

the purpose of providing a site for the building, part of the land he at present rented from the Parish. The piece of ground in question contained little but some unproductive fruit trees. The meeting expressed its gratitude both to Mr. Farrow and to Mr. Denny, and wished to record its satisfaction that, since the land in question already belonged to the Parish, none of the very limited funds available could need to be used for its purchase.

Mr. Denny outlined to the meeting the results of his enquiries so far into such questions as availability of suitable buildings and such important matters as planning permission and insurance. In view of his considerable experience in such matters, Mr. Free had agreed to help with the details of planning and application for permission from the planning authority. The meeting expressed its thanks to Mr. Free for his help.

In order that he might pursue all possibilities in relation to grants available for such projects, Mr. Denny asked whether the balance in the Village Hall Fund could be transferred to the Jubilee Club's bank account, since grant-making bodies were much more likely to respond favourably to requests from organisations already in a sound financial position. The Chairman undertook to transfer the funds as soon as possible, with the agreement of the other Trustees. At present the balance was somewhat in excess of £2,200. He suggested that after the transfer the Jubilee Club should start a deposit account with the money so that it should continue to earn interest still needed.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Alec Bristol

1/4/80

MINUTES of a meeting of the Parish of Thwaite, held at the Buck's Head on Tuesday, 1st April 1980 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

8 parish residents and the previous year's Chairman.

Chairman:

It was proposed by Mr. Denny and seconded by Mr. Clarke that Mr. Bristol be asked to continue as Chairman for another year. There being no other nominations, Mr. Bristol agreed to continue, but suggested that another Chairman should be sought for the following year, both in view of the increased number of commitments that took him away from the village and the desirability in his opinion of having new blood, considering that he had taken the chair every year for the past twenty-two years.

Minutes

Matters arising:

The Chairman reported that the unanimous vote of the meeting that the funds from the old Parish Hall Fund should be transferred to the Thwaite Jubilee Club had been duly referred to the Trustees and the money had been transferred on their authority. A bank deposit account had been started so that the money could earn interest.

Mr. Denny informed the meeting that he was pursuing both the matter of grants and the possibilities of obtaining a building of the type discussed at previous meetings.

Matters for Parish Council:

In response to an invitation by the Chairman to put forward any subjects for discussion at the next meeting of the Stoke Ash and Thwaite Parish Council, Mr. Clarke asked whether the question of a speed limit through the village could be raised again. Mr. Free queried whether, in view of previous refusals, a warning could be put on the road surface.

The question of a better notice board was raised once again, both to give more room for church and parish notices and to provide better protection from the weather. Mr. Clarke kindly agreed to look into the matter.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.12 pm.

Alec Bristol

19/5/81

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of the parish of Thwaite, held at the Bucks Head on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 1981 at 7.30 pm. 10 parishioners.

Present:  
Election of  
Chairman:

The previous year's Chairman, Mr. Bristow, explained that he no longer thought he was able to continue in office. Though the amalgamation with Stoke Ash in a joint Parish Council with a paid Clerk had meant that Thwaite's affairs were now dealt with in an efficient way, it was still necessary to hold a separate Annual Meeting, and with his commitments which increasingly took him away from the village he did not feel able to discharge the responsibilities of Chairman satisfactorily. Besides, he had now been Chairman each year for the past 23 years and thought the village needed a younger man. He had invited Mr. Denny to become Chairman, and Mr. Denny had signified his willingness to serve. There being now no other nominations, Mr. Denny was unanimously elected and took the chair. He proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring chairman and this was carried unanimously. The minutes of the previous meeting on 1st April 1980 were read, confirmed and signed.

Minutes

Matters arising:

The Chairman confirmed, as Chairman also of the Thwaite Jubilee Club, that a deposit account had now be established in the club's name, so that interest was being earned. He was still pursuing the question of grants and of a suitable building, but had nothing further to report at present.

Speed limit:

In reply to a question by Mr. Clarke, the Chairman reported that the matter had once again been raised with the authorities who had repeated that nothing could be done at present.

Notice board:

It was reported that a new notice board for church matters necessitated the erection of a separate board for parish affairs, this should avoid the previous overcrowding and competition for space.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

J. M. Denny  
23/5/1981

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of the parish of Thwaite held at the Bucks Head on Tuesday 23rd March 1982 at 7.30 p.m. 5 parishioners and the Chairman.

Present:  
Election of  
Chairman

It was proposed by Mr. Bristow and seconded by Mr. Briggs that Mr. Denny be asked to continue as Chairman for another year, there being no other nominations. Mr. Denny agreed to continue. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Minutes

Matters arising

It was decided that a person to act as a civil defence was not needed. A letter was read by the Chairman from the Thwaite Jubilee Club asking to lease the piece of land in Church Lane Thwaite ref No 3116 for the purpose of building a new prefabricated building, septic tank and drains also part of an allotment south of proposed building for car park. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr. Bristow seconded by Mr. Clarke and agreed unanimously to lease it to the Jubilee Club for fifty nine years at a fixed rent of £1. a year. The Chairman said he would get the legal papers drawn up. As nothing had been done the Chairman said he would get estimates.

Notice board

Matters for  
Parish Council

Playing field

The meeting wanted to know if there was any regulations concerning derelict houses. To put on adv. in the news letter asking for volunteers to provide equipment etc. and to get a new seat for toddlers swing. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

J. M. Denny  
16/3/1982

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of the parish of Thwaite held in the Church Room on Wednesday March 16th. 1983.

Present  
Election of  
Chairman

to parishioners and the previous year Chairman. It was proposed by Mr Bristow and seconded by Mr Briggs that Mr Jeny be asked to continue as Chairman for another year, there being no other nominations Mr Jeny agreed to continue.

Minutes

of the previous meeting were read confirmed as being correct and signed.

Matters arising.

The Buck meadows had been reseeded and the footpath was back to its original position, it was decided that as it was possible to cross the river nothing would be done towards building a bridge unless a number of complaints was received.

Matters for  
Parish Council

It was proposed by Clarke seconded by Mr Bristow that inquiries should be made to the Electricity Board for the possibility of street lights along the Wickham Road Thwaite.

The report from the Governors of Stoke Ash County Primary School was read to the meeting, the Chairman was asked by the committee of the late Jubilee Club that the building to be erected in Church Lane Thwaite is to be run on the line of a village hall and not as a club which have been renamed Thwaite Community Centre.

It was decided that unless any business needed discussion the next meeting would be the Annual one in March 1984 there being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15 P.M.

J. A. Jeny

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of the parish of Thwaite, held in the Church Room on Thursday, 29th March, 1984.

Present  
Election of  
Chairman

to parishioners and the previous year's Chairman. It was proposed by Mr Bristow and seconded by Mr Pullham that Mr Jeny should continue as Chairman for other year.

Minutes

there being no other nominations, Mr Jeny agreed to continue. of the previous meeting were read confirmed as being correct and signed.

Matters arising

Street lighting, the Chairman read a letter from the Electricity Board explaining the costs of erection of posts and lights and running costs, after some discussion it was proposed by Mr Clarke, seconded by Mr Bristow with all in favour that it should be shelved.

Matters for  
Parish Council

Mr Nokes asked if anything could be done about a path from the Bucks Head to Brockford, Mr Bristow said some years ago a path was made but it was not maintained and have grown over, it was decided to have a letter sent to the County Highway Department from the Parish Council asking if something can be done.

there being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 P.M.

J. A. Jeny  
20-3-1984

Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting of  
Theaitie held in the Church Room on  
Wednesday 20th March 1986 at 8 PM.

Present

2 parishioners and the previous years  
Chairman.

Chairman

It was proposed by Mr Clarke and  
seconded by Mr Hoakes that Mr Jenny  
should stand again for another year, there  
being no other proposals Mr Jenny agreed  
to take the Chair.

Matters arising

The Chairman explained that British  
Telecom had been given notice to move the  
telephone kiosk off private property  
outside the Old Shop House, at the present  
time British Telecom was having talks with  
Suffolk's County Highways planning department  
for a suitable place to site it.

The swings on the playing field had been  
been repaired at cost of £119.

The grants of 40% and 50% of cost for  
planting young trees was available Mr Hoakes  
asked if the Parish Council would consider  
replacing the dead elms around the playing  
field, it was stated that old dead trees  
would have to be cut down and cleared  
before this could be done. A complaint was  
made about contractors carrying large loads  
of straw through the Village leaving a  
considerable amount on trees and roads, this  
was to be put to the Parish Council.  
There being no further business the meeting  
closed at 9.05 PM.

J. M. Jenny  
12-3-87.

Matters for  
Parish Council

The Annual Parish meeting was  
arranged for March 12th 1986 in the  
Church Room Theaitie at 8 PM.

Apologies from Mr Bristow  
8.20 PM No parishioners had attended.  
The previous years Chairman closed.

J. M. Jenny  
12-3-87.

Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting of Theaitie  
held in the Church Room on Thursday 12th March  
1987 at 8 PM.

Present

Chairman

5 parishioners and the previous years Chairman.  
It was proposed by Mr Clarke and seconded  
by Mr Pulham that Mr Jenny should stand  
for another year, there being no other proposals  
Mr Jenny agreed.

Matters arising

Mr Hoakes asked if some trees could be planted  
around the playing field where the dead elms  
originally was. The Chairman said he would see  
what type was available and price.

It was discussed that the possibility of  
children having to walk to Stoke the School  
along the A140. All agreed that it was not safe as  
there was no path for three quarters of the way.  
At the time of this meeting only two children  
from Theaitie attended the school one who's parent  
worked there and took both children in the  
mornings the other parent collecting in the  
afternoons, this is one of the parents said  
at the present time they were managing without  
to many problems, it was agreed not to  
take any action.

The Chairman reported that outline planning had been granted for the south side of Mrs S Archibald's garden at Bellows Farm, Mrs Pullham had been refused planning for four dwellings on the field between Bucks Head car park and Old Shop House also refused Mr R Lums for 1 dwelling on the west side of his garden

The Chairman reported that no further development towards the siting of the telephone kiosk had been made, allotments rents had been increased from 40p to £1 per allotment, school report from the Governors was read saying school rolls stands at 42, there being no further business the meeting closed at 9:15 P.M.

J. M. Denny  
7-11-88

MINUTES of the Annual Parish meeting of Thwaite held on April 7th 1988 at 8 P.M. in the Church Room

5 parishioners and the previous year Chairman Mr Pullham proposed Mr Denny seconded by Mr Briggs there being no other proposal Mr Denny agreed to stand

The minutes of previous meeting was read and agreed and signed as being correct.

The Chairman reported that building permissions had been granted to Mrs Pullham for four dwellings on the field between the Bucks Head and Old Shop House

The Annual report of Stokes Park School was read to the meeting

Mr Bristow agreed to be Thwaite's history recorder as Mrs Wilkins the previous recorder was unable to continue

Mr Bristow proposed seconded Mr Pullham that a letter be sent to Anglian Water Authority asking about main sewage in Thwaite as there has been a number of new houses built and outline planning for more

The Chairman told the meeting that all parishioners had been asked to have an emergency advisor, this is nothing new in fact it has been in operation for some years the Chairman said he had agreed to stand for Thwaite there being no further business the meeting closed at 9 P.M.

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Allotment rents  
increased from 40p to £1-

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Atcc Bristow - Thwaite  
history recorder

Present  
Election of  
Chairman

Minutes

Matters arising

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THWAITE HELD ON 9TH MARCH 1989 AT 8.00 P.M. IN THE CHURCH ROOM

Present:- 12 parishioners and the previous year Chairman

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr. Bristow proposed Mr. Denny, seconded by Mr. Briggs. There being no other proposal, Mr. Denny agreed to stand.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed to be a true statement and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) The Chairman reported that outline planning had been refused for housing development on the field between Lytel Jewel and the A140.

(b) The Stoke Ash School Report was available giving the number of children on roll as 38.

(c) Mr. Coe reported that the school sewerage was to be modified.

(d) A letter from Anglian Water had been received giving a list of parishes included in the 1993 programme to receive main sewerage - Thwaite was not one of them. It was agreed to send another letter expressing our concern.

(e) It was agreed that levelling the area between Church Lane and the church entrance would be a great improvement.

4. FOR PARISH COUNCIL

(a) Mr. Bristow proposed to see if the Parish Council could get outline planning for a dwelling on the piece of land in Church Lane. After some discussion as to whether Thwaite would be able to have the money from the sale of the land if passed for building or whether it had to go into Stoke Ash and Thwaite Parish Council bank account, it was suggested that the Chairman should get advice on this. The meeting was in favour.

(b) It was asked by Mr. Cracknell if a sign could be erected in Thwaite to warn drivers of the village they were approaching and the necessary caution needed. Also Dr. Gill wanted to know if the speed limit of 50 mph through Brockford on the A140 could be extended through Thwaite. It was decided to write to the appropriate authorities on both issues.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

*John Denny*  
22-3-1990

OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION NO.

A parish meeting was held in Thwaite Church Room at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday 31st May 1989. There were 27 parishioners present with Mr. Denny in the Chair.

Mr. Denny welcomed everyone to the meeting and was glad to see so much interest in this matter. It was explained that the Parish Councillors, Mr. Briggs, Mr. Bristow and Mr. Denny normally deal with planning applications which were usually infilling, but a meeting had been called with regard to this application as, if passed, the development may alter the character of the village, so the Parish Councillors wished to get a true representation of the villagers' views.

Mr. Pulham, on behalf of Mrs. Pulham who had made the application, explained that this application for outline planning permission was only a proposal as he thought there was room for more houses in the village, and this field would join the village with the other part of the parish. He wished to take care that the parish was pleased. It was proposed to retain a proportion of the houses for letting at low cost. Mr. Pulham explained that he could not guarantee that any development would be as per his outline plans.

This matter was discussed in length. In favour of the scheme it was argued that the village needed to grow and have starter homes for young married people, and houses available for rent, of which there currently were none, and this was a matter of great concern locally and new starter homes were rare. It was currently difficult to get labour as no accommodation was available locally. It was also felt that additional houses would lead towards improved facilities such as sewerage, improved public transport, and more children would help to safeguard the local school.

Against the application it was argued that it would alter the character of the village, that as there was not the work locally the inhabitants would be commuters, that there would be a problem to get children to school as the A140 was very dangerous and it was too close to qualify for the bus, and that it would increase the volume of traffic on the Wickham Road. It would also lead to a reduction in the values of existing properties in the village.

A vote was taken - in favour 18  
against 4  
abstention 1

Four letters had been received, all in favour of the proposed development.

Mr. Denny said he would visit the MSDC Planning Office and report these opinions of the meeting.

PARISH LAND

With regard to the piece of land in Church Lane, Mr. Denny reported that he had taken advice about the possible sale of this, and, if agreed by the Parish Council, money raised could be used for the benefit of the people of Thwaite. This must be agreed by the Charity Commissioners. It was proposed by Mr. Pulham and seconded by Mr. Appleby, to apply for outline planning permission. This was agreed by a large majority (one person voted against), and it was therefore decided to apply for outline planning permission to build a double-dweller, or pair of cottages. Having got planning permission, a meeting would be held before selling the land.

HIGHWAYS

It was agreed to ask the Parish Council to write to the MSDC to get Church Lane improved. This lane did not have proper foundations and should be re-constructed. It was further agreed, in view of the current campaign by the EADT, to ask the Parish Council to push for improvement to the A140.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed.

*John Denny*  
22-3-1990



Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Thwaite held on 22nd March, 1990 at 8 p.m. in the Church Room.

Present 8 parishioners and the previous year Chairman.

#### Election of Chairman

Mr Bristow proposed Mr Denny seconded by Mr Briggs. There being no other proposals Mr Denny agreed to stand.

#### Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed to be a true statement and signed.

#### Matters Arising

The Chairman reported that outline planning had been granted on the piece of land in Church Lane owned by Thwaite Parish, the planning authorities stated it was for 1 house of 1,000 square feet which is very small the surveyor when valued the land said he would talk to Mid Suffolk planners to see if dwelling could be bigger or the possibility of two dwellings to increase its value.

The safety of the playing ground had been looked into as concrete surface is not recommended at this point of time there is no law saying we cannot continue to use it but new guidelines will be set this coming summer.

The Chairman reported still no news regarding sign to warn drivers of the village, the speed limit asked to be extended from Brockford through Thwaite had been turned down.

#### Correspondence

The school report was read, school roll is 36; the new sewage system has been completed and appears to be working well.

#### A.O.B.

It was suggested the Thwaite Community Centre should get information stating exactly how much money can be spent from Charity Commission as money from the sale of building plot would be, given to Community Centre to be used for the benefit of Thwaite.

It was asked if the double white lines through Brockford could be extended as far as Thorndon junction, as there had been a number of accidents at the turning.

Suffolk County Highways said it would curb the turning into Church Lane if thought necessary, it was decided it would be an improvement as vehicles were churning the verge up.

The Chairman was asked if he could get update details of footpaths in Thwaite.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

*J. Denny*  
22/3/1990

#### THWAITE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 28th March 1991 at 8.00 p.m. in Thwaite Church Room.

PRESENT: Eleven parishioners and the Parish Council Clerk.  
ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Mr. John Denny was proposed by Mr. Alec Bristow and seconded by Mr. David Briggs. There were no other proposals. Mr. Denny was willing to serve as Chairman for the coming year, and he was unanimously elected.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Annual Meeting 22nd March 1990)  
The minutes were read, duly approved, and signed by the Chairman.

