

THE LAST 100 YEARS

1894

Tuesday December 4th

The first PARISH MEETING under the PARISH COUNCILS ACT was held in the Day Schoolroom at 8 p.m.

The following PAROCHIAL ELECTORS were present:-

Canon Andrews, Messrs. Young, Hewitt, Canty, Bristow, Rickles, Maultby, Coulson, Jarvill, Bust, Smith, Hill, Whelpton, Milbourn, Bellamy, Tyerman, Mackinder, Bradford, Hewson, Littledyke, Wright, Gowshall, Robinson and Swaby.

Canon Andrews was appointed Chairman and was requested to summon a meeting to form a Parish Council.

December 20th

It was proposed "that the Parish Meeting consents to application being made to the County Council under Section 1 of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1894 for the formation of a PARISH COUNCIL within the said Parish."

1895

January 22nd

Voting took place to ELECT 5 COUNCILLORS. These were - Messrs W C Bristow, T Coulson, G Maultby, F Mundy and G Young.

February 13th

The FIRST MEETING was held of CLAXBY PARISH COUNCIL.

April 19th

The District Council was to be approached regarding a WATER SUPPLY since a large number of houses only had water from open wells.

1896

March 20th

CONSTABLES were appointed.

May 21st

Mr W C Bristow was elected to represent the Council on the governing body of the THOMAS BELL ALMSHOUSES CHARITY.

1897

February 3rd

A PRECEPT of £15 was signed

April 13th

The question of TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION was discussed, with the casting vote of the Chairman needed to approve an application being made.

1900

February 7th

The PARISH PUMP near to Mr Canty's garden was put out of order by workmen laying the new water mains from Normanby.

1901

July 24th

The Parish Clerk to write to the GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY to ask if telegrams could be received and transmitted from CLAXBY STATION, and, if so, on what terms.

1902

March 3rd

Reply read from the POSTMASTER GENERAL in the negative.

December 18th

PLOUGHING CLASS took place and was announced a success with a public subscription of £3 for an Open Class as well as the £3 from the Council.

1905

January 31st

Writing to 3 places for prices of 6 LAMPS to be put in the Parish streets.

February 6th

It was decided that it would be best to get a copy of the LIGHTING ACT before proceeding further with the lamps.

1908

December 8th

A letter was read from the LINCOLN POSTMASTER asking the Parish Council's opinion as to whether they thought it necessary for the POST OFFICE at Claxby to be open for 10 or 12 Hours per day. The motion was carried for 12 HOURS PER DAY.

1910

June 4th

Mr Sharpe was to repair and paint the poles of the PARISH KISSING GATES (from the Blacksmith's shop to Normanby Road)

1911

May 11th

Meeting to consider the celebration of KING GEORGE V CORONATION on 22nd June. 30 parishioners were present. It was resolved that a PUBLIC MEAT TEA be given to all parishioners.

1914

March 16th

Mr Sharpe's bill for repairs to the parish stiles and kissing gates was passed for payment.

1915

December 13th

The Clerk to write for particulars of the ST JOHN'S AMBULANCE and RED CROSS classes and find out what grants are allowed.

1916

January 26th

The drain pipes are not big enough to carry the flood water under the highway near THE MINER'S TERRACE.

March 22nd

The Roadman be asked to let water off the footpath leading from the Blacksmith's Shop to the Church and also from Boggle Lane to Donkey Gate.

The Minutes break from this point and resume in 1919

1919

October 6th

A meeting to appoint a Parish Council for the Parish of Claxby was held.

1926

March 5th

The cleaner of the school to be paid 1/- (5p) for each Ordinary Meeting and 2/- (10p) to clean and prepare the school for Annual Meetings.

1935

April 1st

Meeting to decide upon the Jubilee Celebrations.

1939

The meetings in July, September and October discussed the WATER SUPPLY to Claxby and Normanby

1940

March

More talk on Water Supply

1941

The precept for 1941/42 was set at £1.13.4 (£1.67p).

1946

October 24th

Proposals were made to ask the ELECTRICITY COMPANY for 4 Shell lamps for the village. The Postmaster to be asked for a SUNDAY dispatch of letters. Enquiries were also to be made as to which houses the proposed WATER SCHEME would supply. A PROTEST LETTER was to be sent about the suggestion of CLOSING THE SCHOOL.

1947

April 21st

The Shell lighting scheme was rejected as too costly. The HEAD POSTMASTER arranged a Sunday collection from 2nd February 1947. The PRECEPT was set at £2.6.4 (£2.31p).

