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PARISH MEETING HELD AT THE BRIDGE HALL 14TH FEBRUARY 1977  
AT 7.55 PM.

Mr S.J. Hayes, by virtue of his position as chairman of the Parish Council, took the chair and after welcoming those present invited suggestions for celebrating the Queen's Jubilee on Tuesday, 17th June. He mentioned that Witheridge would be willing to have us join with them if we wished.

Mr T. Gibson pointed out that Witheridge were to combine their celebrations with the opening of their new sports pavilion and suggested that we take this into consideration.

As a guide to those present Mrs Hayes then gave details of the catering purchases made for the Coronation festivities, records of which were still in her possession.

It was then proposed by Mr R. Gories and seconded by Mrs. Troake that we organise our own celebrations. This was carried nfm. con.

After a further brief discussion it was proposed by Mrs Troake and seconded by Mrs Hayes that we raise funds for the occasion by means of a parish collection.

Further discussion was then carried out on ~~an~~ informal lines and these suggestions were made for a programme of events:

a bonfire

a barbecue

Sports

a social evening

a buffet tea

The following decisions were taken:

1. Four collectors were appointed —

Messrs. E. Cole

G. Webber

T. Gibson

H. Beer

and were asked to keep a written record of the contributors and amounts. Mr. Gainsborough agreed to act as Treasurer.

2. We should start with a buffet tea at 5.30 and there should be a Fancy Dress competition for those aged 5 and under.

Rev. Gales agreed to conduct a short service before tea. Mrs Beer agreed to organise the buffet, with help from others. If ladies of the parish would cook and prepare food we would pay for the ingredients. Mrs Hayes offered to help as she had had previous experience of such an event but pointed out that she could not guarantee to be free on the day. Tea should be free to children up to 16 years old but only free to adults if sufficient money is collected.

3. Commemoration Souvenir Mugs — a sample of which were available — should be presented to the children. The collectors were asked to obtain, if possible, the names of the children likely to attend and the mugs labelled accordingly. Mrs Gainsborough agreed to present the mugs. It was estimated that there are about 40 children in the parish and the Treasurer was authorised to order 5 doz. mugs (cost about 40 p. each), any left over

to be auctioned.

4. After tea there should be a programme of sports. Mr Govies offered the use of a field and Mr R. Cole said he would ask Mr Cunningham, a ~~retired~~ schoolmaster, to act as sports organizer.
5. A social evening would then be held, with a barbecue. Mr. Govies offered to provide music by means of a record player and Mr S. Harris offered to arrange the barbecue.
6. A further meeting shall be held on Monday, 2nd May at 8 pm to discuss progress and deal with any matters arising.

The meeting closed at 9.15, 26 members being present.

S. J. O. Hayes Chairman  
2<sup>nd</sup> May. Date

PARISH MEETING AT THE BRIDGE PARISH HALL, 2ND MAY 1977

AT 8.5 P.M.

Chairman - Mr S. J. Hayes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer announced that £161.85 had been collected for the jubilee celebrations, and the names of 37 children had been obtained for the presentation of souvenir mugs, which had now been delivered by the suppliers.

A discussion then took place on the proposed tea and it was agreed that we cater for 180 people. Mrs H. Beer made suggestions for the tea and agreed to arrange for helpers; and subsequently all the ladies present formed a group and discussed among themselves details of the food to be obtained and who would prepare it.

It was then suggested + agreed that the fancy dress competition should be open to all children of school age and not only for the under 6's as previously agreed. Prizes would be £1, 75p and 50p, and Dr + Mrs Duffus would be asked to act as judges.

Mr Cunningham, as Sports Organizer, asked how long a programme would be required, and it was agreed that about 1 hour would be suitable. Mr + Mrs F. Reynolds offered to help. Mr Cunningham also said that he would prepare an alternative programme of indoor games and competitions in case of wet weather. There will be prizes for children, but not for

adults. £10 is to be allocated for prizes, mainly sweets, which Mr & Mrs Richard will choose from their shop stock, and they offered to increase the amount themselves by £2.50.

It was thought that 8.30 would be a suitable time for the barbecue, and Mr Harris would obtain sausages and ~~rolls~~ bread rolls. After discussion it was agreed that 2 1/2 lb of sausages be obtained.

The Social Evening is being organized by Mr Govier and an endeavour will be made to obtain a supply of beer and cider.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm, 32 being present.

S. J. D. Hayes Chairman  
18.7.77. DATE

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT MILLBARN COTTAGE, MONDAY 9TH MAY  
1944. AT 8 P.M.

Present: Messrs W.K. BOUNDY  
E.E. COLE  
H.R. COLE  
T.H. GIBSON  
L. GILLBARD  
S.J. HAYES  
G.J. WEBBER.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Clerk stated that by visiting the Bank he had been able to trace the reason for the unexplained payment referred to at the last meeting. This was a cheque that had been made payable to Mr Payne and not presented for seven months.