#### MATTERS ARISING:

1. Drive Carefully sign. We had received permission to put a sign up, the cost to the Parish Council would be about £175. The meeting was unanimously in favour of going ahead with this and it was agreed that the best place for it to be situated was on the Wickham side of "High View". It should be a village sign with "Please drive carefully" underneath the village name.
2. We had been unsuccessful in our attempt to get the white line on the A140 extended to the Thorndon junction; also with our request for a speed limit on the A140.
3. Kerb on corner of Church Lane. An Inspector from County Highways had visited to inspect the site, and had reported that it was not high on their priority list. However the verge was still being damaged by lorries and other vehicles driving over it.
4. Piece of Land in Church Lane. Outline planning permission had been obtained for one dwelling of 1,000 sq.ft. A discussion followed as to whether we should re-apply for two single dwellings, or for one larger dwelling, or sell the land with a restriction on it to prevent the purchaser from developing further. It was proposed by Mr. Alec Bristow that we should in the first instance apply for two single dwellings; this was seconded by Mr. Ian Passmore and unanimously agreed. It was further agreed to get Mr. Beaney of Knights to prepare the application, which would be funded by the Community Council.
5. Playing Field. Mr. John Denny had visited Mendlesham, where they had had a plastic surface put down. This was very expensive and would cost approximately £10,000 to do the Thwaite playing field. It had a five year guarantee, but was not vandal proof. It was felt that regulations governing playground safety would be issued and it would be best to see these regulations before committing ourselves to a large expense. The slide was beginning to show signs of wear and corrosion, but was safe at the present time.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

1. The Chairman reported that he had been in correspondence with the Charity Commission, who had been very slow in replying to his letters. They were now suggesting that the Community Council should change its status as it no longer intended to erect a building. Mr. Denny said he would write back again, asking how we should proceed to use the money from the sale of the piece of land for the benefit of the parish.
2. Mr. Denny reported that he had got copies of the updated footpaths in the parish, which were available if anyone wanted one.
3. He had also got copies of the F and Hartismere Local Plans if anyone would like to see them.
4. The following leaflets had been received:  
Charities and VAT  
A Recycling Directory  
Details of National Environment Week

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The Community Alarm System  
Concessionary bus fares

SCHOOL REPORT

The annual school report for 1990/91 had been prepared by Mrs. Betty Worsley, who was the Minor Authority Representative on the School Governors. There were 33 children on the school roll, with 20 in Class I and 13 in Class II, and 3 other new children expected. Mrs. Worsley reported that the National Curriculum was operating smoothly, and that the school had had a busy and happy year.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. It was suggested that a footpath should be built from the lay-by opposite the Buck's Head on the A140 to the Wickham Road junction. Several children and young people got off the bus here each night and had to walk on the road, which was not safe. Mr. Denny said he would bring this up at Parish Council meeting, and also approach Wickham Skeith Parish Council for their support.
2. Parishioners expressed strong disapproval and objections to the way the hedge had been cut along the A140. The hedge had been severely hacked and damaged.
3. Mr. Clarke had considered retiring from the Post Office. Mr. Briggs said he would approach him to see if he would consider letting anyone else use the post office room, it was felt most important to try to keep the Post Office open in Thwaite.
3. Parish Council Elections. There would be a vacancy for a councillor in Thwaite, due to the retirement of Mr. Alec Bristow. Mr. Bristow had been Chairman of Thwaite Parish Meeting for 25 years and a Parish Councillor since then. He was now on the blind register and felt it was time to hand over to a younger person. Mr. Denny thanked Mr. Bristow very much indeed for all his hard work over many years. Mr. Ian Passmore was prepared to serve as a Parish Councillor and duly completed a nomination paper. Mrs. Ann Cracknell told the meeting that she had agreed to serve as Clerk as Mrs. Riches was retiring.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This was agreed for June 6th at 8.00 p.m. in Thwaite Church Room. There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 9.23 p.m.

Signed *J. Denny*.....

Date ..... 6/6/1991.....

Hedge cutting carried out by  
Suffolk County Council

Minutes of Parish Meeting held on Thursday 6th June, 1991  
at 8.00 p.m. in Thwaite Church Room.

Present, Chairman Mr J. Denny.  
Mr I. Passmore Parish Councillor  
Three parish ers.

An amendment was added to the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 28th March, '91.

Sign

Mr L. Coe, Chairman of the joint parish councils was getting in contact with Highways Dept., Mr Denny will then meet Highways when a time is agreed.

Footpath

A reply is awaited from Highways Dept. with reference to the suggestion that a footpath should be provided from the lay-by opposite the Buck's Head on the A140 to the Wickham Skeith road junction. Once a reply has been received contact will be made with Wickham Skeith Parish Council.

Building Land, Church Lane, Thwaite

No further progress had been made with the parish council's request that either a large house, two smaller houses or a semi-detached property be built on the land available. The meeting agreed that Mr Beaney should continue on their behalf to apply for two properties or 1 large property if M.S.D.C. were not in favour of two properties. The parish council wondered if the cost to apply for outline planning permission for two properties would be double?

The following statement was made and agreed at the meeting:  
That outline permission to be obtained to the best of their ability on behalf of the parish.  
When the land did become available for sale the parish council will engage a solicitor.  
If outline planning permission was agreed for two properties, another meeting to be called for all parishioners to attend and be able to discuss the sale of the land.

Charity Commission

A letter had now been received by the Chairman from the Charity Commission with reference to change the status of the charity to deal with the money which would be made from the sale of the land, provided no further community building (Jubilee Hut) was to take place this could be wound up? It would then be able to set up the new charity to deal with the money from the sale of the land. The Community Council had £509.77 + £38.00 which the Chairman of Thwaite Parish holds because the parish council only had to pay ½ the costs for outline building permission.

Possible costs to met from this would be, changing the status of the charity and hiring a solicitor

The meeting was asked if there would be any restrictions but on them by the Charity Commission?

How could the parish spend the money raised by the sale of the land, and could it be used as the parish council wished, which would be to the benefit of all the inhabitants of Thwaite.

Once a new charity had been set up there should be a representative on the committee from each organisation within the village of Thwaite.

A.O.B. None.

Meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

*J. Denny*  
19/3/92.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Thwaite held on 19th March, 1992 at 8.00 p.m. in the Church Room.

Present: Seven parishioners and the Parish Council Clerk.

Apologies: received from Mr T Passmore and Mr H Pulham.

Election of Chairman

Mr John Denny was proposed by Mr G Clarke and seconded by Mr D Briggs. There were no other proposals Mr Denny was willing to serve as Chairman for the coming year, and he was unanimously elected.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

(Parish Meeting 6th June, 1991) The minutes were read duly approved, and signed by the Chairman.

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4. Allotments for renting  
at £1 each.

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e carrying out a survey via the parish council to see if there are any local problems.

Playground

The play equipment had been checked by the Chairman, although O.K. at present maintenance would need to be carried out in the future. The gates need repairs carried out on them.

Building Lane, Church Lane, Thwaite

After local research, it has been found that there were originally three properties on this land. After much discussion, if a semi-detached or three terraced properties should have planning permission applied for. It was agreed that Mr Denny and Mr Passmore should arrange a meeting with Mrs Wrd of the planning department at M.S.D.C. to be advised. The whole meeting wanted low cost housing to be provided with the majority of the meeting agreeing to 1 pair of semi-detached property. Once final plans have been agreed, another meeting will be called for all parishioners to attend to voice there opinions about the plans, plus how the profit from the sale of the land will be used to benefit the village.

A.O.B.

None.

Meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

25/3/93.

*J. Denny*

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AT THWAITEON THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER 1992 AT 8.00PM

Present: Mr J Denny  
Mr I Passmore  
Mr D Briggs

Apologies: Mrs Gloria Smith  
(Trustee on Community Council)

Members of Parish

Main items for discussion :- 1 Future of Children's Play Area  
2 Sale of Land

1 FUTURE OF CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

At present we do not meet safety standards. With regards to the insurance, we need to meet safety standards.

Two estimates have been received with regard to bringing the play area up to standard.

- 1 From a company at Wymondham :-  
£6,543.57 with 7½% discount, which entails resurfacing around all the equipment.
- 2 From 'Playscene' at Creting St Mary :-  
£7,535 for resurfacing or  
£5,670 for bark

At the present time there are no grants available from Suffolk Acre (previously Comm Council).

It was suggested, by Mr Ward and Mr Brockbank that we do the work ourselves, as it was agreed that even with more children in the village, it was still not worth spending £'000s on the area.

At present, the Parish is liable if any accident occurs, so it was decided to dismantle the play equipment and put up a notice stating that the area is closed.

Mr I Passmore agreed to enquire about the required standards from the council.

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Target date of Easter 1993 was agreed for re-opening area at required standards.

At present, there is approximately £500 in the Community Centre funds which could help with work/materials required.

2 SALE OF LAND

We have obtained outlined planning permission for 3 terrace houses in Church Lane, Thwaite.

The land is valued at approximately £20,000 - £25,000 by W H Browns.

It was mentioned that perhaps the District Council might be interested or a Housing Association.

It is to be a condition of sale that 'Starter Homes' are to be built.

It was agreed that Mr I Passmore should contact Council to enquire if they are interested in purchasing the land, etc. Mr I Passmore will inform Mr J Denny of the outcome.

As Stoke Ash & Thwaite are a combined Parish Council, it has been agreed that as the land is in Thwaite, all proceeds from the sale of the land will stay in Thwaite.

At present, the Thwaite Community Centre Trust Fund is all that is available to receive the proceeds of the sale. Therefore, the status of the Trust Fund needs amending, which could possibly take as long as 12 months.

It was agreed that Mr Denny should visit the Solicitors to enquire about making changes to Trust Fund.

It was agreed that more Trustees should be involved, and that existing Trustees should decide who to approach within the village.

3 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Appleby has been burgled recently. He has contacted the Police and 'Crimewatch' - 'Neighbourhood Watch' has been mentioned.

All present were very keen to organise a meeting with the Police. Mr Appleby will co-ordinate.

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20/3/93

*J. Denny*

PARISH OF THWAITE

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Thwaite  
Held on Thursday 25 March 1993 in Thwaite Church Room

Present: The Chairman  
2 Councillors  
6 Members of the Public  
PC Perrier

Feb 1993.  
Burrington -  
South end gate site is  
fenced off.  
No sign of way onto  
the allotments.

1/93 APOLOGIES

None.

2/93 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr Passmore nominated Mr Denny. Mr Clark seconded.  
Mr Denny was unanimously re-elected as Chairman.

3/93 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (ANNUAL MEETING 1992)

The Minutes were read, duly approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 December 1992 were also read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

4/93 MATTERS ARISINGBuilding Land

Following the Meeting of 10 December 1992, Mr Passmore has contacted the Architects Department of the District Council and Suffolk Rural Housing at Thornham Magna as to whether they would be interested in land, but received no response.

Parish Councillors had contacted Knights & Co and they had valued the land at £30,000. For the sale to commence, it was necessary to decide whether the hedge was to be sold as part of the plot or for the Parish to keep it. It was agreed that the hedge should be sold with the plot. It was agreed to put plot on market at £30,000. Agreed to use Steel & Co (Solicitors) of Eye. The plot is to be sold subject to condition of it being low cost housing of 1½ storey high and fitting in with the surroundings. South end of the site is to be fenced off. No right of way out onto the allotments. It was suggested that Knights & Co should write to District Council re sale to see if they can achieve a response.

5/93

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

At our AGM, I was elected to stay as Chairman.

General

Four Parish Council meetings since the last parish meeting and we have one fixed for April before our AGM in late May. Average attendance 7, with one or two public attendees. New Clerk, Anne moved and Terry has taken over. Our local "Bobby" changed too, Terry Brome moved on and Noel Perrier has taken over.

Highways

A quieter year, our only successful application was for a path opposite the Bucks Head in Thwaite, which has now been constructed. Still awaiting Thwaite Church Lane/Wickham Road drainage work. On questioning the Council regarding the litter in the laybys, we were told they were cleaned once a week.

Planning Matters

There were seven applications which were all approved:

Rose Cottage - Extension and access from Wood Hall Lane.  
Outline Permission - 3 houses (terraced), Thwaite.  
2M Fence at the Manse on Main Road.  
Dirty water lagoon at Willow Hall.  
Outline Permission - 6 Roman Way.  
Outline Permission - House at Brockford (just in Thwaite).  
Garden Extension - The Street, Stoke Ash.

Conservation and Environmental

Sewage - Main drainage. Stoke Ash ditches tested, raised us to the 2nd worst for pollution. We were given high priority and a scheme is being designed. It will still be 1997 however before any work could be completed and that assumes everything goes smoothly.

Wash Lane - Still under Peter's wing.

Our AGM will be my last as I have work in London starting at the end of April. Home weekends and some other days.

Area Meetings

John one, me the rest.

Emergency Adviser

John passed to me, but on able to attend one training evening so far.

5/93 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr Coe, Chairman of Stoke Ash and Thwaite Joint Council read his report.

See attached.

Mr Denny had attended the Area Meeting in Eye. The Meeting in May subject is Transport, eg Heavy goods vehicles using back lanes, etc.

It had been mentioned, previously by the Audits, that the allotment rent was low, but it is up to the Parish to decide amount, so there is no problem.

Neighbour Hood Watch

Nothing had progressed on this subject since the Meeting of 10 December 1992. PC Perrier briefly discussed what would be involved in setting up the scheme and will arrange for details to be sent to Mrs Taylor.

Charity Organising Evening

Is to be held at Needham Market. Two trustees will be attending. There are currently 5 Trustees:- the two new members being Mr A Pulham and Mrs H Passmore.

6/93 TREASURERS REPORT

Assets were as follows:-

PO Investment a/c	£ 911.49
Girobank Current a/c	£ 25.32
Girobank Deposit a/c	£ 96.36
	£1,033.17

Income during the year had been made up as follows:-

Precept	£ 499.00
Thwaite Allotment Rents	£ 5.50
Interest	£ 186.86
	£ 691.36

Parish Council had donated money as follows:-

British Legion	£ 15.00
Hartismere Luncheon Club	£ 30.00
	£ 45.00

Running expenses had been as follows:

SALC	£ 39.60
Insurance	£ 40.00
Clerk Emolument	£ 284.00
	£ 363.60

7/93 SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT

See attached.

8/93 FRIENDS OF STOKE ASH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

See attached.

9/93 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Noakes requested that a letter be sent to the Council re noise disturbance whilst power drilling has been commencing on A140. Perhaps compensation payment would be made.

It was suggested that the duelling of the A140 be taken up at the Eye Transport meeting. Also perhaps restricting overtaking/speed restrictions, etc, on A140.

The playground equipment has been dismantled and a notice erected stating the area closed till further notice.

It was agreed that a 6ft wood fence be erected on the north side of the plot for sale and that this is to be a condition of sale.

Mr Coe read the Newsletter annual statement. (See attached).

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed.

Singed *J. H. Passmore*

Dated *17/2/1994*

7/93

SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT

The school has had a very busy and successful year. During the summer, the children took part in the Hartismere activities. The Year 5 children were introduced to several new sports, including basketball, short tennis, juggling and golf. The Year 6 children met together for the Farm Day, Drama Workshop, Annual Norfolk Camp and the Induction Day at Hartismere; this exercise meant that the children had an easy transition to the High School in September and a strong liaison between the schools continues.

Other visits of interest were to the offices of the East Anglian Daily Times, where the children saw how a daily paper is produced and to Minsmere Bird Reserve.

The Friends of Stoke Ash School have organised several very successful fund-raising events, including a Casino Evening, an Autumn Fair and a School Disco.

In November, Years 5 and 6 attended a prize giving ceremony at Norwich Hospital, for a Christmas card competition. Faith Grimwood is to be congratulated on winning her year group.

At Christmas, the juniors sang to the Thornham Luncheon Club; this occasion was enjoyed by everyone. The usual Christmas concerts and parties took place at School, as well as a visit from Father Christmas.

We are now faced with another year, in which finances are becoming more and more difficult; however, we are confident that the children will not suffer and that they will continue to enjoy a broad and stimulating education at our school.

8/93

FRIENDS OF STOKE ASH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

During the course of the year, we have had a Beetle Drive, a Casino evening, an Autumn Fair and a Children's Disco, which together helped us raise considerable funds which we have used to finance several items for the school, including new library books, equipment for the infant class, eg a water play container, stand and mat, half the costs of blinds for the office and junior class and a £20 subsidy for a trip to West Stow.

The adventure playground we have started will hopefully soon be finished. We also provided refreshments at the sports day and Christmas concerts and arranged class parties with Father Christmas in attendance at the end of the Autumn term. With several activities in the pipe line for the next year, we hope to be able to help the school as much again and would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support.

NEWSLETTER ANNUAL STATEMENT

Balance B/F at Last Parish Meeting	£ 43.66
Income From Adverts During The Year	£ 68.75
Income From Savings Bank Interest 1988 to 1992	£ .77
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Total Receipts	£113.18
Toner and Paper for Printing	£ 65.00
Postage	£ .18
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Total Expenditure	£ 65.18
Balance C/F on 23 March 1993	£ 48.00
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PARISH OF THWAITEMINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THWAITE  
THURSDAY 17TH MARCH 1994 IN THWAITE CHURCH ROOM

Present: Mr. J. Denny (Chairman)  
Mr. I. Passmore  
Mr. D. Briggs  
3 Members of the Public

## 1/94 APOLOGIES

Received from Mr. Hugh Pulham.

## 2/94 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr. Passmore nominated Mr. Denny to continue as Chairman  
Mrs. K. Noakes seconded, Mr. Denny unanimously re-elected.

## 3/94 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (25.3.93)

Read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

## 4/94 MATTERS ARISING

Church Room

The roof of the Church Room is badly in need of repair, it had recently been examined by a builder who advised it may last a further 3 years. It was suggested that the P.C. make a donation towards the cost of repair. Mrs. Noakes had approached a Co-op charity for a grant to help with repairs, she was advised to try again next year. A grant may be available from the District Council as there is no Village Hall in Thwaite, but the village would need to make a substantial contribution, the anticipated cost of repair of £2,000-£3,000 made contribution by P.C. impossible as insufficient money in funds.

Mr. Passmore advised that if Church Room to be brought into good repair to be used as a regular meeting place then water, toilets, etc. would need to be installed to comply with current legislation, grants are available but the overall cost would increase accordingly. It may be that as the Church Room had been the village school, it could qualify for listed building status in which case a further source of funding may be available. The situation vis a vis the Church needed to be ascertained as the Church Room is on Church land.

It was decided to leave the matter on hold.

Sale of Church Land

Nothing further to report since last meeting, land still for sale. Mr. Denny has been in contact with Steele & Co. (solicitors) who have bill to submit for work to date for approx. £200 plus VAT. It was felt that fees of £125 per hour were very high and it would be worth re-negotiating fees for future work.