1959

August 9th

A Special Meeting proposed sending a letter to the TRANSPORT USER'S CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE to fight the CLOSURE OF CLAXBY RAILWAY STATION as " this is the only transport the village has". Caistor R.D.C. said that work would now begin on the SEWAGE SYSTEM "in the very near future"

1960

May 16th

Claxby Railway Station has now been closed.

1964

December 9th

The PRECEPT was agreed at £20.0.0 for the coming year.

1966

February 15th

A PUBLIC MEETING agreed to the purchase of the PLAYING FIELD from Mr. Maultby.

1967

January 2nd

A cheque for £255.12.0 was received from Lincolnshire C C as a GRANT towards the purchase of the playing field.

December 4th

A long discussion was held on the proposal to BUILD 5 COUNCIL HOUSES on land purchased from Mr Sharpe and 4 houses and 2 bungalows on land available for sale.

1968

June 10th

Now that the Parish Council owned a playing field it was agreed to insure against Public Liability for a premium of £1.0.0 p.a. and to pursue the prospect of providing PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT.

July 1st

Mr C.M. Brant, the Rural District Councillor for Claxby, was to receive a letter asking if the Parish Council could have more liaison with the Rural District Council on village matters.

October 7th

Mr Brant said that, in future, he would give a summary from the R.D.C. reports. A letter was read complaining about the proposal to erect a 50,000 bird poultry unit but the Caistor R.D.C. said that planning permission had already been given.

1969

March 24th

There was a lengthy discussion on STREET LIGHTING and the need for MORE AMENITIES in the village since the closure of the TERRACE housing and the SCHOOL which only 4 years previously had been considered for a £14,000 improvement. A call was made for a SEWAGE SCHEME for the village but Mr Brant said that Caistor R.D.C. would consider at least 9 other villages before Claxby which was "not even on their list". He felt that it would be better to allow the building of the new council houses first. Suggestions for STREET NAMES were invited.

April 28th

The street names, as we now know them, were agreed. It was proposed that the Parish CLERK'S SALARY be raised to £5.0.0. per annum. (It was £1.5.0 in 1896 and £1.10.0 in 1897).

October 20th

LINCOLNSHIRE ROAD CAR COMPANY said that the roads of Claxby were "unsuitable for a BUS SERVICE"

November 24th

Out of 3 quotations for STREET LIGHTING the Yorkshire Electricity Board's quote for 17 lamps for a total of £436.15.0 was accepted but Normanby Rise was excluded.

1970

February 9th

The Parish Council would pay for the ERECTION OF SWINGS purchased by the SPORTS CLUB. The Y.E.B. had sent a revised quotation for the installation of 24 street lamps. This surprised the meeting and a PARISH MEETING was requested.

March 23rd

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING. The Y.E.B. quotation was declined and new quotes were to be sought for under £550 for 17 lamps.

June 1st

The quote from BRIGG ELECTRIC COMPANY for £489.10.0 for 17 lamps was confirmed.

1971

September 14th

STREET LIGHTING had been installed and was working well.

October 21st

The OWNERSHIP OF THE SCHOOL was questioned now that it was closing and a request was made for financial assistance for CHURCHYARD UPKEEP.

1972

February 18th

A QUESTION IN THE COMMONS opened the possibility of Parish Councils seeing and commenting on PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

March 21st

The R.D.C. had decided to REFUSE THE REQUEST except for "applications of special merit".

April 18th

There was a long discussion about establishing a VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE to look after the old Schoolroom.

1973

January 10th

There was concern that a SITE NEAR TO THE TERRACE was to be used as a PIG UNIT. Considerable details were given and extensive discussions followed. At the subsequent Parish Meeting it was disclosed that the application had been granted on 23rd March 1973.

Modern Times

As we are getting to the point where a great many villagers will have their own memories of more recent events, below are very abbreviated extracts of some of these.

The VILLAGE HALL was closed on May 5th 1977 and the PLAYING FIELD was used only for haymaking.

Most Planning applications were refused because of LACK OF MAINS SEWAGE.

The SCHOOLROOM was sold to WEST Lindsey District Council as part of the SILVER JUBILEE APPEAL project in May 1977 and later re-opened as THE VIKING CENTRE for use as Activity Hostel accommodation for young people.

The most discussions centred around Planning applications for a further Pig Unit and later a Rabbit breeding Unit.

Within the last 5 years 1990 - 1995 the MAINS SEWAGE SYSTEM has been installed and is functioning well. The PLAYING FIELD has been kept in mown condition with children's play equipment, Cricket Club changing room and turfed cricket pitch laid down. In addition football goalposts have been erected.

The Parish Council has also recently purchased the Women's Institute building on Normanby Rise and plan to convert this to a VILLAGE HALL. Work is still in progress and funds raised during the CLAXBY CENTENARY CELEBRATION WEEK will assist to that end.