

MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL WILLOUGHBY ON
27TH JANUARY 1977.

Present: Mr. K. Gealy – Chaiman
Mrs. Roach
Mrs. Hancock
Mr & Mrs F.W. Hancock
Mrs. Gealy
Mr. & Mrs Sabine
Mr. & Mrs. Walton
Mr & Mrs. Mitchell
Mrs. Payne
Mrs. Ivens
Mrs. Cuthbert
Mr. P. Sheaf
Mr Brownlow
Mr . Jones
Mr. Jarvis
Dr. Pygott
Mr. Midwood
Mr. Bussey
Mr. Pettifer
Mr. R.W. Harrison

Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Stuart who was to have represented the parochial church council and Mrs. Green.

The Chairman opened the meeting by asking the Clerk to read the letter from the Rugby Borough Council dated 17th September 1976, on the subject of the Silver Jubilee celebrations for 1977- and the National Circular No. 39 from the National Association of Local Councils dated 11th October.

The Chairman called for any ideas which either the local organisations or individuals may have had with regard to the form which the celebrations might take and the following ideas were put forward:

Mr. Midwood on behalf of the parochial church council advised that they would like to see a special service organised but in the absence of a vicar arrangements for this would have to be made sometime in advance. As Village Hall Secretary he advised that no meeting had been held since the invitation to the meeting had been received and therefore there was no official representation of that body.

On behalf of the Willoughby Society Mr. Brownlow advised that one idea had come from the floor of the meeting the previous day and this was that at the present time volunteer work was being carried out on the repairing and reconditioning of the Carillon in the church tower and it was envisaged that at some time in the future this project would require money. Mr. Gealy advised that a further alternative source of money could be from the Parish Council if this work was to be considered as part of maintenance of the church clock. Dr. Pygott added his weight to this proposal as a lasting memorial.

- Mr. Walton suggested that although there was a new gate for the churchyard, this could be made into a lych-gate;
- Mrs. Cuthbert proposed that as the new lay-by had been constructed on the A45 it would not be inappropriate to erect a bus shelter. The meeting was advised, however that money had been allocated in the Parish Council estimates for next year for this work.
- Mrs. Ivens representing the W.I. advised that the institute had suggested either seats or tree planting
- Mr. Mitchell on behalf of the Cricket Club advised that they would be willing to act as host for children's sports, special cricket matches or the like.
- In this connection, Mr. Green had sent word to the meeting that she would be prepared to organise the children of the village both from the school, the Sunday school, and some of the older children in maypole dancing.
- Mrs, Payne suggested that something could possibly be done to assist the village hall and for example an extension to the kitchen was suggested.
- Following this Mr Jones suggested that the inside of the hall could be given a more modern appearance by the use of wall cladding.
- Mr. Hancock suggested that perhaps a stone bridge could be erected outside the village hall in place of the present structure which did nothing to improve the look of the area.

it was proposed from the Chair that the nominated representatives from the organisations should form a nucleus of a committee, but this did not meet with complete accord. However, a committee was formed as follows:

Mr. F. Mitchell representing the Cricket Club

Mr. Walton

Mr. Jones

Mrs. Mitchell

Mrs. Cuthbert representing the Parish Council

Representatives from the Village Hall, The Women's Institute the Willoughby Society and the Parochial Church Council These latter 4 being appointed at

the next committee meetings of the various organisations.

The Committee would have powers to co-opt.

It was proposed that the date of the first meeting of the Committee would be Monday 14th February in the Village Hall at 8.00 p.m. and the meeting were advised that there would be no charges made for use of the village hall by this committee.

All arrangements for the Silver Jubilee celebrations were then left in the hands of the committee who were at liberty should they so desires to put forward any ideas to a further Parish meeting.