Play Area

There was no prospect of the area being re-opened as re-surfacing and equipment replacement costs to comply with new safety regulations were prohibitive. Additional insurance costs would also be incurred. The equipment is all set in concrete, the rocking horse is unusual and may have a re-sale value. Mr. Briggs suggested that the concrete could be broken, the fence removed and the area grassed and possibly incorporated into the allotment land. If the equipment was removed the area would present no danger to the general public.

## 5/94 HIGHWAYS

Mr. Passmore had been in touch with MSDC about the appalling state of Wickham Road opposite Lytel Juel, caused by contractors building the new house. Mr. Pulham had thought that with any new building the access should be built first to avoid this type of road damage.

## 6/94 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Passmore, Chairman of Stoke Ash & Thwaite Joint Council explained that, having been elected as Chairman in his absence he had formally accepted office in July 1993. In an effort to generate enthusiasm, and encourage greater attendance at meetings, he had proposed establishing a regular pattern for dates of meetings. In future these will be held on the fourth Wednesday of alternate months.

The Parish Newsletter is in the course of being refurbished through the efforts of Sylvia Grimley in Stoke Ash. We have had two meetings to discuss a new format and improving the quality of the Newsletter. Suffolk Acre may help with a grant of £50 towards printing and publishing costs, if the Parish Council are prepared to match this amount. The objective is for the Newsletter to eventually become self-funding.

The Local Government Commission are due to present their proposals in April, there will then be a period of consultation and discussion throughout the county, with final proposals and recommendations being presented to Government in September. It is suggested that the present 7 Local Authorities and District Councils have their numbers reduced to 4. Mid Suffolk supports Option A of the proposals, whereby they join with Babergh and the County Council disappears, thus giving more local accountability. However, Suffolk County Council are keen to maintain the status quo and continue as they are.



On 23rd March Stuart Brooks, Assistant Director Control with Mid Suffolk District Council is attending the joint PC meeting to explain the various aspects of planning controls concerning individual applications.

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## TREASURERS REPORT

Assets:	P.O. Investment A/c	£ 911.49
	Girobank Deposit A/c	68.45
	" Current A/c	94.00
		<u>£107. 74</u>

Interest during year as follows:

Precept	£ 400.00
Thwaite Allotment Rents	9.50
Interest - deposit a/c	1.35
Interest - investment a/c	56.94
VAT repayment	214.41
	<u>£ 682.20</u>

Donations:	NSPCC	10.00
	SARS	50.00
	Crossroads Care Attendance	10.00
	Hartismere Luncheon Club	10.00
	Wickham Skeith Playgroup	10.00
	Royal British Legion - Wreath	11.50
		<u>£ 101.50</u>

Running Expenses:

SALC	£ 43.35
Cornhill Insurance	50.00
Clerks Emolument	311.19
Thwaite Church Room	6.00
Stoke Ash Village Hall	49.50
	<u>£460.04</u>

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## SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT

See attached.

*Never arrived*

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## FRIENDS OF STOKE ASH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

See attached.

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## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The dualling of the A140 has now been put back to 2004. Our MP has approached the Department of Transport who advised that the Government is not keen to spend on this upgrading. When the dualling does eventually take place it was felt that many side roads would be closed off making it difficult to access the A140 from Thwaite.

Mr. Denny asked if there was any chance of us having a 'Please Drive Slowly' sign, this has been requested in the past but rejected on the grounds that it was only 4/10ths mile from the Callingsams to High View.

Mr. Passmore reported there was now greater enthusiasm for speed limits, Thorndon is about to have a 40 mph limit and Wetheringsett has applied.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 9.05pm.

Signed... *[Signature]*Date... *30/3/1995* .....

## PARISH OF THWAITE

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THWAITE  
HELD ON 30TH MARCH 1995 IN THWAITE CHURCH ROOM

Present: Mr J Denny (Chairman)  
Mr I Passmore  
Mr D Briggs  
5 Members of the Public

## 1/95 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

## 2/95 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr Passmore nominated Mr Denny to continue as Chairman, seconded by Mr D Briggs & Mr T Passmore. Mr Denny unanimously re-elected.

## 3/95 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (17.3.94)

Read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

## 4/95 MATTERS ARISING

30 MPH speed limit - the Parish Council had requested that this be extended to the junction of Wickham Road with the A140. As the A140 is classed as trunk road it is responsibility of Dept of Transport and they are not involved in current speed restriction exercise.

Play Area - various options available: leave as it is, break up concrete and remove and try to sell swings and rocking horse, apply for planning permission for house/bungalow, incorporate back into allotment land. It was decided to place an advertisement in the East Anglian Daily Times to sell the rubble and equipment.

Sale of Parish Land - plot currently has PP for 3 properties, the 2 parties who had viewed the site were only interested in building 1 house. PP expires in September 1995 and it looks as though this will need to be renewed. We will need to consult MSDC on possibility of modifying outline to 1 dwelling. Mr Passmore suggested that should the land still not be sold by the winter then the site should be tidied up and the hedge trimmed. Mr Briggs offered to be responsible for this. Mr Appleton felt that car parking for 3 properties would create a hazard. Church Lane is too narrow to accommodate a parked car and access from the proposed parking area is very close to the ditch surrounding the Church.

Church Room - Mr Passmore had ascertained from the Diocesan Secretary that there was no record of the Church Room in Church Records. Although it started life as the village school the Education Dept. have no records on the building, therefore we must assume it belongs to the Parish. Mr Passmore intended trying to spend time at the

County Archive in Ipswich but was not hopeful of discovering any information. The building continues to deteriorate whilst costs to bring up to standard increase. There would need to be greater demand for use to consider an application for available grants.

## 5/95 CHAIRMANS REPORT

Because of the ever increasing number of accidents on A140 Mr Passmore had written to the East Anglian Daily Times to express our joint parishes concerns and sent a copy to our M.P.; Michael Lord. The Highways Agency had responded by advising that a rolling programme of improvements was planned over the next few years, subject to finance being available.

Planning permission had been approved for: a managers house and garage adjacent to Brockford Garage, a mini-recycling centre at the rear of Brockford Garage, and the continued siting of a residential caravan at "Syrett" whilst the house remains unfinished.

The Public Footpath which ran through New Lodge garden has been diverted to follow the field/New Lodge garden boundary.

At January PC meeting a talk was given by Community Relations Officer from Suffolk Constabulary on Drug Abuse Awareness in Rural Areas, apparently drugs are generally available to youngsters in all rural areas.

Parish Council had moved its accounts from Girobank to Barclays, making transactions much easier to deal with. New signatories were I. Passmore, J. Denny and Mrs. S. Grimley.

As a result of a request from East Anglian Ambulance NHS Trust the Parish Council had decided to provide all households with a label giving their Ordnance Survey Grid Reference. Thanks to the efforts of Mr Coe, who has provided the list of O.S. Grid References, we shall be distributing the labels fairly soon.

Local elections will be held in May, unless any councillors seats are contested it is unlikely that a full poll will be held.

Thanks to Mrs Grimley for the new format Newsletter which is completing its first year and a big improvement on its predecessor.

## 6/95 FINANCIAL REPORT

See attached.

## 7/95 NEWSLETTER REPORT

See attached.

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See Annex Room Search  
by Ian Passmore

## 8/95 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Denny raised the point that the allotments were not registered as being Parish property and in the same position as the plot of land currently for sale. There is a plaque in the Church which says the land was donated \* to the Parish for parishioners to grow their own food. Mr Denny will contact SALC for their advice and possible costs involved in registering land.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 9.20pm.

\* THE WORDING ON PLAQUE IN THE CHURCH IS AS FOLLOWS AND NOT AS ABOVE

\* THERE IS A BEQUEST OF 2 1/4 ACRES OF LAND TO THE POOR OF THIS PARISH LYING NEAR THE POORHOUSE

Signed: ... *J. Denny* ...

Date: ... *12. April 1996* ...

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## FINANCIAL REPORT @ 31st March 1995

Assets:	Barclays Preium A/c	£555.10	
	" Current A/c	£114.10	
			£669.20
Income during year:		£400.00	
	Precept	0.47	
	Interest - : : : deposit	40.59	
	National Savings	6.50	
	Barclays	9.50	
	Thwaite Allotment rents	151.54	
	VAT Repayments	397.55	
	** Stoke Ash V.H.		£1006.15

## Donations:

	25.00	
Newsletter	10.00	
M S Rethink on Disability	50.00	
Suffolk Accident Rescue Service	20.00	
Pyramids Playbus	20.00	
Hartismere Luncheon Club	10.00	
M S Citizens Advice Bureau	48.41	
Wash Lane Project (P Brown - VAT £7.21)		£183.41

## Running Expenses:

	£ 49.25	
S A L C Subscription	253.80	
Steele & Co	55.00	
Cornhill Insurance	440.10	
** Budget Direct (SAVH - VAT £65.55)	17.28	
** E. Electricity (SAVH - VAT £1.28)	72.11	
Audit Commission Fees - 3 years	26.98	
Suffolk CC - Stationery	6.00	
Thwaite Church Room - Rent	34.50	
Stoke Ash Village Hall - rent	329.40	
Clerks Emolument		£1284.42

\*\* P C cheques used in order to reclaim VAT

Brought forward 31.3.94	£1 130.88
Income current year	1,006.15
	£2,137.03

Expenses during year	£1,467.83
Balance carried forward	669.20
	£2,137.03

J Denny

PARISH OF THWAITE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THWAITE  
HELD IN THWAITE CHURCH ROOM ON 11TH APRIL 1996.

Present: Mr J Denny (Chairman) Mr D Briggs  
Mr I Passmore 3 Members of Public

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96 APOLOGIES

Received from Mr H Pulham.

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96 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr Passmore nominated Mr Denny to continue as Chairman, Mr Briggs seconded, Mr Denny unanimously re-elected.

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96 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (30.3.95)

Read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

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96 MATTERS ARISING

SALE OF PARISH LAND -An offer of £21,000 had been received and rejected, this being the first offer, the Agents suggested £26,000 should be the minimum for consideration. The OPP provides for 3 dwellings and expires in September 1997, should a prospective purchaser wish to build a single dwelling then it will be their responsibility to pay for an amended pp plus legal costs. The Parish Council would not object to a single dwelling on this site.

ALLOTMENTS - Mr Denny had been pursuing the possibility of registering the allotment land in the name of the Parish with Suffolk Acre. There is a plaque in the Church which states "Bequest of 2 1/4 acres of land to poor of the Parish lying near the Poorhouse", there is no date. Suffolk Acre wanted to know the exact wording of the plaque but have been unable to advise on any course of action. The Charity Commissioners would need the land registered as a charity, however, the Parish may be only Trustees as the land was a bequest. Mr Passmore said the Parish Council was constituted in 1894 and the allotments were mentioned in 1904 when a proposal was made to drain the land. As Mr Denny's enquiries had produced no further avenues to explore, it was decided to "let sleeping dogs lie".

THWAITE CHURCH ROOM - Mr Passmore has ascertained from the Diocesan Secretary that the Church has no record of the Church Room belonging to them. He has investigated with the County Archive department and SCC Education department and found no record of ownership. The Church Room was built in 1853 as a School Room/Reading Room. The electric meter for both the Church and Church Room is sited in the Church Room. Mr Passmore is not optimistic of discovering ownership, particularly as Church do not want to know and no longer insure the building, have to assume Parish property. Insurance would currently cost £125 p.a., £1 per head on Parish Precept would raise only £40, and is there sufficient interest in the village to pay this.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The report was presented by Mr Passmore, Chairman of the joint Parish Council. Funds have become very tight, there had been no increase in the precept for 5 years, and reserves were now depleted. The decision was taken to increase the precept to £1,000, and to maintain a tight control on spending. Stoke Ash had needed a new Notice Board which cost £148, various other 1 off expenses, with a significant portion relating to Stoke Ash. Our bank balance at 31.3.96 stood at £187 with an anticipated expense of £165-170 to come from this for hedge planting and fence repair at Stoke Ash Village Hall.

The new format Newsletter was felt to be very well worthwhile, being the only form of joint communication between the 2 parishes.

Unfortunately, all A140 improvements have been shelved, including the proposed roundabout at Stoke Ash White Horse. Some minor works may still go ahead, as a sop to the general clamour for something to be done about the increasing accident/death toll. We do know that the County Council are trying to discover ownership of land adjoining the A140 through Suffolk, land that they purchased some 26 years ago for the purpose of future road improvements.

The long awaited sewerage scheme for Stoke Ash was planned to go ahead with work commencing in May, some 30 properties would be connected to the scheme with Anglian Water agreeing to waive the connexion charge.

The abandoned vehicle at one of the council houses had been reported to the District Council.

Planning Applications for the past year were the continued siting of a caravan at Syrret, a conservatory for Willow Hall and an amendment to the application for a Managers House at Brockford Garage.

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96 FINANCIAL REPORT

See attached.

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96 NEWSLETTER REPORT

See attached.

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96 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

CHURCH DITCH - Mr Briggs reported that the verge bordering the first bend in Church Lane was falling away into the ditch Mr Pulham has offered to fill in the ditch if the PC will provide the pipe and the DC make the road good. Mr Passmore offered to provide the pipe and the Clerk will contact the DC about the road.

Comment was made about the expenditure on Stoke Ash Village Hall and Mr Passmore explained that the Parish Council has no control over the Village Hall, which is run by a Management Committee on behalf of the Parish Council. They can request additional funding from the Parish Council. The Clerk currently arranging for a presentation by the Crime Prevention Officer of a neighbourhood Watch Scheme, this is likely to occur in May July.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

SIGNED J. Denny

DATE: 10/4/97

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## STOKE ASH &amp; THWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

## FINANCIAL REPORT AT 31.3.96

Assets: Barclays Premium A/c	£ 150.20	
Current A/c	<u>37.36</u>	£ 187.56

## INCOME DURING YEAR:

Precept	£ 400.00	
Barclays - interest	15.97	
Thwaite Allotment rents	9.50	
VAT repayment (PC = £29.84)	128.50	
E Electricity - Thwaite poles	<u>53.87</u>	£ 607.84

## EXPENSES DURING YEAR:

Donations: S A R S	£ 50.00	
MS Rethink on Disability	10.00	
Pyramids Playbus	10.00	
MS CAB	10.00	
Hartismere Luncheon Club	20.00	
SA & T Newsletter	<u>35.00</u>	£ 135.00

## Running Expenses:

SALC Subscription	£ 53.25	
Cornhill Insurance	56.37	
Mrs Govan - E Service labels	26.60	
EADT - Ad. Thwaite playground	7.80	
SCC - Stationery	76.20	
MSDC - Election costs	79.64	
VAT Repayment - Village Hall	26.68	
" " Newsletter	71.98	
SA Village Hall - rent	27.00	
P Ward - Notice Board	148.00	
A Heighes - Salary & Expenses	<u>380.96</u>	£ 954.48

NB. Probable outstanding expense of £165-170 for cost of hedging plants and fence repair for Village Hall

## STATEMENT

Brought forward 31.3.95	£ 669.20	
Income during year	<u>607.84</u>	£1277.04
Expenses during year	£1089.48	
Carry forward 1.4.96	<u>187.56</u>	£1277.04

REPORT FOR STOKE ASH MEETING MARCH 13 1997

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## STOKE ASH AND THWAITE NEWSLETTER

## REPORT ON YEAR BEGINNING 1st May 1996

## Advertising

This year we have carried thirty-two advertisements including some new ones replacing the ones we had lost. The advertising income has increased this year (£439 over £352). Nearly all the advertisements were printed by Gipping Press, although one or two were only included once or twice and so were photocopied.

## Contributors

Our regular contributors have again been splendid and all our readers must be grateful to Lionel Coe, Fred Burningham, Betty Brown, Basil Abbott and "Kate Day" for their interesting pieces. We have not managed to replace our gardening expert, nor have we received any "free" adverts (for sale, personal, etc), but some interesting items have appeared from our "irregular" contributors, notably some insights into Stoke Ash fifty plus years ago as seen by Frank Banham.

## Volunteers

The volunteers who deliver the newsletter have continued manfully through all weathers and Sheila Coe has continued to put up with people popping in and out to leave or collect things for our newsletter.

The cover and advertisement sheets have been set up and printed by Gipping Press, but all other work in connection with the production of the newsletter has been done voluntarily by Sylvia Grimley and Alan Shoebridge, with some additional help latterly by Betty Brown and Ann Warr-Wood.

## Financial

Last year it was reported that the year ending 30.4.96 had been a fairly satisfactory year - we had paid off a loan made the previous year and ended the year with a credit balance of £61.77 which was ear-marked for our outstanding stationery bill. (You will see from this year's statement that the bill, when it appeared, amounted to £56.64, so we just about managed to pay our way last year!)

We were hopeful last year that each year would improve financially, either by increased advertising or donations, but our advertising year started badly and although in the end produced more income than last year, we did not receive so many donations. Our costs were greater this year owing to a slight printing cost increase, and the further increased costs as I was unable to place the whole advertisement section in one run.

The final balance sheet appears fairly satisfactory, but there have been worrying moments during the year, and the position is not as "healthy" as we would have wished.

A brief financial statement is attached.

**Problems**

By November both Alan and I were saying that the newsletter could not carry on in its present form without additional volunteers to help with production and to sell advertising. I felt that either we must find additional financial resources so that we were not so dependent on advertising (thus reducing personal time and expense) or that a new simpler format must be agreed so that it became less of a burden. Alan was finding the workload increasingly burdensome when combined with his increasing other jobs.

**Solutions**

The pleas in the newsletter and through the Parish Council did not fall on deaf ears! The Parish Council has now confirmed its support for the newsletter and promised a grant of £100 for next year, together with a contingency arrangement. This will mean that the newsletter will be able to cope with any temporary shortfall in income, and work towards becoming self-financing as soon as possible.

Some wonderful new residents have volunteered to help, two of whom come complete with desk top publishing facilities. The difference this will make is enormous as we will no longer have to involve a printing firm in any of the typesetting, and overall a more professional and more flexible format will be achieved.

**Outlook**

Many thanks indeed to the Parish Council and to our new volunteers. Thanks to them the outlook for the future of the newsletter is good. Access to desk-top publishing will make life considerably easier, and a new team of people to share the workload and encourage each other will make the production of the newsletter far more rewarding and sustainable. The costs should be greatly reduced now that we need not employ a printing firm to "set-up" the advertisements etc.

