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THE GIPSY ENCAMPMENT, COMBS LANE

The two-day Public Inquiry at Needham Market to hear the appeal of Mr & Mrs. Hilden over the refusal of planning permission for the development of the site was attended by four members of your Parish Council. Onehouse Parish Council and several locals were also present.

The first day was entirely taken up with the appellant's case, presented by a solicitor who called supporting evidence from an ecologist/engineer, a member of the Gypsy Council, a lady from the Save the Children Fund and Mr. Hilden himself; all were cross-examined by solicitors for the District Council and for local residents and by the Parish Council Chairman and Mr. Powley of Onehouse.

On the second day the solicitor for the local residents (Waspe, Tester, etc), The Parish Council and Mr. Powley all stated their cases and then the District Council stated theirs; again there was cross-examination by the Appellant's solicitor. The Inquiry continued into the afternoon and it is hoped that the result will be known in a month or so.

I was impressed by the thoroughness of the Inquiry and by the searching questions of Her Majesty's Inspector who visited the site before and during the Inquiry.

H. Wake, Chairman of the Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL - MEETINGS 1982

The dates of meetings in 1982 were agreed at the recent Parish Council Meeting.

Friday, 26th March	7.00pm	Parish Meeting
	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Friday, 28th May	7.30pm	Annual Parish Council Meeting
Friday, 16th July	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Friday, 24th September	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Friday, 26th November	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting

Note: The Parish Meeting will be held in the Main Hall.

PETTIWARD HALL COMMITTEE

Work has begun on the new toilets. Committee members past and present will be gratified that after seven years their time and thought on this project will bear fruit. Would Committee members please note the date of the next meeting has been changed to March, 25th.

Future events

Easter Monday, 12th April

The Danglers and Dumplings will be presenting their afternoon of fun on the Green as usual with Egg Throwing competitions and the Race of the Bogmen. Teas will be available in the Hall.

In the evening, there will be a Ceilidh in the Hall with music by the Trunkles led by John Goodluck.

Bank Holiday Monday, 3rd May

We hope to hold a 50 - 50 Sale in the Hall if you provide us with items for sale. Please save your unwanted but saleable pieces of furniture and other items for this event. You offer the article and if sold you receive half and the Hall funds half. More details nearer the time.

What's on at the Hall

Mondays	5.30 - 8.30pm	Bible Club (upstairs at rear)
Tuesdays	10 - 11.30 am	After Two Club
	8 - 9pm	Ladies Keep Fit
Thursdays	9 - 12am	Playgroup
		2nd Thursday each month W.I. 7.30pm
		(new members always welcome)

Pat Smith, Chairman

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH

Church Services

Sun. 14th Feb	9am & 6.30pm Holy Communion
Sun. 21st Feb	11am & 6.30pm Holy Communion
Wed. 24th Feb	7pm Ash Wednesday Evening Prayer & Communion
Sun. 28th Feb	9am & 6.30pm Holy Communion
Sun. 7th March	11am Morning Prayer; 6.30pm Holy Communion
Sun. 14th March	10am Family Service; 6.30pm Holy Communion

Hugh Wake, Vicar

THE BIBLE CLUB

The Bible Club continues well on Monday evenings. It's great to know of parents who encourage their children to come.

What an unstable society we live in! Where have all the old standards gone? They go when the Bible is closed. We have the proof in front of our own eyes of what happens when God's Truth is rejected. The fear of the LORD is still the beginning of wisdom.

What rubbish is pumped into children's minds these days through the media! - hours and hours of confusing, demoralising rubbish. One hour per week of Bible Instruction is very little to redress the balance, but it can only do good.

Children, do come. Parents, do send them.

The 8 year-olds and under are welcome at 5.30pm; and the older ones can come at 6.30pm or 7.30pm as they please. Phone Bildeston 740236 for transport.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Thursday, 18th Feb. Branch Committee at Chestnut Horse
Thursday, 18th March ditto at Buxhall Crown

The Buffet Dinner on 16th January showed an unexpected profit for Branch funds of £50. During the evening, Poppy Appeal Awards (Certificate & Brooch) were presented by Mr. John Haydon to Mrs. Joyce Smith and Mrs. Vera Sparkes for their work as collectors over many years; also to Mrs. Norman of Rattlesden and Mrs. Tester of Onehouse. Entertainment by Mr. Colin Edgar with Mr. Arthur Runeckles at the piano was very popular. Catering was by members under the direction of Mrs. Wake and Mrs. Tomlinson.

Darts The Branch entered a team for the Group competition on 23rd January but were unsuccessful this year; it is hoped to be better prepared next year.

Information Sheets on many aspects of the Legion's work are now available in the Chestnut Horse and the Post Office or from the Branch Secretary.

Hugh Wake, Branch Hon. Sec.

PARISH RATE

The District Council has advised that balances in hand on the Rate Account has reduced the impact of the Parish Council's precept for 1982/83 such that the rate for parish purposes will be 4.5p in the £.

THE PARISH COUNCIL AND PLANNING CONSULTATION

The Parish Council is consulted on every planning application concerning development in Great Finborough.

Since 1974 the Parish Council has received a copy of every planning application affecting the parish in order that it may give its observations before the application is determined by the District Council.

Upon receipt of the copy of the application from the District Council, the Parish Council has 14 days in which to make its observations. These observations do not decide the application one way or the other- that is the task of the District Council - but they do give an indication of local feeling on the matter. The Parish Council can set before the District Council detailed local information which may not be apparent from the data contained in the application.

If time allows, the application is considered by the full Council. Usually, though, it is looked at by the Chairman and a second Councillor and their observations are confirmed at a later meeting of the Council. If the application is likely to be contentious, a special meeting of the Council is arranged.

If any parishioner wishes to make a comment to the Parish Council concerning development which is proposed in the village, it is best to contact the Chairman (Rev.H.Wake) or the Clerk at once so that the comment can be taken into account. If you wait until the next Council meeting it will probably be too late. You may, of course, give any comments direct to the District Council.

Where proposed development is likely to affect surrounding properties, the District Council gives notice of the planning application to neighbours.

M.J.Baker, Clerk to the Council

GYPSY CHILDREN AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The County Education Officer has considered the situation at the Great Finborough Primary School and decided that no special assistance is necessary at the current time.

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