

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 21st January 1987, at 7.30 p.m. (Postponed from the 14th January due to severe weather.)

Present: V. A. Hodgkins Chairman
E. J. Clarke Vice Chairman
J. Ody Treasurer
D. Douglas)
G. Rumble) Councillors

County Councillor Walton and District Councillor T. Cox, and five residents were also in attendance.

- AGENDA
1. To allow fifteen minutes for residents to ask questions etc.
 2. To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting.
 3. Matters arising from these Minutes.
 4. Treasurer's Report and any other financial matters.
 5. To fix the Precept for 1987/8.
 6. To consider any Planning matters.
 7. Progress report on proposed lease/purchase of the Playing Field.
 8. To consider the Charity Commissioners proposal for the new constitution of the Village Hall Committee.
 9. Any other business.

At the end of the meeting Mr. Charles Eld our Civil Emergency Officer will speak to us about his training etc.

1. To allow fifteen minutes for Residents to ask questions etc.

Ditch behind Houses in Orchard Close. Mr. DAHLE asked who was responsible for cleaning this stream as it was becoming choked with weeds. The Chairman said Thames Water had cleared one section of it but not all and advised Mr. DAHLE to get in touch with them.

2. To confirm Minutes of the last meeting. It was unanimously agreed that the Minutes were correct and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes.

- (a) Motor Bikes. Mr. J. Ody said he had spoken to the Police Constable at Buckland, and the situation had improved. Mr. D. Douglas said that if any resident was concerned the Police Constable would respond to a telephone call.
- (b) Signs on Green. The Chairman said he had taken the measurements and the matter was proceeding.
- (c) Three Ways Garage. Mr. D. Douglas had spoken to the Leasors who had two years of the lease to run. They were doing contract work for the R.A.F. but were co-operative and would endeavour to keep the site tidy. The Chairman said he would speak to them and keep the matter under review.
- (d) Grass Cutting. Mr. J. Ody said that a cheque had been sent for the final account but no receipt was to hand.
- (e) Road to Fyfield by Sheephouse Farm. The Parish Council expressed concern again about the state of the road. Mr. Douglas said his daughter had gone into the ditch as a result of mud further along the road. Col. Walton suggested that a formal letter be sent to the County Surveyor on this matter, and the Clerk agreed to do this.
- (f) Bus Shelter. Mr. J. Ody said 4 members of the Youth Club (3 from Charney Bassett and 1 from West Hanney) had cleaned the Bus Shelter. Cost of cleaning material was £2.25.

4. Treasurer's Report. Mr. J. Ody reported that the account for Churchyard Grass Cutting was still outstanding.

The state of accounts for the year 1987 were as follows:

<u>Nov. 1986</u>	Petty Cash	2. 92
	Current Account	267. 37
	Deposit Account	46. 14

Balance	<u>£ 306. 43p</u>
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Accounts paid: Mr. G. Tyler - Grass Cutting	28. 50
Charney Youth Club (marking out football pitch)	3. 00
Mrs. D. Venn	67. 50

£ 98. 50p

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Outstanding Account:
Church Grasscutting

<u>Jan. 1987</u>	Petty Cash	2. 92
	Current Account	158. (87) 37
	Deposit Account	46. 14

Balance	<u>£ 207. 93p</u>
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5. To fix Precept for 1987/8 Mr. J. Ody presented the Budget for the forthcoming year: ^{207-43p.}

Oxfordshire County Council Playing Field	150. 00
" Rural Community Council	7. 00
" Ass. of Local Councils	30. 00
Parish Clerk	20. 00
Mr. G. Tyler - Grass Cutting	180. 00
St. Peter's Church - grass cutting	60. 00
Municipal Insurance	65. 00
Mrs. Venn (Vale proportion £278. 25p) leaving	397. 50

£ 909. 50p

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He said that the Vale of the White Horse would make a grant towards the street cleaning which would leave an amount of £630. He suggested a 3p. rate which would provide £780. This was agreed.

6. To consider any Planning matters. Application had been received and considered for a small extension at Charney Manor. It was unanimously agreed that our observation was to accept the proposal.

7. Progress Report on Playing Field. Consideration was given to a letter from the County Valuer fixing the price of the land at £70,000. The District Valuer did not agree with this figure and recommended that the Parish Council accept the Lease for 6 years. Mr. E. Clarke suggested that we apply for a Lease of 10 years. Mr. Ody did not agree with leasing. District Councillor T. Cox pointed out that the longer the land was used as a Playing Field the less likely it could be used for development.

After some discussion it was agreed by all that the Parish Council could not possibly consider purchase at the quoted figure and that the principle of a lease be accepted, but seeking to acquire it for a longer period, viz. 15 years.

The Clerk was asked to write to the County Valuer to enquire on the possibility of an extended lease and also to write to the County Surveyor to enquire about other land, which may become available in the near future, which did not have any 'hope' value.

Following this item it was agreed to adjourn the meeting until the 31st January, in order to allow Mr. Eld, the Parish Council nominee, to speak upon the subject of Civil Emergencies. Mr. Eld then gave a brief resume of the training he is taking part in and emphasised that it covered other items besides War Emergency and his