**A personal note**

In 1994 I somehow found myself co-ordinating the newsletter but could not have managed very well without "a little help from my friends"! Betty Worsley had a good photocopying and delivery system to build on and Lionel and Sheila continued to help in lots of ways.

However I must thank particularly the ladies who have regularly delivered the newsletters; also the regular contributors - their efforts have been greatly appreciated. Recently I have been grateful to Ann and Betty who listened to my moaning and volunteered to help for the last 3 sessions with collating and stapling so that we could relieve Alan, and reduce costs by using the printers' new "cheap" photocopier. The biggest thank you is to Alan who slaved away over his (sometimes unco-operative) machine, and collated and stapled heroically for about 3 years!

*Alvia Gurney*  
13.3.97

**STOKE ASH AND THWAITE NEWSLETTER**

Account summary May 1996-April 1997

(Statement for Stoke Ash Parish meeting as at 13.3.97)

Balance at Bank  
May 1996 £61.77

INCOME	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Advertisements	439.25	Printing	319.41
Coffee morning	69.86	Photocopying	194.91
Parish Council	35.00	Stationery (1995)	56.64
Loan	20.00	Repayment of loan	20.00
Interest	0.99	Village Hall hire	9.00
		Expenses (post etc)	5.00
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	565.10		604.96
balance b/f	61.77	Balance at bank	21.91
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	626.87		626.87

NB There is again an outstanding stationery invoice, estimated c £40 but also a VAT refund is due, c £48

Stoke Ash and Thwaite Newsletter  
Account summary May 1995-1996

Income		Expenditure	
Advertisements	352.00	Printing	242.74
Coffee morning	58.00	Photocopying	198.40
Parish Council	35.00	loan repayment	50.00
Donations	30.70		
VAT refund	71.98		
Interest	.26		
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	547.94		491.14
Loan c/f	58.12	Balance at bank	61.77
Balance b/f	53.15		<hr/>
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	552.91		

NB Outstanding invoice for stationery.

STOKE ASH & THWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCIAL REPORT @ 27.3.97

A. ETS: Barclays Premium A/c	£ 856.74	
Current A/c	<u>370.81</u>	£1,229.55
Inc. VAT Refund	£257.40	

INCOME DURING YEAR:

Bank Interest	£ 16.19	
Precept	1,000.00	
SA & T N/letter re-imburement for stationery 95/6	56.64	
Allotment rents	8.50	
Grant - Village Hall hedge	<u>110.00</u>	£1,191.33

DONATIONS:

SARS	£ 50.00	
M S Rethink of Disability	10.00	
Pyramids Playbus	10.00	
SA & T Newsletter	35.00	
Hartismere Luncheon Club	<u>20.00</u>	£ 125.00

EXPENSES:

Cornhill Insurance	£ 61.50	
Suffolk CC - N/letter stationery	46.91	
Castleden Trees	164.73	
Stoke Ash Village Hall - rent	<u>31.50</u>	£ 304.64
Still to pay:		
Thwaite Church Room - rent	3.00	Approx
Clerks salary	504.90	
expenses	48.62	
Newsletter - VAT refund	<u>47.57</u>	
Village Hall " "	<u>202.86</u>	£ 806.95
Balance to carry forward for 1997/8		£ 391.10

Need £465.64 to cover cheques. ∴ teams £500

PARISH OF THWAITE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOM ON 10TH APRIL 1997

Present: Mr J Denny (Chairman) 5 Members of Public  
Mr D Briggs

The meeting was opened by Mr Denny who welcomed all present.

1/97 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2/97 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr A Pulham proposed that Mr Denny to continue as Chairman and was seconded by Mr Briggs, Mr Denny unanimously re-elected.

3/97 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (11.4.96)

These were read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

4/97 MATTERS ARISING

Church Room - Mr Denny reported that no further progress had been made on establishing ownership. The state of the roof and the danger of falling tiles were cause of concern, however, until ownership is established the Parish is unable to insure. Mr Briggs proposed that when the Parish land was sold some of the proceeds should be used to repair the roof, however, the building and its surrounding land needed to be registered as Parish property before any monies were invested. The land needed to include access and it was further proposed that this area should commence 3 metres from The Grange hedge up to the junction of Church Lane. This action was seconded by Mr Ward, the Clerk undertook to make enquiries at the Land Registry to enable title to be registered. Mr Pulham offered to provide a copy of a current Ordnance Survey map to enable boundaries to be marked.

Church Ditch - the Clerk had contacted MSDC who advised that they had insufficient funds to contemplate doing repairs in Church Lane, and that before any ditch filling was contemplated the National Rivers Authority needed to be consulted.

Parish Land - an offer of £26,000 has been received from a Mr Baker and this has been accepted.

What to do with the proceeds - there is currently a balance of £400 in the Thwaite Community account, which was set up to build the Jubilee Hall, and it was suggested that this be added to the sale proceeds. As the sale proceeds would be for the benefit of the Parish as a whole, a special meeting should be called to ask for suggestions as to how to use the money. The Clerk advised that 28 days notice were required for an extra-ordinary meeting. Mr H Pulham

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proposed that initially a high interest bank account be opened, upon receipt of the sale proceeds, the signatories to be any 2 of the 3 parish councillors, this motion was seconded by Mr Gammage.

Allotments - nothing further to report, the rent had been paid is up to date, but the land remains unregistered.

Play Ground - does not meet regulations and therefore remains closed, the lowest quote obtained some years ago, to comply with current regulations, had a price of £9,000. The Clerk undertook to make enquiries about the sale of the rock horse through Thos. Gaze in Diss.

5/97 FINANCIAL REPORT

See attached.

6/97 NEWSLETTER REPORT

See attached.

7/97 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Church - the possibility of redundancy was of concern to the village, Mr Gammage said the Church was part of our history and heritage and as such felt it wrong that the opinion of one person, namely the appointed surveyor, could submit an estimate of £44,000 for repairs and expect this to receive approval and would like the PC to approach the Parochial Church Council with a request for an independent survey. Problems highlighted by the survey include the uneven floor, and bits falling from the roof both inside and outside. There is a problem with insuring the building because of its poor state and services could be stopped at very short notice. Unfortunately, this Church has no great following but the fact remains that this is an historic Suffolk Church. It was proposed therefore that Mr Briggs, as a member of the PCC, should submit this request at the forthcoming meeting of the PCC, the motion was seconded by Mr Denny. The surveyors estimate for Stoke Ash Church was a mere £4,000, however, we would have difficulty raising this amount let alone £44,000 and there is no guarantee that a similar amount would not be expected at the next survey. The new rector has already reduced the number of services conducted here, it seems likely that they may cease altogether.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 9.05pm.

Signed:

Date:

STOKE ASH & THWAITE PARISH COUNCIL  
FINANCIAL REPORT @ 27.3.97

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Inc. VAT refund	£257.40	

INCOME DURING YEAR:

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SA & T N/letter re-imburement for stationery 95/6	56.64	
Allotment rents	8.50	
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REPORT FOR STOKE ASH MEETINGS MARCH 13 1997 3

## STOKE ASH AND THWAITE NEWSLETTER

REPORT ON YEAR BEGINNING 1st May 1996

### Advertising

This year we have carried thirty-two advertisements including some new ones replacing the ones we had lost. The advertising income has increased this year (£439 over £352). Nearly all the advertisements were printed by Gipping Press, although one or two were only included once or twice and so were photocopied.

### Contributors

Our regular contributors have again been splendid and all our readers must be grateful to Lionel Coe, Fred Burningham, Betty Brown, Basil Abbott and "Kate Day" for their interesting pieces. We have not managed to replace our gardening expert, nor have we received any "free" adverts (for sale, personal, etc), but some interesting items have appeared from our "irregular" contributors, notably some insights into Stoke Ash fifty plus years ago as seen by Frank Banham.

### Volunteers

The volunteers who deliver the newsletter have continued manfully through all weathers and Sheila Coe has continued to put up with people popping in and out to leave or collect things for our newsletter.

The cover and advertisement sheets have been set up and printed by Gipping Press, but all other work in connection with the production of the newsletter has been done voluntarily by Sylvia Grimley and Alan Shoebridge, with some additional help latterly by Betty Brown and Ann Warr-Wood.

### Financial

Last year it was reported that the year ending 30.4.96 had been a fairly satisfactory year - we had paid off a loan made the previous year and ended the year with a credit balance of £61.77 which was earmarked for our outstanding stationery bill. (You will see from this year's statement that the bill, when it appeared, amounted to £56.64, so we just about managed to pay our way last year!)

We were hopeful last year that each year would improve financially, either by increased advertising or donations, but our advertising year started badly and although in the end produced more income than last year, we did not receive so many donations. Our costs were greater this year owing to a slight printing cost increase, and the further increased costs as I was unable to place the whole advertisement section in one run.

The final balance sheet appears fairly satisfactory, but there have been worrying moments during the year, and the position is not as "healthy" as we would have wished.

A brief financial statement is attached.

### Problems

By November both Alan and I were saying that the newsletter could not carry on in its present form without additional volunteers to help with production and to sell advertising. I felt that either we must find additional financial resources so that we were not so dependent on advertising (thus reducing personal time and expense) or that a new simpler format must be agreed so that it became less of a burden. Alan was finding the workload increasingly burdensome when combined with his increasing other jobs.

### Solutions

The pleas in the newsletter and through the Parish Council did not fall on deaf ears! The Parish Council has now confirmed its support for the newsletter and promised a grant of £100 for next year, together with a contingency arrangement. This will mean that the newsletter will be able to cope with any temporary shortfall in income, and work towards becoming self-financing as soon as possible.

Some wonderful new residents have volunteered to help, two of whom come complete with desk top publishing facilities. The difference this will make is enormous as we will no longer have to involve a printing firm in any of the typesetting, and overall a more professional and more flexible format will be achieved.

### Outlook

Many thanks indeed to the Parish Council and to our new volunteers. Thanks to them the outlook for the future of the newsletter is good. Access to desk-top publishing will make life considerably easier, and a new team of people to share the workload and encourage each other will make the production of the newsletter far more rewarding and sustainable. The costs should be greatly reduced now that we need not employ a printing firm to "set-up" the advertisements etc.

### A personal note

In 1994 I somehow found myself co-ordinating the newsletter but could not have managed very well without "a little help from my friends"! Betty Worsley had a good photocopying and delivery system to build on and Lionel and Sheila continued to help in lots of ways.

However I must thank particularly the ladies who have regularly delivered the newsletters; also the regular contributors - their efforts have been greatly appreciated. Recently I have been grateful to Ann and Betty who listened to my moaning and volunteered to help for the last 3 sessions with collating and stapling so that we could relieve Alan, and reduce costs by using the printers' new "cheap" photocopier. The biggest thank you is to Alan who slaved away over his (sometimes unco-operative) machine, and collated and stapled heroically for about 3 years!

*Sylvia Grimley*  
13.5.97

## STOKE ASH AND THWAITE NEWSLETTER

Account summary May 1996-April 1997

(Statement for Stoke Ash Parish meeting as at 13.3.97)

Balance at Bank  
May 1996 £61.77

INCOME	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Advertisements	439.25	Printing	319.41
Coffee morning	69.86	Photocopying	194.91
Parish Council	35.00	Stationery (1995)	56.64
Loan	20.00	Repayment of loan	20.00
Interest	0.99	Village Hall hire	9.00
		Expenses (post etc)	5.00
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	565.10		604.96
balance b/f	61.77	Balance at bank	21.91
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	626.87		626.87

NB There is again an outstanding stationery invoice, estimated c £40 but also a VAT refund is due, c £48

Stoke Ash and Thwaite Newsletter  
Account summary May 1995-1996

Income		Expenditure	
Advertisements	352.00	Printing	242.74
Coffee morning	58.00	Photocopying	198.40
Parish Council	35.00	loan repayment	50.00
Donations	30.70		
VAT refund	71.98		
Interest	.26		
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	547.94		491.14
Loan c/f	58.32		
Balance b/f	53.15	Balance at bank	61.77
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	552.91		552.91

NB Outstanding invoice for stationery.

## THWAITE PARISH MEETING

MINUTES OF AN EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON  
THURSDAY 31ST JULY 1997 IN THWAITE CHURCH ROOMPresent: Mr J Denny (Chairman) 10 Members of Public  
Mr I Passmore

8/97 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies

9/97 CHAIRMANS REPORT

Mr Denny opened by explaining that the purpose of this Meeting had initially been for the discussion of what to do with the monies received from the sale of Parish land in Church Lane which had been due to have completed on 20th June 1997, however, due to unforeseen circumstances the sale has not yet been finalised. When the land was offered for sale, some 3/4 years ago, the Parish Council obtained outline planning permission for 3 low-cost dwellings to be built on the site, as there was generally felt to be a need for such development in the village, unfortunately, the only prospective buyers of the the land were interested in the erection of a single dwelling. As it became increasingly unlikely that the initial proposal would be achieved the Parish Councillors agreed to accept 1 dwelling on the site. (The sale of this land necessarily involves Mid Suffolk District Council to act as a Trustee, this is required by the law, and as such they need to have sight of the minuted proposal and agreement to the sale of the land for 1 dwelling. Mr Passmore proposed that the Parish Meeting agree to accept Mr Bakers offer of £26,000.00 for the purchase of parish land in Church Lane, Thwaite, to build 1 dwelling only, in accordance with the planning application already submitted by him to Mid Suffolk District Council. Mr Allpress seconded the motion, everyone present unanimously agreed to the proposal.

10/97 PROCEEDS OF SALE OF LAND IN CHURCH LANE

Mr Denny then moved on the actual purpose of the meeting and was asked what the net sum is likely to be, he felt in the region of £22,000, after the deduction of estate agents and solicitors fees. Subsequent to the Annual Meeting held in April 1997, a high interest account has been opened at Barclays Bank in Diss, with the three Parish Councillors acting as signatories. When the monies are received it will need to be decided whether this is maintained or alternative Trustees are appointed to administer the account. Mr Allpress said he had been saving press cuttings for several years which covered other small local villages and noted that grants were available for various purposes for a village such as Thwaite, could we not pursue this by means of a development plan, in recent years we had lost the village shop, post office, the Bucks Head has been intermittently closed and the Church is now to be made redundant. Mr Passmore was concerned that any planned expenditure did not incur an on-going financial liability, the amount of money available will be modest, need to look to future and ensure expenditure of a lasting

nature. He put forward a suggestion for a conservation area, to include both trees and flowerbeds.

Mrs Brockbank suggested renovating the childrens play area which had now been closed for some years. It was pointed out that quotations had been obtained at time of closure to bring it up to standard and comply with new regulations, these were in the region of £10,000 then. The very small number of children in the village would still make this an unviable amount in terms of funds available, together with annual inspection and insurance costs. Mrs Brockbank stated that a grass surface could be used, why not therefore utilise part of the unused allotment area rather than going to the expense of breaking up the concrete and making good in the existing play area. The Chairman felt this was feasible, providing no permanent boundary was incorporated. Mrs Heather Passmore suggested instead negotiating with the Bucks Head landlord for village children to have use of the new play area there, for an annual contribution from the Parish.

The Chairman advised that the existing play equipment does not comply with current regulations, the decision had been taken in 1995 to try and sell same, he had an offer of £25 for the rocking horse and £20 for the swing, the slide was unsaleable due to rot. The Parish Councillors had agreed to accept the offers made and this action was agreed by majority at the meeting. The monies received would be deposited into the new bank account.

It was suggested that if the allotment area could be used for a play area then a bowling green or playing field could be introduced, providing it was not made permanent and returned to allotment use if required.

Mrs Diana Passmore made the point that whether it be a grass play area, bowling green or conservation area, who is going to maintain the site, there had to be a positive structure to on-going maintenance.

Church Room - as the decision has now been taken to declare the Church redundant, there should be somewhere in the village for meetings, unfortunately the Church has decided this building does not belong to them, it is in fact outside the Church boundary. Mr Passmore has made exhaustive enquiries as to ownership but to little avail, until such times as ownership is established there is little point in spending on repairs, the roof itself could easily eat up all available funds. Without proof of ownership the building is uninsurable. Grants are available but substantial funds would still need to be provided by the Parish, drainage would need to be installed. The building is currently used once a year for the Parish meeting, although this is the second time this year so far. Would it be used more in the future was the question that needed to be addressed before giving consideration to repairs.

After much discussion it was unanimously agreed by all present that a further meeting should be held, by which time we should be in receipt of the sale proceeds, for proposals together with realistic costings and maintenance plans to be put forward for approval.

#### 11/97 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

On Thursday 6th November 1997 in the Church Room, commencing at 8.00pm.

There being other business the meeting was declared closed.

Signed:

Date:

## PARISH OF THWAITE

### MINUTES OF AN EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOM ON 6TH NOVEMBER 1997

Present: Mr I Passmore 4 Members of Public  
Mr D Briggs

The meeting was opened by Mr Passmore who would chair the meeting in the absence of Mr Denny who was ill, and welcomed all present.

#### 12/97 APOLOGIES

Received from Mr. Denny and Mrs Brockbank.

#### 13/97 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (31.7.97)

These were read, approved and signed by the acting Chairman.

#### 14/97 PARISH LAND - SALE PROCEEDS

The sale proceeds of £23,981.50 had been received and deposited in Barclays High Interest account on 15th August. The Clerk reported that a further £175, being VAT on legal bill, would be added to the account when she applies for VAT refund early next year. £45 has also been banked, from the sale of the rocking horse and swing. The current balance is £24,165.13. At the meeting held in July various schemes had been suggested and this meeting was to appraise these schemes which would now be presented with estimates of expenditure and on going maintenance costs.

**PLAY AREA** - Mrs Brockbank had provided an estimate for the resurrection of the play area using a playfibre surface, equipment and bench, the scheme had a low maintenance guarantee of 10 years, the first years inspection would be free with subsequent years costing £50. Total cost £5,019 + VAT with a further £1,000 + VAT for excavating and removing the existing concrete, which Mrs Brockbank felt could be done by a local farmer/builder. A 50% grant was available from Mid Suffolk District Council subject to approval and necessary form filling. There are currently 17 children in the village, soon to increase to 19, whose parents are all keen for a playground in the village. Mr Briggs commented that the play area at the Bucks Head was new and the village should support this, not introduce another play area, and who would look after the area on an on-going basis. None of the parents who were present to support this proposal and give their opinions. Mr A Pulham reported that Thorndon had installed a new play area, this was vandalised within 2 years, more money had been spent on repairs only for it to be vandalised again. Mr Passmore felt that most parents provided play equipment on their own property, it was also important to bear in mind that future funding may need to come from the precept. A vote was taken with no one in favour of this scheme.