The Clerk was requested to write to the District Council regarding two danger points on local roads:

1. At the entrance to Westcott Farm, where there had been 6 accidents recently, fortunately without personal injury.
2. Near Mill Barton there is a deep gully at the side of the road. There is a danger of wheels dropping in if oncoming traffic is met.

Planning. 1. No action was required on the application for a bungalow at Westcott.

2. There was no objection to the proposed bungalow for Mr Smith at Shelbridge, providing that the entrance is not opposite, or nearly opposite, the Church.

3. Objection was made to the proposed caravan site at Nomansland, particular concern being expressed at the probable difficulties arising ~~from the~~ with the handling of horses at the Smiddy.

The Clerk was instructed to write accordingly about the last two items.

A cheque for \$4.75 to cover the clerk's petty cash expenses to date was approved and signed. It was then agreed that we take up Mr Batchelor's offer to obtain novelties as prizes for the Jubilee Social Evening. There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

A. J. O'Hagan. Chairman  
3<sup>rd</sup> May. Date.

PARISH MEETING AT THE BRIDGE PARISH HALL -  
18TH JULY, 1977 AT 8 PM.

Chairman: Mr S. J. HAYES.

After the minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted the Chairman explained that the main business of the meeting was to consider what to do with the money left over from the Jubilee celebrations, amounting to £48.08.

An informal discussion ensued, during which the following suggestions emerged:

1. The money should be given to the Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal Fund.
2. It should be put towards the cost of a mains water supply to the Parish Hall.
3. We should give £10 to the Queen's Appeal and the rest to the Parish Hall Committee.
4. We should give 50% to the Queen's Appeal and spend the rest on a Guy Fawkes night celebration for the children.

The Chairman stated that an estimate had once been obtained from the Water Authority for a mains supply and they had quoted a price of £37 for the connection and the first 3 metres of pipe, then £11 a metre, plus the cost of reinstating the road; and as the mains pipe was on the far side of the road it was



clear that with internal plumbing the bill would be in the region of £300.

After further discussion the suggestions were put to the vote and a large majority voted for the proposal that we give £10 to the Queen's Appeal and the rest to the Parish Hall.

There was also the question of half-a-dozen or so small gifts donated by Messrs Woolworth of Tiverton for use as prizes and not distributed, and it was agreed that they be kept for use on a future social occasion.

A further discussion then took place on the desirability of installing a water supply and flush toilets, which would make it more practical to hold functions in the hall. Some of those present thought it would be possible to find a shorter route for the main connection and it was left to these gentlemen and the Hall Committee to investigate the matter further.

On the suggestion of Mrs Hays it was agreed that we ~~shall~~ have a Harvest Supper on Tuesday, 25th October, and a further meeting is to be called later to discuss the details.

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Correspondence had been received concerning small changes in the bus services between Witheridge and Exeter, and an

application for an off-licence by the Nonamsland Stores. No comments were made on these matters.

The meeting then closed, 20 members being present.

----- Chairman  
----- Date

Aug. 17/18 . Tel. calls made to P. C. members re appointment of Mr. Givier as Thelbridge representative on Board of Managers of East Worlington Primary School.  
All agreed.

PARISH MEETING AT THE BRIDGE PARISH HALL  
9TH DECEMBER, 1977 AT 7.45 PM.

CHAIRMAN: MR S J Hayes

See note below

For information, Mr Hayes read the minutes of the last meeting of the Hall Committee, and then proceeded with a report of the progress made towards the installation of a water supply. The Water Board has quoted £220 for connection and 25 metres, and there would be approximately another 1/2 metres to be charged on the time taken; so that it is likely that we would be faced with a bill for about £400.

No figures had been obtained for the cost of installing toilets but it was thought that a District Council grant might be obtained towards the cost. However it had been ascertained that an application would have to be made in 1978 and any grant would not be paid until 1979.

It was also pointed out that a Council grant would only be made for a newly constructed toilet section and this would be much more expensive than converting the present toilets. At this point the question of drainage arose. It had been assumed that a septic tank would be constructed on an area of ground behind the hall, part of the plot (formerly the garden of a now demolished cottage) that had been given to the Parish for the erection of the hall. This plot had never been fenced.

However, Mr. Groves now claimed that this area of ground belonged to his farm and he would not allow a septic tank on it. In the course of a long discussion he stated that there were two existing deeds, one of which showed the disputed area as part of his land. Further, he had taken legal advice and was sure of his position.

In the end it was decided that Mr. R. Cole, on behalf of the Hall Committee, should investigate the matter and that further consideration would have to be postponed to a future meeting.

The clerk then showed a map of public footpaths and other public rights of way in the parish. This had been issued by the Devon County Council, which is reviewing the situation and asked to be notified of any errors, omissions, or other changes. No comments were made.

The last matter to be dealt with was a notice from the District Council of meetings to be held to discuss protests from some parishes over the effects of incoming differential rating.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm, 20 members being present.

Chairman

Date

**NOTE.** This meeting was called by Mr. Hayes primarily to discuss Parish Hall matters and minutes were taken by him as Secretary of the Hall Committee. The minutes written here are not required, & were taken because of a misunderstanding.