**GRANTS FOR FURTHER EDUCATION**- to provide help with books for children going to university/college, a suggested figure of £100 per head. This

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proposal if adopted could be funded from income accrued from the invested capital. Terms of qualification would need to be defined, such as number of years resident in village, if the recipient of such a grant did not complete their course should the parish expect re-imburement.

CHURCH ROOM - ownership is still the issue and we are no further forward. From a historical point the room should be maintained. It was built using the flint from the Church Tower when it fell, together with Stone Cottages. Unanimous approval was given to obtaining estimates and proceeding with roof repairs, then pursuing and registering ownership which would allow the building to be insured. The Clerk to approach David Colchester for a quote. Approval was also given for registering building and previously designated land with the Land Registry together with insurance premiums to be met from the sale proceeds.

15/97 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

COMMUNITY CENTRE

Mrs Gloria Smith, one of the Trustees of the Jubilee said there was currently a balance of about £1,000 in the fund, all the Trustees had agreed that there seemed little point in having 2 accounts for Parish money and that this should be transferred into the Thwaite Parish Meeting account. This was unanimously approved.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed.

Signed: *J.H. Perry*

Date: 9-4-1998

223. Church tower land.

STOKE ASH COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Annual Report to Parish Councils for academic year 1997-8

The end of the summer term saw the rather sudden decision of John Haygarth, Headmaster, to take early retirement. Due to the time scale, although interviews for a new head took place at the end of the term the position could not be taken up until spring term 1998. One of the part-time teachers, Mrs. Bradburn, already employed at the school accepted the challenge of headship for a term. This arrangement provided stability for the children.

During the autumn term there were several positive changes at the school. A 'marble jar' rewards scheme was introduced to support and develop the behaviour policy and this had beneficial effects upon attitudes and motivation. By October half term the children had already filled 2 marble jars and therefore been able to choose an afternoon of activity, e.g. sport, as their reward. Activity sessions were introduced in lunch-times, for example chess, recorder and computing. Many parents visited the school on a regular basis to provide assistance with reading, needlework and cooking. Following the excellent carol/christingle service all the children seemed to be leaving the school with edible 'goodies'. The governors were very grateful to the contributions that Pam Bradburn made to the school in her time as acting head.

In the spring term the children, teachers and governors were pleased to welcome Mrs. Philipa Rixon as the new headteacher. Philipa has many years of teaching experience, has an MEd and was deputy head at Shotley C.P. school. We look forward to the continued development of the school under her leadership.

The children have continued to participate in activities arranged within the Hartismere pyramid, e.g. a year 4 trip to Foxburrow Farm, a Light Fantastic science show at the High School. There were great celebrations when the children won the Unihoc tournament at Stradbroke. Year 6 links with Hartismere continue as a means of ensuring as smooth a transition as possible to senior school. The spring term sees a year 5 and 6 trip to Wolsey theatre and years 4 and 5 are having a weekend away to Kingswood in Norfolk, for an action packed weekend of activities.

The teaching and non-teaching staff have been able to avail themselves of L.E.A. offered courses throughout the year which should contribute to the overall development of the school. The recommendations from the OFSTED report have been incorporated into the school development plan. Since January curriculum plans have been prepared for English and Science, with Mathematics next on the list. The Literacy project will result in two of the teachers attending a training course. Finances are allocated to the school for the development of this project. A school of this size does not receive the set amount (£1000), but is allocated an allowance (£15.50) per pupil. The continued support of the very active Friends and Parents Association and their continued efforts in fund raising will enable a Listening Centre with headphones to be purchased to support the literacy project. The Governors have received training on 'Value Added' (and also the teachers) and appreciate the difficulties in interpretation of statistical figures within league tables when the sample size from a school like Stoke Ash

can be so small. The head will develop and agree targets for the school with the governors.

There are 35 children on the roll currently with another 5 expected at Easter. The balance of children between the two classes is somewhat unequal. The Mother and Toddler group continue to meet at the school, while children of nursery school age receive this provision at Wetheringsett.

The school is adequately resourced with the site and buildings in a seemingly good state of repair. Work was undertaken in the winter term to install security systems within the school.

*Heather Passmore*

Heather Passmore

Minor Authority Representative, Stoke Ash School Governors  
1998.

11 March

MARCH 1998

Stoke Ash School Friends and Parents Association  
Annual Report

I would like to thank everyone for their generous support of our fundraising activities, in particular the summer Garden Party which was very well attended, and also the School Lottery and the Christmas raffles which raised an amazing £200-.

With monies raised over the past year we have been able to buy a picnic bench for the school playground and home corner furniture for the infants class, as well as computer software, an audio unit and an overhead projector for general use. All of these items have been much appreciated by the children and staff alike.

We are already busy with our fundraising for the forthcoming year with our first '60 Club' draw taking place on 1st April, and our annual Beetle Drive on Friday 24th April. Perhaps I shall see a few of you there?

*Denise Brockbank*

Denise Brockbank  
Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE STOKE ASH & THWAITE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER.

The past twelve months has seen six issues of the new NEWSLETTER published by the team brought together by Sylvia Grimley and now produced on computer by Sharon Teague. This form of production has enabled the periodical to be both flexible in style and typeset whilst remaining consistent in layout and general format (preferred by most of our Advertisers). It is likely to improve further in the near term, by the addition of a scanner which will permit even greater flexibility in production together with the reproduction of graphics.

As with any situation relying on voluntary effort, continued production relies heavily on those parishioners who are willing and able to give their time and expertise, so I would wish to go on record in offering sincere thanks to Sylvia, of course, for bringing us all together and for her ongoing involvement, Lionel Coe, Eve Vongswang, Sharon and Andrew Teague and my Wife, Anne, together with the many committed people who deliver the NEWSLETTER every other month to every household throughout the two parishes. Advertisers are our sole source of income, assuming we will not now be calling on the Parish Council to underwrite the publication, for the foreseeable future, anyway. Their (the advertisers) support over the past year together with vastly improved production methods and costs has enabled the NEWSLETTER to continue and thrive. In turn, the new style and appearance of the publication must have been of benefit to the Advertisers. We are very grateful for their major contribution and look forward to 100% renewal for the coming year. Whilst on this subject, the Team would wish to thank the Parish Council for their faith in the NEWSLETTER and real support in terms of their offer of a financial contribution and underwriting in the first year of production. It is most gratifying for all concerned that, in the event, it has not proved necessary to call on this financial help. If we can continue in future years as we have over the past twelve months we should be able to contribute in some small way towards a village need of one form or another but prudence dictates that we maintain an adequate float to cover any unforeseen additional expenditure which may occur in the future. If you have read my Editorial Comments, you will, I am sure, detect an element of frustration at the lack of response from residents. We can make the NEWSLETTER a one way effort but we run the risk of appearing dictatorial. So much better if the NEWSLETTER could be the medium for two-way views through the projection of ideas, correspondence, articles etc., especial from the younger people - the future! Sympathy has been expressed for our frustration at lack of response but that is not the answer. The best cure must be the creation of a dialogue between the NEWSLETTER and the Parishioners - then the publication will really come alive!

Andrew Teague, our Treasurer, will be producing a separate Financial report for Members.

*Peter Gammage - Editorial Team*

12th. March, 1998

## STOKE ASH & THWAITE NEWSLETTER

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 1997/98

	£	£
<b>Income</b>		
Advertisements sold		1,005.50
Deposit interest received		1.76
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		1,007.26
<b>Less : Expenses</b>		
Printing costs (6 @ £50)	300.00	
Telephone, postage & stationery	55.27	
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		355.27
<b>Surplus of income over expenditure for the year</b>		<hr/>
		651.99
Surplus brought forward		63.48
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<b>Accumulated surplus carried forward</b>	£	<u>715.47</u>

In financial terms, 1997/98 has been a successful year for the Newsletter. The current bank balance of £715.47 reflects this success and is sufficient to ensure the survival of the publication for the foreseeable future. This is a far cry from the position of a year ago when the future of the Newsletter was far from assured.

The Newsletter team express their thanks to all advertisers for their continued support.

## PARISH OF THWAITE

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH ROOM ON 9TH APRIL 1998

Present: Mr J Denny (chairman) Mr I Passmore Mr D Briggs  
M of P Mr H Pulham, Mr A Hutchinson, Mr J Noakes, Mr P Gammage.

#### 1/98 APOLOGIES

Received from Mr. A Pulham, Mr & Mrs T Passmore and Mrs A Gammage.

#### 2/98 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Denny notified his intention of retiring as Chairman, however, as neither Councillor Briggs nor Passmore were prepared to take on the role, Councillor Briggs proposed Councillor Denny should continue, which was seconded by Councillor Passmore, the motion was unanimously carried that Councillor Denny continue as Chairman.

#### 3/98 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (6.11.97)

These were read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

#### 4/98 MATTERS ARISING

**PARISH ROOM** - Two estimates for repairs to the roof were then read out, David Colchester £4,582 and Chapman & Pleasance £7,461 plus VAT. The Clerk had recently received a letter from MSDC concerning grants which Mr Passmore read out. It was decided that 1) the building should be retained within the village 2) Mr Denny would pursue with MSDC available grant aid, 3) if a grant had strings attached i.e. provision of running water and toilets then we would probably proceed with the roof alone. English Heritage was also mentioned as a possible source of grant aid but the starting point would be MSDC. Mr. Noakes felt having the building treated for damp would be worthwhile, particularly as the roof was going to be repaired, perhaps that may qualify for grant aid.

The Clerk has obtained information from the Land Registry in order for the relevant forms to be completed to register the Parish Room and a surrounding parcel of land, detailed in Minute 4/97, as Parish property. The Clerk understands the registration fee will be £40 and it was agreed that this should be progressed.

At the last joint Parish meeting it had been agreed that £50 could be spent to provide a safety barrier around the Parish Room, because of the possibility of falling slates, Mr Gammage undertook to do this with assistance from Mr Denny. Mr Passmore said Health & Safety Regulations require a height of 4 feet for a safety fence.

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PLAY AREA - the only child resident in Church Lane had given the Clerk a letter appealing for the playground to be re-instated, it now appears that the family is to move from the area.

5/98 FINANCIAL REPORT

Barclays Premium A/C	£24,731.79	
"    Current A/C	£    20.20	£24,751.99

A VAT refund of £175.00 is due shortly, this will be added to the Premium A/C. The Clerk has investigated a higher interest account, Barclays have a Treasury A/C which would pay .25% more but has to fixed initially for 7 months with a penalty for earlier withdrawal. In view of the roof work it was decided to leave the money where it is for the moment.

6/98 NEWSLETTER REPORT

See attached. Mr Gammage, one of the editorial team expressed his gratitude for the high production standards and for the establishment of future financial stability created by the new team involved.

7/98 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Much concern was expressed about the new owners of 1 Stone Cottages. MSDC had been contacted about the large shed/workshop which had been built in the garden which appeared to prevent the owner from parking his car off the road and was felt to be much too close to the house. Mr Hutchinson who owns 2 Stone Cottages has had trees/shrubs removed from his property without permission, to accommodate the shed which is less than a yard from his boundary. Mr Passmore has been contacted by the Meads, in his capacity as Church Secretary, on the possibility of filling in the ditch opposite 1 Stone Cottages to make for easier access, this request has been passed to the Diocesan Secretary. The general feeling is that if this was allowed then the area would need to be metalled, thereby widening the road and have further implications by setting a precedent. Mr Baker, currently building a house in Church Lane could also make the same request to extend his access. Mr Noakes wanted to know if Mead had asked permission to use the allotment land, all the felled trees including a 150 year old Yew had been burnt on the allotments. Mr Passmore said this activity only re-enforced the argument for registering the Parish land. The Clerk will contact the Planning Enforcement Officer at MSDC to pursue any breach in Planning Regulations. In view of the roof repairs it was decided that a further meeting would be held in 3 months to discuss progress.

Treasurer

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 9.40pm.

Signed: *J. Denny*

Date: *12 March 1999*

Minutes of Thwaite Parish Meeting held on September 24th. 1998 at the Parish Room commencing at 8.00 p.m.

Present J.Denny (Chairman), R.I.O.Passmore, Mrs.Heighes (Clerk).

The meeting was convened for the sole purpose of moving approval of the accounts for Thwaite Parish for the year ending 31st March 1998, to comply with the auditors' requirement.

Approval of the accounts, as set out in summary below, was proposed by J.Denny and seconded by R.I.O.Passmore.

Assets	Barclay's Premium Account	£24,731.79	
	Barclay's Community account	£20,20	£24,751.99
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Income	Sale of play equipment	£65.00	
	Bank interest	£705.49	£770.49
Expenditure		Nil	

STATEMENT

Bank deposit 15.8.97	£23,981.50	
Income during year	£770.49	£24,751.99
Expenses during year		NIL
Balance carried forward	£31.3.98	£24,751.99

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AOB re Meads*

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**MINUTES OF THE THWAITE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** - Held in the Parish Room on Thursday 23rd March 2000

Present: J. Denny (Chairman), S. Watson (Clerk), Mr D Briggs, Mr & Mrs Gammage, Mr Parker and ?????? (Please advise name of lady present)

**01/00 Apologies**

The Clerk had received apologies from Ian Passmore. The Chairman had received apologies from Mr H Pulham, Mr and Mrs Parson and Mr & Mrs Palmer.

**02/00 Election of Chairman**

Mr D Briggs proposed and Mr P Gammage seconded the nomination of the current Chairman, Mr John Denny, to remain in the position. This was unanimously agreed by the meeting. Mr J Denny accepted.

**03/00 Minutes of Last Meeting**

The Clerk reported that there were no minutes on file, and that she had asked Mr Passmore if he had any copies, and also Mr Denny, but no one appeared to have any minutes available.

**04/00 Matters arising**

There being no matters arising from the last meeting, Mr Denny asked for Open Forum to be commenced. Discussion ensued on whether any progress had been made on the establishment of the playing field using the allotment land. Mr & Mrs Parson and Palmer were not at tonight's meeting which was thought to be an indication of interest (or lack of). Mr J Denny would ask about progress when he next met either couple.

Mr D Briggs asked for the Parish Meeting's assistance with the problem of cars being left for long periods on allotment/old play area property. Mr Parker said that the owner of the White Van (Mr Graham Rodd) had approached him about his performing an MOT on the van prior to sale, and Mr Parker added that the other vehicle is destined to go to a local farm in the near future. Mr Gammage felt that the vehicle's owner does not seem to appreciate the problem that parking the vehicles on Parish Meeting land causes. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Rodd to ask for his co-operation with moving the vehicles.

Denny had received a letter from Joanne Collins who is due to move into the first plot on the new development shortly. Ms Collins asked if the Parish Meeting were willing to sell the old play ground area to her for an extension to her garden. She gave assurances that the land would not be built on. Some debate followed, but it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Meeting were not interested in selling the property at this time.

Mr Denny gave the meeting an update on the discussions that have been taking place with S.A.L.C and Mr Ian Rickards of M.S.D.C with regard to whether the Parish can hold assets. The situation is still not settled, and Mr Gammage will chase Mr Rickards for an update.

Mr Gammage has completed Land Registration forms with regard to the Parish Room. The Land Registry will advise Mr Gammage of how to proceed once they have seen the forms and back up material. There is a likelihood that the Parish may receive 'Possessory' Freehold so that public money could be spent on the building, but title passed back if an 'owner' comes forward.

Mr Gammage asked the Clerk for a cheque from the Parish Meeting accounts for the sum of £30 to be made out to "HM Land Registry". The Clerk will arrange signatories.

Mr Gammage referred to a meeting with Mr Ray Lees of M.S.D.C when Mr Lees had stated that Listing the Parish Room would open up additional avenues for funding.

Mr Gammage has made the application to the Land Registry in the name of "Parish Trustees of Thwaite Parish Meeting".

Mr Denny said that he was still struggling with the winding up of the Village Hall Fund charity. He said that instead of referring to the remaining monies as being used for the Parish Room, he had stated that they would be put towards sponsoring the Playing Field Committee.

**05/00 Village Reports**

Reports were read from The Friends of Stoke Ash School, The School Governor (Heather Passmore), The Newsletter, The Millennium Group, Stoke Ash All Saints's Church and Stoke Ash Village Hall. Copies will be held on file.

**06/00 Open Forum**

Mr Briggs asked the Clerk if any progress had been made on the Planning Application at the end of Church Lane Thwaite. The Clerk reported that she had no further news as yet.

Mr Gammage reported that the survey of the residents of Thwaite with regard to the future of the Church in the village had shown support for the combined Village Hall/Church approach. 52% of residents replied, of that 44% were in favour of dual use and 8% were against. The most popular idea for use of the Church was the resurrection of the Christmas Bazaar. Mr Gammage has sent the results back to M.S.D.C who will perform a feasibility study.

With no further business Mr Denny called the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

*J. Denny*  
27 July 2000



MINUTES of a Parish Meeting held in the Old Schoolroom on 27th. July, 2000 @ 8.00 pm

Present: Mrs. J. Collins, A. Gammage, C. Maisey, B. Merry-Charles  
Messrs. W. Baker, D. Briggs, J. Denny, P. Gammage, M. Parsons Snr., M. Parsons  
Jnr., I. Passmore, H. Pulham.

Apologies were received from: Mrs. N. Parsons, D. Passmore, M. Pulham  
Messrs. R. Maisey, T. Passmore.

Mr. John Denny took the Chair.

The Chairman referred the first item on the agenda to Mr. Peter Gammage, who, he said, had undertaken a great deal of preparatory work in order to bring this item to the meeting. Mr. Gammage explained that a Parish Meeting may not in itself hold funds or assets. These are held by the Parish Trustees, namely the Chairman of the Parish Meeting, Mr. John Denny and the Proper Officer of the District Council, Mr. Ian Rickard. Whilst they may invest any funds held and have to act in accordance with the wishes of the parishioners, they may not legally spend any of the funds, even on items or projects which would benefit the parish, but a Parish Council may so spend.

The parish has a number of projects in which it is engaging, viz:

- 1) The proposed conversion to dual-use of St. George's Church.
- 2) Gaining Title to the Old Schoolroom.
- 3) Refurbishment of the Old Schoolroom.

Any of these could require expenditure from parish funds and the item under discussion is the first step in making this possible. There will certainly be legal costs incurred in securing Title to the Old Schoolroom from the Land Registry and we could not seek any form of Grant aid without Title or a good chance of obtaining it.

Of a number of options open to us, transfer of the funds to the Stoke Ash & Thwaite Parish Council with safeguard conditions relating to how and by whom any of the monies could be spent, was the most suitable course. An alternative would be to request the District Council to confer the powers of a Parish Council on the Thwaite Parish Meeting through s. 109 and s. 133 of the Local Government Act, 1972, but this could turn into a protracted and complicated business.

In answer to a question from the floor, the Chairman said funds currently stood at £28,250 or thereabouts. This was made up of monies from the sale of parish land for residential development, about £1150 transferred from the Thwaite Community Centre Fund together with interest earned from investment of these.

It was confirmed that Mid Suffolk District Council had suggested the way forward would be to transfer the funds to the Parish Council with strict control conditions, which they helped to define. Mr. Gammage then read out the proposed conditions.

Mr. Hugh Pulham asked who the Thwaite Councillors were, the Chairman responded by giving the names of himself, Mr. David Briggs and Mr. Peter Gammage. Mr Ian Passmore then suggested that in addition to these Councillors, the parishioners should have the opportunity to vote on how parish funds are spent. It was decided to amend the conditions to include this.

It was proposed by Mr. Pulham, seconded by Mr. Passmore and carried unanimously to adopt the motion as defined in item 1 of the agenda but to include the above amendment, thus:

"That the Parish funds be transferred from the Parish Trustees to the Stoke Ash & Thwaite Parish Council subject to the following conditions:

- a) That the funds so transferred be and remain always for the sole benefit of the parish of Thwaite and that they are held in a separate account, being an interest earning bank or other account.
- b) That authority to make expenditure from these funds be vested solely in a sub-committee of the Stoke Ash & Thwaite Parish Council Finance Committee.
- c) That this sub-committee comprise the Parish Councillors for the time being representing the parish of Thwaite, only and that they will seek the approval of the Thwaite Parish Meeting before authorising any movement of funds.

d) That any interest earned from investment of these funds and any costs incurred in their use, be for the account of this fund."

Item 2 was then discussed. It was reported that attempts had been made to register the Old Schoolroom in the name of the Thwaite Parish Meeting with the Land Registry. With no deeds or supporting documentation as to ownership, the Registry had initially responded with a list of questions, most of which we could deal with but they also required a sworn statement and for this the Chairman and Mr. Gammage had sought the help of a local Solicitor, Mr. Stephen Webb of Wetheringsett.

It was confirmed that until Title had been secured, the parish are unable to take any action on the Old Schoolroom, neither to sell it, demolish it or refurbish it. Mr. Gammage stated that it was the intention to gain Title in order to refurbish the building whether there is a parish use for it or not. It is part of our Heritage and one of a very few historic buildings in the village, being almost 150 years old. Mr. Pulham felt that we should not spend money on the building but rather 'do something for the older people of the parish, like Wetheringsett do at Christmas'.

Concern was expressed at the poor condition of the roof, it was raining at the time of the meeting and rainwater was pouring in through holes in the roof left by fallen slates. It was hoped it could be made watertight before the onset of winter. Mr. William Baker kindly volunteered to at least make the roof watertight at no cost to the parish. In thanking him for his offer, the Chairman gratefully accepted but drew Mr. Baker's attention to the lack of any Insurance cover. Mr. Baker would need to undertake any work on a purely voluntary basis and at his own risk.

Agenda item 3. Discussion took place on the possible formation of a Thwaite Community Projects Group as a body under whose name the various projects as outlined earlier could be undertaken. The idea was for discussion only at this stage as there would be little point in starting up such a group until it was needed and could function.

A draft Constitution had been formulated and circulated at the meeting. After some discussion, it was generally agreed that a Group should be formed as and when the time was right, that being when sufficient progress had been achieved on those projects being considered.

Under Any Other Business, Mr. Mike Parsons confirmed no further progress had been made regarding the use of land adjoining the parish allotment area, as a Playing Field.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

These Minutes were Approved on 9/11/2000

Signed:  Chairman

## MINUTES OF A PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE OLD SCHOOL ROOM, THWAITE ON THURSDAY

9th NOVEMBER, 2000, @ 8.00 pm

## Present:

Mr. John Denny (Chairman)  
 Mrs. Carol Cook, Hazel Denny, Anne Gammage, Christine Maisey and Gloria Smith,  
 Messrs. Bill Baker, Bernie Cook, Peter Gammage, Gary Palmer and Ian Passmore.

Mrs. Chris Maisey acted as Clerk for the purpose of taking these Minutes.

## Apologies were received from:

Mrs. Joanne Collins, Anthea Heighes, Heather Passmore, Diana Passmore and Muriel Pulham,  
 Messrs. David Briggs, R. Maisey, Tim Passmore, Antony Pulham and Hugh Pulham.

The Minutes of the meeting of the 27th. July, 2000 were read out and confirmed as a true record of the business of that meeting.

A vote of thanks was expressed to Mr. William Baker for the sterling work he undertook in effecting a temporary repair to the roof of the Old School Room.

It was reported by Peter Gammage that First Registration of the Old School Room had been achieved as Possessory Title in the name of The Thwaite Parish Meeting. Mr. Passmore expressed his appreciation for the work carried out in obtaining this document. Mr. Gammage indicated that at a later date it was likely that application could be made to upgrade Title to Absolute Freehold. Possessory Title would still be sufficient to permit the Parish to apply for Grants, etc. An account for £374 plus VAT (which is recoverable via the Parish Council) needs to be paid for Solicitor's fees for the sworn Declarations and other work associated with obtaining this Title.

Now that the Parish may claim ownership of the Old School Room, it may be necessary for Insurance cover to be provided apart from that held by the Parish Council. Mr. Denny said he would make enquiries regarding this, starting with the Parish Council's Public Liability Insurance.

It was reported that the Thwaite Funds stand at approximately the same level as they were in July.

A proposal from the Chair sought to permit minor expenditure from the Thwaite Funds without recourse to a full Parish Meeting for ratification. The meeting was reminded that one of the conditions attaching to the transfer of parish funds from the Parish Trustees to the Parish Council was that ANY expenditure from these funds must be approved by a Parish Meeting. This was thought to be over restrictive and the Motion before this meeting was finally put and approved as:

"This meeting gives authority to the Thwaite Parish Councillors for the time being who are members of the Sub Committee of the Stoke Ash & Thwaite Parish Council Finance Committee to incur expenditure from Thwaite funds not exceeding £250.00 (Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds) at any one time with a maximum of £1000.00 (One Thousand Pounds) before the need to call a full Parish Meeting for approval."  
 The Proposal was put by Mr. Ian Passmore and Seconded by Mr. Bill Baker with unanimous approval.

It was proposed by Mr. Passmore and seconded by Mrs. Maisey that the Solicitor be paid for his services towards securing Title to the Old School Room. The Motion was approved. We are awaiting instructions from the District Council's Solicitor on the mechanics of transferring Parish funds into the Parish Council accounts. The monies are to be separate to the extent that they cannot be used for Parish Council general expenditure but are for the benefit of Thwaite parish, only.

Approval was given for the setting up of the Thwaite Community Projects Committee, as a vehicle to carry out the work involved in the various projects under review. Mr. Gammage explained to the meeting that where this had originally been considered as a Group, there was good reason to now propose a Committee of the Parish Council. Among other advantages would be the facility to recover VAT on any expenditure incurred. Rather than form yet another Committee or Sub-Committee, he suggested that a Community Projects Committee could ride on the back of the committee already in existence for

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handling the Parish Funds. Ian Rickard, Solicitor at Mid Suffolk District Council had approved such a move. The one limiting factor would be that under Local Government law (the 1972 LG Act) whilst a Parish Council Committee may have non Parish Councillors as members, not all may necessarily be voting members. There must always be a majority of Parish Councillors voting to non Parish Councillors. Hence, with the proposed Projects Committee, there would be the three Thwaite Councillors plus upto two others who could all have voting rights; any greater number of parishioners who were members of the committee would have to be non voting members. They would act in an advisory capacity and their input would be just as important. Peter Gammage sought the approval of the meeting to take a Motion to the Stoke Ash & Thwaite Parish Council at their next meeting whereby:

"Additional members of the Thwaite Community Projects Sub-Committee as requested by the Thwaite Parish Meeting, be appointed."

Approval was given by those present at the Meeting.

Discussion took place on the proposed Dual-Use of St. George's Church. Peter Gammage explained that one of the reasons for setting up the Projects Committee was that we had now reached the Feasibility Study stage and this would require a considerable amount of work on behalf of the committee members to organise. The form and pattern of the study was being developed by an organisation known as the Neighbourhood Initiatives Foundation. The cost of the study is currently the subject of applications for grant assistance from the Rural Development Area, Community Development Fund, the Mid Suffolk District Council and the Foundation themselves. If and when completed, the study will provide a sound basis for further grant applications and lend credence to the project continuing. As we stand at present, the Feasibility Study should not involve the Parish in any expenditure of money, only time!

A Thwaite Community Projects Committee was then proposed on the basis of the following members, whose names would be lodged with the Parish Council Clerk:

John Denny  
 David Briggs  
 Peter Gammage

Parish Councillors - voting members

William Baker  
 Joanne Collins  
 Bernard Cook  
 Anne Gammage  
 Christine Maisey  
 Julie Norman  
 Gary Palmer  
 Gloria Smith

Parishioners of whom two may be voting members

The inaugural meeting of this committee to be arranged at a later date.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

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*[Signature]*  
 14/03/01

**MINUTES OF THE  
THWAITE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2001  
OLD SCHOOL ROOM, THWAITE**

**Present:** Councillors Denny (Chairman), Gammage, Briggs and Passmore. Members of the Public: B. Baker, J. Collins, B. Merrycharles, A. Gammage.

**01/01 Apologies for Absence**

Received from Mr & Mrs. T. Passmore, Mrs I. Passmore.

**02/01 Election of Chairman**

Mr. J. Denny proposed and Mr. D. Briggs seconded the nomination of Mr. P. Gammage to take up the position of Chairman. This was unanimously agreed by the meeting. Mr. Gammage accepted.

**03/01 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr Denny and seconded by Cllr Briggs that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of the business conducted.

**04/01 Matters Arising**

a. It was mentioned that a sign for Church Lane be looked into, as there were many cars that were speeding down the Lane and could be a danger to anybody walking in the Lane. This should be made a priority to the next Stoke Ash and Thwaite Parish Council Meeting. The Parish Clerk was writing to the Highways Department at MSDC and would advise the outcome.

**05/01 Village Reports**

Reports were read from The Friends of Stoke Ash School, The Newsletter, Thwaite Community Projects Committee and The Millennium Group. Copies are held on file for viewing.

**06/01 Any Other Business**

a. Thwaite Settlement Boundaries – Councillor Briggs asked about the situation regards the meadow in Church Lane and if it was to remain outside of the Thwaite Settlement Boundary. Mr. Passmore was asked for advise with regards to this matter. He advised the meeting that it was unlikely that the settlement boundaries would be changing in the foreseeable future. A review of the local plan had begun at MSDC and was due to finish around 2004. The review would ask the Parish concerned for its views on changes, if any, when the matter was being looked at. It was decided by the meeting that no action be taken until MSDC approached the Parish Council for its opinion.

- b. Old Playing Area, Church Lane – Mr. Baker offered to the meeting that he was willing to clear up the old playing area site, at cost, breaking down the concrete and making it look a little more presentable and also safer for the community. Mr. Denny advised the meeting that a member of the public had approached him, asking if the area was available to rent and also to tidy up. Mr. Passmore suggested that MSDC be approached to ask their views on a change of use and if it would be possible for the area to be hired. The Parish Clerk was asked to contact MSDC in this regard and advise Mr. Denny.
- c. Thwaite Vice Chairman – Mrs. Gammage asked the meeting if there was a requirement for a Vice Chairman for Thwaite Parish Meeting. It was decided by the meeting that at this stage it was not a necessity.
- d. Work by Water Board (Tomlinsons) on Wickham Road – Mrs. Merrycharles asked the meeting if work had been completed by Tomlinsons on behalf of the Water Board, as it seemed that Wickham Road had many cracks left in it. Mrs Merrycharles was asked to contact Tomlinsons if she felt that the work was not up to standard.
- e. Ditch around Church, Church Lane – Mrs. Collins asked the meeting why the ditch was giving off an unpleasant smell. It was felt by the meeting that a property's cesspit in Church Lane was not working properly and was discharging waste into the ditch. Councillor Briggs offered, when the weather was a little less wet, to clear up the ditch and join to the other ditch surrounding the church to allow the ditches to run. This may clear up the problem or show what is causing the problem.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

*P. Gammage*  
14<sup>th</sup> March 2002

**MINUTES OF THE  
THWAITE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2002  
THE BUCKS HEAD, THWAITE**

**Present:** Councillors Gammage (Chairman), Denny, Briggs and Passmore.

**In Attendance:** 12 Members of the Public.

**Note:** Prior to the commencement of the meetin, the Chairman had confirmed with Mr. I. Rickard, Head of Corporate Support, MSDC, that there being no other suitable venue available within the Parish, it would be in order on this occasion to hold the Annual Parish Meeting in a private room within the Bucks Head Public House in Thwaite.

**01/02 Apologies for Absence**

Received from Mrs. T. Passmore.

**02/02 Election of Chairman**

Mr. D. Briggs proposed and Mr. G. Palmer seconded the nomination of Mr. P. Gammage to take up the position of Chairman. This was unanimously agreed by the meeting. Mr. Gammage accepted.

**03/02 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr Denny and seconded by Cllr Briggs that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of the business conducted.

**04/02 Matters Arising**

a. Signage for Church Lane had been addressed by the Council and double bend signs had been erected by Suffolk County Council. It was proposed that this be watched to see if it improved traffic matters in Church Lane, and if not, the Parish Council would look into alternative options available.

b. Thwaite Play Area was now being rented by a parishioner although it had not been changed in any way. If was to be changed, then a change of use application was to be made to MSDC Planning Department. It was suggested by members of the public, that the play area be cleared and cleaned, this would be addressed by Councillors during the coming year.

c. The ditch around the Church in Church Lane had not been cleared, however, Councillor Briggs and Mr. Pulham offered to clear the ditches during the coming month. This was noted by the meeting and thanks was given to them for the offer.

**05/02 Village Reports**

Reports were read from The Friends of Stoke Ash School, The Newsletter, Thwaite Community Projects Committee and The Millennium Group. Copies are held on file for viewing.

**06/02 (Unaudited Financial Report)**

The Parish Clerk gave financial reports on all three accounts held by Thwaite Projects. The Summary of these accounts are as follows:

Community Account	£50.73
Hi Interest Account	£27,541.21
Hi Interest Floating Account	£36.98

The meeting had no further comments on these figures and reports.

**07/02 Any Other Business**

- a. Speed Limit at Stoke Ash School & A140 – Councillor Briggs asked about the situation regards the speed limit on the A140 by Stoke Ash school. The meeting discussed this and it was decided that the Chairman raise this at the next meeting of Stoke Ash and Thwaite Parish Council, however, he did point out to the meeting that Suffolk County Council were addressing this issue, but would report back to the meeting.
- b. Councillor Passmore wished to pass his thanks on to all members of the Parish who had voluntarily given time to the Village during the last year and the hard work that had been done to achieve the improvements to date.
- c. Rumble Strips on Wickham Road – The meeting was asked if it would be possible for some form of slowing device to be put through the Village on Wickham Road to stop speeding traffic. It was decided by the meeting that this be looked into through MSDC and the Parish Clerk would report back to the meeting.
- d. Parish Land, Church Lane – Councillor Briggs raised his concerns with regard to the Parish Land in Church Lane being used by "travellers" to live on. After lengthy discussions by the meeting, Mr. Pulham offered to erect a fence free of charge if the materials were purchased by the Parish Council. The Chairman offered to obtain quotes for materials and to purchase the best quote. It was unanimously agreed by the meeting that this fence and gate be erected as soon as possible.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.52pm.

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Erection of fence/gate  
into Parish Land.

*P. Gammage*  
14/03/03

**MINUTES OF THE  
THWAITE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2003  
THE OLD SCHOOLROOM, THWAITE**

**Present:** Councillors Gammage (Chairman), Denny, Briggs and Passmore.

**In Attendance:** 3 Members of the Public.

**01/03 Apologies for Absence**

None received.

**02/03 Election of Chairman**

Mr. D. Briggs proposed and Mr. I. Passmore seconded the nomination of Mr. P. Gammage to take up the position of Chairman. This was unanimously agreed by the meeting. Mr. Gammage accepted.

**03/03 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr Briggs and seconded by Mr. R. Allum that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of the business conducted.

**04/03 Matters Arising**

- a. The ditch around the Church in Church Lane had not been cleared, however, the Parish Clerk had been in contact with the Environment Agency who had visited the area, but the visit was following a deluge of rain and nothing could be deduced at the time. The Parish Clerk was asked to contact the Agency again and ask them to visit as soon as possible to ascertain where the smell and sewage was coming from.

**05/03 Village Reports**

Reports were read from The Friends of Stoke Ash School, The Newsletter, Thwaite Community Projects Committee and The Millennium Group. Copies are held on file for viewing.

**06/03 Old Schoolroom – Plans and Extension**

The Chairman gave the background to why the schoolroom was in need of extending and showed the meeting plans that had been drawn up by an architect for extension to the schoolroom, to provide kitchen and toilet facilities. He also advised the meeting that he had been in contact with the Conservation Officer who had not raised any objections. After discussion, it was decided by the meeting that the plans be taken further and for the matter to be taken to the next stage.

**07/03 Future Status of Thwaite Projects Committee**

The Chairman advised the meeting that he felt it was time for the Projects Committee to become a separate body from the Parish Council, due to the amount of activity that was now being created. He suggested that it become a charity in its own right and asked the meeting for its comments in this regard. Following discussion, it was decided that the Chairman ask the Parish Council to dissolve the Projects Committee and let it become a separate body. This was proposed by the Chair and agreed unanimously.

**08/03 (Unaudited Financial Report)**

The Parish Clerk gave full financial reports from 01/04/02 to date on all three accounts held by Thwaite Projects, as well as providing detailed information on the capital and earmarked reserve. The Summary of these accounts are as follows:

Community Account	£4,074.50
Hi Interest Account	£20,821.40
Hi Interest Floating Account	£37.11

The meeting had no further comments on these figures and reports. It was proposed by Councillor Briggs and Councillor Passmore that these transactions were accurate as far could be seen without audited accounts.

**09/03 Any Other Business**

- a. Wickham Road, Thwaite – The meeting was asked if it would be possible for a weight restriction to be placed on the Road due to the large amount of lorries now using it. Traffic had eroded the edges of the Road to a huge extent and something needed to be done about this. The Chairman advised the meeting that he would raise this with the Highways Department at the next meeting of the Parish Council when the Department would be attending.
- b. Councillor Passmore raised the issue of the lack of police presence on the A140 in order to curb speeding traffic. The Chairman advised Councillor Passmore that this should be raised at the next Parish Council meeting when the local rural police officer was hoping to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

*f. Gammage*  
11/03/04

## THWAITE PARISH MEETING

Following on from a meeting of the Stoke Ash and Thwaite Parish Council held in the Old School Room, Thwaite on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2003, a meeting of the Thwaite Parish Councillors was called to approve certain financial matters.

**Present:** Anthea Heighes, Roger Allum and Peter Gammage (Chairman)

**Apologies:** Received from David Briggs.

### First Registration of Parish Land:

The Chairman referred to the approved expenditure clause contained in the Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2000 and now sought approval for incurring expenditure from parish funds in engaging Solicitors in Eye to assist the application for First Registration by the Parish Meeting of land forming the Parish Field & Allotments and the area of green adjacent to the Old School Room. An estimate of likely costs had been received from Messrs. Stephen Webb & Co., the same Solicitors who had previously secured First Registration of the Old School Room for the Thwaite Parish Meeting. These had been given in a letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> September as between £300 and £600 + VAT and any disbursements such as Searches, Land Registry charges, etc.

Councillors present unanimously agreed to accept this estimate and approved the engagement of Stephen Webb & Co as Solicitors to act for the Parish in this matter.

The Chairman advised the meeting that he had had to release a cheque, drawn on the 'Projects' account, amounting to £55.00 in favour of Suffolk County Council, a standard charge made by them as a result of our Solicitors' request for the County Highways to confirm the exact extent of their ownership of highway land along the frontage of the green area adjoining the Old School Room. He had endeavoured to have this waived as one local authority to another by contacting Helen Whitworth, the local County Councillor but she had been unable to assist.

### Allotment Rents:

The current charge of £1.00/0.25acre, having been in force for many years without change, was considered extremely low. After discussion, it was resolved to base rental charges for land forming the Parish Field and Allotments on a rate of £14.00/acre, in direct proportion to the area under rent. Even at this level, allotment rents would be a very minor income for the parish but would continue to ensure security of ownership of the Parish Field and Allotments by the Parish of Thwaite.

### Request to Purchase Land

The Chairman explained the current situation with Mr. and Mrs. Terry Mudd of The Thatched Cottage in Wickham Road. Mr. & Mrs. Mudd had approached the Chairman to enquire if they could purchase that area of parish land at the rear of their property currently rented by Peter Ward, their neighbour. Details of the assistance the Chairman had sought from the Solicitors in handling this request were discussed. The general feeling was that should the parish sell any part of the land in their control, it would open the flood gates for much of the Parish Field to be sold off.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.16pm.

*P. Gammage*  
11/03/04

## MINUTES OF THE THWAITE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2004 THE OLD SCHOOLROOM, THWAITE

**Present:** Councillors Gammage (Chairman), Heighes, Allum, and Briggs.

**In Attendance:** 6 Members of the Public. PC Laves

### 01/04 **Apologies for Absence**

Received from Councillor Tillbury, Mrs Gammage and Mr & Mrs Passmore.

### 02/04 **Election of Chairman**

Councillor Heighes proposed and Councillor Allum seconded the nomination of Mr. P. Gammage to continue in his capacity of Parish Chairman. This was unanimously agreed by the meeting. Mr. Gammage accepted.

### 03/04 **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr Allum and seconded by Councillor Heighes that the minutes of the last meeting and extraordinary meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of the business conducted.

### 04/04 **Matters Arising**

a. Wickham Road. The Chairman advised the meeting that there was still concern with regard to traffic using Wickham Road. There was still a lot of traffic on the road and an increased amount of heavy goods vehicles using it.

### 05/04 **Village Reports**

Reports were read from The Chairman, The Newsletter, Thwaite Community Projects Group and The Millennium Group. Copies are held on file for viewing. Unfortunately a report from the Minor Authorities School Governor had not been received by the Parish Clerk.

### 06/04 **(Unaudited Financial Report)**

The Parish Clerk gave full financial reports from 01/04/03 to date on all three accounts held by Thwaite Projects. The Summary of these accounts are as follows:

Community Account	£350.22
Hi Interest Account	£24,994.50
Hi Interest Floating Account	£37.31

The meeting had no further comments on these figures and reports.

Councillor Allum raised the matter of how much interest was being paid on these accounts. The Parish Clerk advised the meeting that the accounts had to be special community accounts as they belonged to the Parish Council. "Normal" bank accounts could not be used. However, the Parish Clerk would look into this matter again and see if a better interest rate could be achieved.

07/04

**Any Other Business**

- a. PC Eaves, Community Police Officer – A report was read by PC Eaves giving details of police activity in the local area for the past year. The report is held on file for viewing.
- b. Play Area, Church Lane, Thwaite. It was brought to the attention of the meeting that the play area had become an eye sore and was becoming a danger due to covered concrete and dilapidated fencing. After some discussion by the meeting, Mr Pullum kindly offered to remove the concrete area, level the area, tidy the hedge and erect fencing purchased by the Parish Council. The Chairman thanked Mr Pullum for his generous offer and accepted on behalf of the meeting. This was proposed by Councillor Allum and seconded by Mrs. Lawrence.
- c. Parish Land. As fencing was to be erected on the play area, the entrance to Parish Land by Stone Cottage, Wickham Road was discussed. It was decided that the ditch that had previously dug be filled in and a gate erected again kindly by Mr Pullum.
- d. Over-hanging trees, A140. The Chairman advised the meeting that it was still difficult to see approaching traffic on the A140 due to overhanging trees. The Parish Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Department for the situation to be rectified. Mr. Pullum advised the meeting that he would arrange for the hedges to be trimmed very early in the morning with the consent of local police. The Chairman thanked him for the offer and accepted.
- e. Ditch, Church Lane. The ditch around the Church in Church Lane still contained sewage from two properties that had been identified as leaking into the ditch by the Environment Agency who had visited the area. The Chairman said that he would contact the National Rivers Authority the Environment Agency and Environmental Health Department at Mid Suffolk District Council for action to be taken, as he felt that the situation had been continuing for some years and needed to be rectified as soon as possible.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.13pm.

*J. C. [Signature]*  
10th March 2005

**MINUTES OF  
THWAITE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2005  
THE OLD SCHOOLROOM, THWAITE**

**Present:** Councillors Gammage (Chairman), Heighes, Allum, and Briggs.

**In Attendance:** 3 Members of the Public. PC Eaves

**01/05 Apologies for Absence**

Received from Councillor Tillbury, Mr Pulham, Mr Charles

**02/05 Election of Chairman**

Councillor Briggs proposed and Councillor Allum seconded the nomination of Mr. P. Gammage to continue in his capacity of Parish Chairman. This was unanimously agreed by the meeting. Mr. Gammage accepted.

**03/05 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr Briggs and seconded by Councillor Allum that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of the business conducted. Matters requiring attention from these Minutes were dealt with following last years meeting.

**04/05 Matters Arising**

- a. Speeding on Wickham Road. The Chairman advised the meeting that there was still concern with regard to traffic speed along Wickham Road. He asked the Community Police Officer if it would be possible to have an occasional Police presence, especially of a Police car, in Wickham Road as a deterrent.
- b. Play Area, Church Lane, Thwaite. Chairman thanked Mr Pullum for making a good job tidying up the play area. Mr Pullum agreed that it would be a good idea to put grass seed down. This was agreed.

**05/05 Village Reports**

Reports were read from The Chairman, Thwaite Community Projects Group, The Newsletter. Copies are held on file for viewing.

**06/05 (Unaudited Financial Report)**

The Parish Clerk gave full financial reports from 01/04/04 to date on all three accounts held by Thwaite Projects. The Summary of these accounts are as follows:

Community Account	£347.88
Hi Interest Account	£22,545.83

Hi Interest Floating Account Closed

The meeting had no further comments on these figures and reports. Councillor Allum again raised the matter of interest payable on the Hi Interest account, Councillor Heighes reminded the meeting that it was not possible to have a 'normal' account as they were special community accounts owned by the Parish Council. Chairman suggested that it might be possible to ask the MSDC for guidance to see if there might be a better option. The Parish Clerk agreed to look into this.

07/05

### Any Other Business

- a. PC Eaves, Community Police Officer – A report was read by PC Eaves giving details of police activity in the local area for the past year. The report is held on file for viewing.
- b. Fencing the Green – John Charles, through the Chairman, had asked if it would be possible to erect a post and chain fence on each road side of the green. Mr Pullum suggested that a low hedge rather than fencing would be a better solution, as you need to have good visibility from Church Lane, Mr Pullum said he would speak to someone at MSDC to see if he could obtain the hedging from them. The Chairman thanked Mr Pullum for his suggestion and accepted on behalf of the meeting.
- c. Wickham Road – Three properties, Church Holme, Ashberry Cottage and Lodge farm have encountered a problem with a large puddle forming in the road in front of the properties whenever it rains. Cllr. Heighes mentioned that it was the school bus stopping there that had caused the dip in the road outside her property. She was advised that the school bus would no longer be stopping there, as the pick up point was to be the car park at The Old School Room or the apron into Romany House
- d. Newsletter – Chairman expressed his concern over the future of the Stoke Ash & Thwaite newsletter. He felt it would be necessary to seek more advertisers. Mrs Gammage suspects that the newsletter will run into the red by as much as £100-£150 in the current year if costs are not reduced or income increased. There are, however, a number of adverts for which payment is outstanding as at today and settlement of these accounts could alter the situation in our favour.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9 pm

*P. Gammage*  
07.04.06.

## ANNUAL THWAITE PARISH MEETING

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2006 IN THE OLD SCHOOL ROOM, THWAITE

- Present:** Chairman, P. Gammage, Councillors R. Allum, D. Briggs, A. Heighes and 4 parishioners.  
Councillor Heighes undertook to take the Minutes.
- 01/06 Apologies for Absence**  
None received.
- 02/06 Election of Chairman for 2006/7**  
Councillor Allum proposed that Councillor Gammage continue as Chairman for the forthcoming year, this was unanimously agreed by all present.
- 03/06 Minutes of the last Meeting**  
The Minutes of the last meeting, held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2005 were unanimously approved.
- 04/06 Matters Arising**  
The old play area had still not been seeded, neither had the suggestions of 2 parishioners to either fence or hedge the perimeter of the green been progressed. However, the Chairman advised that since the last meeting discussions with the Church Commissioners were now well advanced and the possibility was that the green would be incorporated into the handover of the Church then it would be pointless at this stage to do anything until we were in a position to effect registration of the green as parish property.  
Councillor Allum had raised the point about meagre interest on the bank accounts. Because we are tied to the types of account we can have we were getting the best rate on offer at the present time.  
Dip/holes in road – most of these had recently been repaired, unfortunately the one reported outside Councillor Allum's had not, the gully had been cleared to allow water to drain away but the dip remained. Councillor Briggs mentioned the first corner in Church Lane, which is effectively a passing area, this is so badly rutted that it was felt Mid Suffolk D C



should be contacted and asked to take action to remedy the problem.

Speeding in Wickham Road – on one or two occasions the police had been by the Old School Room with their speed detecting equipment.

Newsletter – this will be reported on later.

05/06

**Reports**

- a. Chairman's Report – Held on file. B. Cook commented on the Fuel Syndicate, he felt that the current delivery schedule during the winter was not sufficient for members needs, they required more frequent deliveries. This would be discussed with B. Message, the co-ordinator.
- b. P.C. Eaves, Community Police Officer arrived and he was invited to present his report – this is held on file. He did say that as this is now his fourth year as Community Officer he is now being accepted as part of the community and it is paying dividends in the solving of crimes. Suffolk remains the safest county in the UK and Thwaite had 5 reported crimes in 2005.
- c. Projects Group – Report held on file. The most important item within this report relates to finances and it's conversion to a registered charity which will become more specific within these minutes. The TCPG bank account has a balance of £3,621.02

06/06

Newsletter–Report held on File. Briefly, the Newsletter is living on savings, without additional revenue it could fold, it's size has been reduced to save costs, which have increased dramatically. It could merge with other villages but this would make it much less personal to us, it could reduce the number of issues. It desperately needs more advertisers/sponsors to be able to continue in its present format.

07/06

**Financial Matters**

The Thwaite account held within Stoke Ash & Thwaite Parish Council funds has a balance of £23,402.31. Two years ago SA & T Parish Council set up two building funds, Thwaite currently have £1,500 waiting to be transferred into the Thwaite only account, a further £98.00 would take the balance to just over £25,000.00 which would enable us to obtain a better interest rate.

08/06

**Movement of Parish Funds**

Since the Projects Group converted to a registered charity, Mid Suffolk D C are now quite happy for Parish funds to be held by this organization as opposed to the Parish Council. Any new account would require the same

safeguards as those that previously applied vis. any withdrawal of no more than £250.00 up to four times in any year. Any higher amount would require the consent of a full and open Parish Meeting. Surplus funds from any of the Parish organizations could be deposited within this account. It would enable us to apply for match funding for future projects. As the redundancy process for St George was now commenced, we are hopeful that the building will be gifted to the people of Thwaite. We will then need funds to start the repair and refurbishment process to convert the building for community use.

The motion put to the Meeting was 'Parish funds held on behalf of Thwaite by Stoke Ash & Thwaite Parish Council be transferred to a new account in the name of Thwaite Community Projects Group, subject to the same terms and conditions as exist at present'. Councillor Allum proposed, was seconded by B. Cook and unanimously approved by all present.

09/06

**Meeting opened to members of public**

Councillor Briggs mentioned the amount of water in the ditch in Church Lane, he had been told by SCC workmen who had done the recent road repairs that they had organized the jetting of the pipe that ran in front of the Church along to an outlet pipe at The Grange, he undertook to investigate.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

*P. Crumley  
24 April 2007*

## THWAITE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2007 IN THE OLD SCHOOL ROOM, THWAITE

- Present:** Councillors Gammage (Chairman), Allum, Briggs & Heighes and 9 parishioners.
- 01/07 Apologies for Absence**  
J Douglas (sickness) and T Passmore.  
Councillor Heighes undertook to take the Minutes.
- 02/07 Election of Chairman for 2007/8**  
Councillor Briggs proposed that Councillor Heighes be elected as Chairman and was seconded by Councillor Gammage, this was unanimously approved by all present.  
The Meeting agreed that the previous Chairman would continue with the Meeting and deliver the reports.
- 03/07 Minutes of the last Meeting**  
Councillor Gammage read out the Minutes of the last Meeting, held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2006, as there were no copies for circulation. These were approved.
- 04/07 Matters Arising**  
The old play area remains unseeded, the Chairman suggested that we continue to leave until the Church passes to the Parish as we will require an area for car parking. Likewise, any fencing or hedge for the Green should be held off until ownership passes to the village. This was agreed.  
Councillor Allum reported that drainage adjacent to his property had been improved but the large dip remained.  
Fuel Syndicate – it was still felt that deliveries every four months, particularly in winter months was inadequate, B Message to investigate whether a delivery in November and then February would be possible.  
Community Police Officer – Jon Eaves, having spent 5 years on our 'beat' was now moving on, we now have a Community Support Officer based in Stowmarket.  
Ditch around the Church – water level was still high on corner of Church Lane. This had been jetted and cleared at The Grange. As and when the Church and surrounding land were handed over then A Pulham undertook to dig out and attempt to clear.
- 05/07 Reports**
- Chairman's Report – held on file.
  - Thwaite Community Projects Group – report held on file. Concerned mainly with progress on church redundancy which was due to take effect on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2007 and conveyed to the Parish as a gift with

legal costs to be borne by Parish. The Green would be passed to the Parish and most of the Church yard, except for the parcel of land to the back of the Green which would be retained for future burials.

The Church and land will be conveyed to the Trustees of Thwaite Parish Meeting, usually the Chairman and an officer appointed by Mid Suffolk District Council, the day to day running to be undertaken by the Projects Group.

B Message and P Gammage had renewed the guttering brackets and P Ward had painted the window covers on the Old School Room. B Cook continues to cut the grass. Thanks to all concerned.

#### 06/07 Newsletter

Report held on file. The Newsletter is now in better financial state and is back 'in the black'. L Coe has taken on the advertising and brought new advertisers in. Gipping Press now do the printing and this is on a fixed price basis. It should break even this year. M Parnell asked if charging had ever been considered, A Gammage commented that with the Newsletters that were posted some recipients did provide batches of stamps and some people did occasionally give donations.

Stoke Ash & Thwaite Parish Council were applying for Quality Status and a proviso of this being granted meant there had to be a village newsletter, therefore there was no reason that at some stage in the future, should this become financially unviable, that funds could not be raised via the Parish Precept.

#### 07/07 Financial Report

A capital account had been set up during the year and the funds held within Stoke Ash & Thwaite Parish Council had been transferred, a further £1,500.00 had been deposited from the Building Fund, the total held at 30<sup>th</sup> March 2007 including accrued interest was £25,511.25. Since August 2006 the interest had increased to 2.75%. The Current Account has a balance of £3,815.67 and C Cook retains £25.67 as petty cash. The Projects Group has also received a grant of £400.00 from Suffolk C C via Councillor Jeremy Clover towards a village sign.

#### 08/07 Open Meeting

B Cook asked about the gifting of the Church and the appointment of solicitors. Councillor Gammage said that Suffolk Acre recommended D Turner of Birketts in Ipswich. The Church Commissioners also use Birketts, but a different solicitor, he had been assured that there would not be a conflict of interest if we went ahead with Birketts. Councillor Gammage had requested some idea of costings from Birketts and been given a figure of approx. £1,000.00. B Cook had also researched this and been quoted a similar figure. This figure would include pre-completion searches, drains/water searches, an environmental report, Common Registration and Land Registry fees – a value would need to be supplied for this to be effected. It was unanimously agreed that Birketts should be engaged.

As the Chairmanship of the Parish Meeting had now been passed to Councillor Heighes, Councillor Gammage suggested that he continue with the negotiations regarding the church to maintain continuity, this was approved by all present.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.00pm.

*Heighes* 24/4/2008

# THWAITE

The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will this year be held

on

THURSDAY 12th APRIL, 2007

in

THE OLD SCHOOL ROOM, THWAITE

Commencing at 8.00pm

## AGENDA

1. To receive Apologies for Absence
2. To elect the Chairman for 2007/08
3. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2006
4. To consider Matters Arising from the Minutes
5. To receive the Chairman's Report, together with a reports on the activities of the Thwaite Community Projects Group, including progress with St. George's Church
6. To receive reports from any other parish organisation
7. To receive the (unaudited) Parish Accounts and Financial Report
8. Open Meeting (where members of the public are invited to speak)

## Thwaite Annual Parish Meeting, 12<sup>th</sup>. April, 2007.

### Chairman's Report

There is little of any substance to report for the past twelve months. Activity within the parish has been quiet on all fronts and most of those items of new development that effect the parish will be dealt with in the report from the Projects Group. There are a few matters of interest, however, arising from Parish Council meetings throughout the year.

On Planning matters, your Parish Council strongly objected to the application for an abattoir and meat processing plant on a Greenfield site off the Eye road at Yaxley. All four Thwaite members were unanimous in condemning this proposal. It would appear that, on Appeal, the original site on the former Eye Airfield has been upheld as acceptable and so it is hoped the Greenfield site will be dropped. The wall surrounding Brookside on the A140 has now been lowered and painted a more sympathetic colour. Willow Hall Farm has received consent for the development of five homes.

Whilst efforts were made to resurrect plans to develop a central turning lane at the White Horse crossroads, finance prevented this from materialising and in the event, improved road markings, signage and an illuminated sign were the best the Highway Authority could manage. On the subject of the A140, the 40mph buffer zones either side of the 30mph limits at Stonham and Brockford have now gone and, in general, it is felt traffic flows more easily now without compromising safety.

The whole of Suffolk is in the process of carrying out a Hedgerow Survey. Thwaite have not yet commenced their survey but the Clerk would be very pleased to hear from anyone in the parish willing to take on this not so onerous task.

During the year, the start of a Parish Plan saw quite a reasonable response to a questionnaire. The Plan is now complete and published and it is hoped will form the basis of future development within the village. Each household will receive a copy. Our County Councillor, Mr. Jeremy Clover, allocated £400 from his locality budget towards the cost of producing the Parish Plan.

We continue to suffer from dog owners who consistently refuse to clear up after their dogs whilst exercising them in public places. Whilst this is now an offence, subject to a summary fine on conviction, this is hardly the route we should take and, in an attempt to assist owners, we are installing excrement bins in key positions around the village. You are paying for them so let us hope dog owners will use them!

Next month will see Local Elections which will include the four Councillors representing Thwaite. It appears unlikely we shall have an election in this Parish yet again as only four candidates to my knowledge have been nominated. During this past year we were presented with legal documents from Mid Suffolk District Council reducing our Councillor numbers from 4 to 2. On review, MSDC have withdrawn this action and we are back to a representation on the Parish Council of four.

In the last few weeks we learn that the Suffolk Police Direct Service which alerted parishes to local crime potential has been withdrawn for financial and contract reasons. This service replaced Comnet, which we used extensively and it is a great shame that it has now ceased.

## THWAITE COMMUNITY PROJECTS GROUP

REPORT TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, THWAITE, 12<sup>TH</sup>. APRIL, 2007.

Not an overactive year due mainly to the time scale associated with the declaration of redundancy of St. George's church and the conveyance to the Parish. This is still ongoing but I suppose it is true to say that some progress has been made with the actual declaration in sight.

The Pastoral Measure 1983 announcing the scheme affecting Thwaite St. George was published in September last year and on scrutinising the wording under the heading **Appropriation and Gift**, not only were we to receive as a gift the fabric of the redundant church building but, and I quote: "the land annexed or belonging thereto" which of course, meant the whole of the churchyard! We were obliged therefore to go back to the Church Commissioners and query this turn of events. In the end and after a fairly high powered site meeting, it was decided that in order to avoid the necessity to apply for a faculty from the Bishop every time we wanted to carry out any work beyond the outside walls of the church (and that could include putting up scaffolding or laying drains or maintaining boundary hedges, etc.), the 'gift' would include that portion of the churchyard where past burials were obvious by the existence of graves but a large portion of apparent 'open' ground to the north of the church would be retained by the Diocese for future burials and would become the responsibility of the new PCC of Stoke Ash with Thwaite.

The land now included in the transfer gift is to include the area of 'green' between the Old School Room and Church Lane!! All this change was quite foreign to us, although we were blamed for changing our minds but the inevitable delay ensued. The Scheme was subsequently advertised in local papers on the 13<sup>th</sup>. December, 2006. Further time was taken up by a request from the church Commissioners to survey and mark all the existing graves on a map. Bernie Cook and myself undertook this during October which, apart from some torn clothes and skin, gave us the location of some 74 graves!

One of the agenda items last year was to approve the movement of parish funds. This took place on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. June, last when the sum of £23,694.99 was transferred from the Parish Council (Thwaite only capital account) to a new capital account with Barclays Bank in the name of Thwaite Community Projects. In addition, a further £1,500 owing to the parish from the Parish Council (Thwaite) Building Fund was added on the 21<sup>st</sup>. July, last which raised the deposit to over £25,000 thereby providing, at that time, an interest rate of 2.5%. This increased to 2.75% gross in August, 2006.

During the year, Brian Message and myself renewed the gutter brackets and refurbished the guttering on the Old School Room to relieve the dampness on the walls caused by leaking gutters and Peter Ward kindly repainted the window covers which were in a bad state.

Beyond a number of residents volunteering their time and equipment to maintaining the grass on the Green and cutting the churchyard footpaths, little more activity has taken place, however, this year will see a call to parishioners for volunteers to re-decorate the Old School Room!

Thanks to all who have given their time throughout the past twelve months.

P.L.R.Gammage  
Chairman  
April, 2007.

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## The Stoke Ash and Thwaite Newsletter

Report to the Annual Parish Meetings, Thwaite – 12<sup>th</sup> April & Stoke Ash – 19<sup>th</sup>. April, 2007.

Looking through the Report for 2006, it made rather sombre reading culminating in the suggestion that the Newsletter would continue only until the reserves ran out! In the event, it has turned out somewhat better than that.

The two vital elements required to keep the publication viable materialised during the past year. Firstly, Lionel Coe agreed to take over the advertising side on a full time basis and so we thank Belinda Merry-Charles for the time and effort she put into this task which became ever more difficult as her family grew and demanded more of her time. Lionel rather took the advertising by the throat, brought new advertisers in and ensured payments are made on time. This stabilised our income. Cyber-Press, who for some five years had undertaken the production of the Newsletter became rather expensive given the level of income we could achieve. We therefore sought alternative Printers but by coincidence they came to us in the form of an approach by Gipping Press. We now know our monthly outgoings for production which, at the moment are more or less equal to our income, so balancing the books, at last. It must be said that we still sail very close to the wind and as yet have been unable to replace that money previously used from the reserve. However, we do appear to be on a more sound footing now.

Our suggestion last year to invite sponsorship from local businesses and individuals brought a nil response but for what it is worth we repeat it here:  
We invite support from individuals and local businesses to 'sponsor' the Newsletter and in return for their support they would be acknowledged and listed in each issue as sponsors. In this way they would be seen to be helping the community in which they live and work. There are many publications by small organisations that rely on sponsors to help pay for publication; local shows, equestrian events, etc., so why not your Newsletter! Sponsors may either remain anonymous or be acknowledged, the choice is theirs. Please think about it. We may have clawed our way back from the brink this time but if you value the Newsletter at all, a feeling of greater financial security would certainly encourage those who produce it!

The Editorial Team  
April, 2007.

Account Transactions  
Thwaite Community Projects Group Capital

Num	Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Running Balance
Opening Balance					0.00
Month Ending 30/06/2006					
	22/06/2006	Tracker	Manual	23,635.98	23,635.98
	22/06/2006	Transfer from Stke & Thw	Deposit	59.01	23,694.99
Total Month Ending 30/06/2006				23,694.99	
Month Ending 31/07/2006					
	11/07/2006	Transfer from Stke & Thw	Deposit	22.02	23,717.01
Total Month Ending 31/07/2006				22.02	
Month Ending 31/08/2006					
	01/08/2006	Transfer Building Fund	Deposit	1,500.00	25,217.01
	04/08/2006	Interest Gross	Deposit	116.21	25,333.22
Total Month Ending 31/08/2006				1,616.21	
Month Ending 31/12/2006					
	04/12/2006	Interest Gross	Deposit	178.03	25,511.25
Total Month Ending 31/12/2006				178.03	
Grand Total				25,511.25	25,511.25

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Account Transactions  
Thwaite Community Projects Group Petty Cash

Num	Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Running Balance
Opening Balance					25.67
Grand Total				0.00	25.67

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Account Transactions  
Thwaite Community Projects Group

Num	Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Running Balance
Opening Balance					3,675.36
Month Ending 31/05/2006					
100019	25/05/2006	Suffolk Acre	O S R Insurance	-236.33	3,439.03
Total Month Ending 31/05/2006				-236.33	
Month Ending 30/06/2006					
100020	24/06/2006	Powergen	Bills : Electricity	-64.18	3,374.85
	29/06/2006	Quiz Night 28/06/06	Miscellaneous : Cash	14.00	3,388.85
Total Month Ending 30/06/2006				-50.18	
Month Ending 30/09/2006					
100021	12/09/2006	Powergen	Bills : Electricity	-37.81	3,351.04
100022	12/09/2006	Essex & Suffolk Water	Bill : Water	-13.20	3,337.84
100023	25/09/2006	Peter Gammage	Expenses for the Old School Room	-44.55	3,293.29
Total Month Ending 30/09/2006				-95.56	
Month Ending 31/10/2006					
	09/10/2006	Suffolk County Council	Grant for the Village Sign	400.00	3,693.29
100024	13/10/2006	Peter Gammage	Expenses for the Old School Room	-36.80	3,656.49
Total Month Ending 31/10/2006				363.20	
Month Ending 30/11/2006					
100025	27/11/2006	Peter Gammage	Expenses for the Old School Room	-11.49	3,645.00
	29/11/2006	Christmas Bazaar		329.99	3,974.99
100026	29/11/2006	Powergen	Bills : Electricity	-73.71	3,901.28
Total Month Ending 30/11/2006				244.79	
Month Ending 31/01/2007					
	08/01/2007	Quiz Night 22/12/06	Miscellaneous : Cash	15.00	3,916.28
Total Month Ending 31/01/2007				15.00	
Month Ending 31/03/2007					
100027	21/03/2007	Essex & Suffolk Water	Bills : Water	-14.39	3,901.89
100028	27/03/2007	Powergen	Bills : Electricity	-86.22	3,815.67
Total Month Ending 31/03/2007				-100.61	
Grand Total				140.31	3,815.67

Bank Statement 31<sup>st</sup> Jan - 30<sup>th</sup> March 2007

## THWAITE COMMUNITY PROJECTS GROUP

### REPORT TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, THWAITE, 7<sup>TH</sup>. APRIL, 2006.

Another year of activity but still plenty arriving on the horizon! Our Treasurer will be presenting the accounts for the past year and the final balance and I have something to say about item 8 on your agenda, the proposed movement of Parish Funds, a little later in this report.

We have enjoyed several 'Quiz Nights' with quite good attendance. George Parnell has acted as our Question Master on a number of evenings, thanks to George and to the active ladies of the Projects Group who organised the provision of refreshments. I think just a lot of fun was had by all. Thanks to the Thwaite Gardening Club, August saw our second annual Flower Show which once again proved a huge success. Good entries, high standards and a healthy competitive atmosphere were complimented by Cream Teas and homemade cakes during the afternoon, this followed by a welcome hot meal which opened up the opportunity for socialising throughout the evening. Whilst we did not organise a Summer Festival this year, we did have a most enjoyable Christmas Bazaar arranged by a number of ladies from the parish. The Old School Room looked extremely festive and, as always, funds were raised from the event. Other events include the monthly Bingo and Village Lottery, both of which are well supported and contribute both socially and financially to our village life. It would be wrong to be specific about those involved in our various events but we all know who they are and grateful thanks go to them all.

On the subject of finances. You will see an item included on the agenda 'To Approve the Movement of Parish Funds'. I think this requires a little explanation. At present the monies belonging to our parish are held in a secure account in the name of the Stoke Ash & Thwaite Parish Council. This was arranged a few years ago in order to permit the use of some of the capital for the refurbishment of the Old School Room. It has never been the ideal place to hold parish money – the Thwaite community were fearful of what might happen to it whilst in the hands of a joint Parish Council and the Stoke Ash members of the Council saw it as an added and unwelcome burden on such things as the Annual Audit costs. We are now in a position to accept the monies back again into the parish and hold them in a new Bank Account. Since the Projects Group converted to a registered charity, the District Council are now quite happy for Parish funds to be held by that organisation as opposed to the Parish Council. We still have the opportunity to use the capital (given certain conditions) and the fund so formed may be added to from monies raised by the various 'fund raising clubs' within Thwaite. So, when we arrive at item 8 of the agenda, I will explain the mechanics of how any transfer will take place and I hope you will be able to approve the proposal, once explained.

And why, you may ask, are we interested in consolidating this fund? Well, I am pleased to be able to report, at long last, that the redundancy process applying to our parish church of St. George has commenced and alongside that process will be the offer to 'gift' the building to the people of Thwaite, which all adds up to the need for funds in order to start repair and refurbishment leading to conversion of the church building for community use. There is much negotiating to do, especially for specifics such as access, internal artefacts of an historical nature which we would wish to retain, planning consent for change of use and all the various consents needed for work on a Listed Building; and we are going to have to pay an Architect and others for design work. So whilst we are on our way, there is a whole heap of work still to be done. At the end of the day, it will be the Trustees of the Thwaite Parish Meeting who will hold the deeds to the building but it will be the Thwaite Community Projects Group who will be responsible for the day to day running of the place.

P.L.R. Gammage  
Chairman  
April, 2006.

## Thwaite Annual Parish Meeting, 7<sup>th</sup>. April, 2006.

### Chairman's Report

The Parish has been relatively quiet over the past twelve months. The Periodic Electoral Review being undertaken by Mid Suffolk District Council is still grinding on, delayed by several years due to changes imposed by Central Government to the way in which the review is to be conducted. The process started in 2002 and, given freedom from further intervention from Government, is scheduled to be completed sometime during 2007. It is not expected to affect Thwaite in any radical way but there will be changes to Planning Law which may well have implications in the future.

This time last year saw the District Council suggesting some changes to the level of representation from both Stoke Ash and Thwaite on the joint parish Council. As was reported at the last Annual Parish Meeting, we sent a report to Mid Suffolk justifying the then current number of Councillors from each parish. No change to this situation has taken place or indeed been recommended and Thwaite still has four Councillors representing this parish whilst Stoke Ash remain with six!

Parish numbers have varied just a little over the year. It was with deep regret that Mrs. Diane Passmore of Willow Hall passed away recently. The funeral at Wetheringsett church was very well attended confirming the high respect this very talented lady commanded. Earlier in the year, two families within the village were blessed with new arrivals. Graham and Nicola Rodd in Church Lane had a daughter, Molly and Giles and Hazel Craig from Wickham Road also had a daughter, Theodora. All are well!

The Bucks Head has again seen a change of Landlord. Gary and Jane have left for pastures new with Darren and Lisa now well established and trying hard to return our local pub to the glory of years past!

The Thwaite Fuel Syndicate continues to function and grow in numbers now participating. With oil prices as high as they are and demand as keen as ever, it is now more difficult to achieve any outstanding cost savings but even so, there is still the opportunity to make a few pence per litre saving by being able to place a bulk order. The scheme offers three order dates, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April, August and December; if there are better timings or more frequent order dates (within reason) that parishioners would like to suggest, I am sure Brian Message who administers the scheme, would be willing to consider them.

Recently, Mid Suffolk has introduced the 'Twin-Bin' rubbish collection scheme with the introduction of 'wheelie bins' for both general household rubbish and re-cycleable items. It is still in the early days and we have not yet experienced any really hot weather during which household waste will remain in the black topped bins for a fortnight but so far it appears to be working well. Extraordinary just how much of our daily rubbish we are able to re-cycle. On the subject of rubbish, Suffolk recently organised a county wide 'Spring Clean' where parishes were asked to arrange rubbish collection within their village, especially verge side and public open space rubbish. Thwaite undertook the task on two mornings, advertised in the Newsletter and by posters throughout the village. Twenty black plastic bags of rubbish was collected from Wickham Road, Church Lane and Thorndon Road (we were advised not to collect on the A140). Thanks to the Denny family and Bernie Cook for helping, a few more helpers would have been most welcome.

Once again, as last year, you will notice I have ~~resigned~~ a new Parish Clerk sitting next to me. Welcome to Jo Douglas, who very recently joined the Parish Council in the capacity of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, replacing Denise Goodall who resigned the position due to increased work load. Jo comes to us with good business and finance experience, so we look forward to a longer period of stability with our Parish Clerk!

I am happy to take any questions anyone may have to ask on this report.

P.L.R. Gammage  
Chairman, March, 2006.

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le Hospital  
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