

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday, 20th January, 1988 in the Village Hall at 7.30p.m.

Present:	Mr E. Clarke	Chairman
	Mr G. Rumble	Vice Chairman
	Mr J. Ody	Treasurer
	Mrs T. Cox	Councillors
	Mr V. Hodgkins	

Mr Eld and one member of the Public were in attendance.

AGENDA

1. To allow fifteen minutes for residents to ask questions etc.
2. To agree and sign the minutes of the last meeting.
3. Matters arising from the minutes.
4. Treasurer's report.
5. To consider any Planning matters.
6. To consider developments in respect of new Village Hall.
7. Any other business.

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

There were no questions so the Chairman therefore proposed that the subject of Street names could be discussed since he had received a letter from Mrs Marion Gardiner on the subject.

Mr V. Hodgkins said that this should be decided at the next Village assembly but that the actual names be decided at the next Parish Council meeting.

Mr E. Clarke suggested that the matter be put on the Agenda of the next meeting in March for finalising at the Annual Assembly.

Mr V. Hodgkins therefore proposed this arrangement and this was seconded by Mr J. Ody.

Mud on the Roads

The above letter also contained complaints about the amount of mud on the roads in the vicinity of the Village. Some discussion followed and it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Highway Authority naming the farmers concerned.

2. To approve the Minutes of the last meeting

Mr V. Hodgkins and Mr G. Rumble pointed out amendments should be made to (a) Under Planning - re Minmere Farm and (b) Under Village Hall.

Following these being approved, the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising

- (a) Bus Shelter

All were agreed that an improvement had been made. Mr V. Hodgkins said he would repair tile at the rear.

- (b) Butchers Van in New Road

Mr E. Clarke said he had seen the owner and the vehicle had now been moved into the garden.

- (c) Ock Green

Highways Department were investigating.

- (d) Village Hall Registration

Mr V. Hodgkins said the notice regarding acceptance by the Charity Commission had been displayed for the requisite time and the Draft certificate had been signed and taken to Miss Smith of the Association of Local Councils for transmission to the Charity Commission.

(e) Emergency Planning

Mr Eld reported on the latest developments in this matter and said he was required to gather certain information regarding availability of skills and equipment in the Village and suggested a letter be sent to every householder with a questionnaire.

Mr J. Ody asked whether this could be discussed at the Annual Meeting in May.

Mr V. Hodgkins said he could see the logic of a questionnaire but thought many people would ignore it.

Mr E. Clarke thought it should be handed out individually and collected at a later date.

Mr V. Hodgkins agreed with this approach.

Mr G. Rumble said that if discussed at the Annual Meeting it would not reach all Villagers since the attendance is usually low.

Mrs T. Cox suggested that Mr Eld prepared a notice for the Parish Magazine.

Mr V. Hodgkins said this should be followed by distribution of the document.

Mr E. Clarke said the best time would be prior to the Annual Meeting.

Mr G. Rumble suggested mention could be made in the March issue of the magazine. This was agreed and also to include the matter on the Agenda for the next meeting.

4. Treasurers Report & Financial Matters
Statement of Accounts (attached)

Mr J. Ody also reported on the following.

Church Grass Cutting

It was agreed, after some discussion, to pay $\frac{1}{3}$ representing £58. 153.

Deposit Account

The Bank propose to discontinue statements.

After discussion it was agreed to close this account and transfer the sum (with the exception of £20 to be for Petty cash) to the current account.

Precept for 1988/'89

Mr J. Ody suggested that the rate for the Parish be 4p as for last year (1p = £280) but after discussion it was agreed to reduce this to 3p to produce £840.

Mr E. Clarke suggested a payment be made for electricity used to light the Christmas tree but Mrs Barton was happy to make it her contribution to the Village.

Mr J. Ody concluded by saying that Mrs Venn had declined payment for the period she was unable to carry out her duties.

Mr E. Clarke also suggested that a vote of thanks be made to Mrs Venn for her continued good work. All Agreed.

5. To Discuss any Planning Matters

An application for an extension had been received for Willow Cottage. This had been seen by Councillors and all agreed to recommend the proposal. A planning application in respect of Mr G. Rumble was also to hand and it was agreed to discuss this at the end of the meeting.

6. New Village Hall

Mr G. Rumble reported that two meetings of the Committee had been held since the last parish council meeting. Letters had been sent to some landowners, signed by parish council Chairman. Further information will be sought from Villagers which may take the form of a questionnaire.

Mr V. Hodgkins said this should be worded carefully to avoid any friction. The next meeting was to be held on the 3rd February.

Mr V. Hodgkins suggested that copies of the report of the meetings should be made available to the Parish Council.

Mr J. Ody queried where the money from the sale of the school was currently held. Mr V. Hodgkins replied that it was held by Charity Commission, accruing interest.

7. Any other business

Mr J. Ody said that a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme was in operation at Hanney and would it be applicable in this Village.

Mr E. Clarke suggested more information about the Scheme be obtained from Hanney.

Mr G. Rumble questioned the state of old outbuildings (toilet) at 25 New Road. Mr E. Clarke said he would see the Chairman of the Smallholdings Committee on this matter.

Design Award

The Clerk reported that the recently constructed garage and extension to 'The Cottage on the Green' had gained a Commendation by the Vale of White Horse. There was to be a presentation ceremony at Abingdon on 26th February. Four members of the Parish Council said they would attend.

Mr G. Rumble then left the meeting and the remaining Councillors discussed the proposed extension to 'Northmead', Buckland Road.

Mr J. Ody queried that it appeared to incroach beyond the present site line of premises in Buckland Road. After some discussion it was agreed to recommend the proposal.

The meeting closed at 9.30p.m.

Treasurers Report

Nov '87

Petty Cash	1.42
Current Account	432.37
Deposit Account	47.54
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	£481.27

Accounts paid

Mr G. Tyler	175.00
Mrs D. Venn	37.50
Christmas tree	15.00
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	£227.50

Outstanding Accounts

Church	50.00
Oxford c.c. playing field	
Precept V.O.W.H.D.C.	250.00

Jan. '88

Petty cash	1.42
Current Account	454.81
Deposit Account	47.54
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	£503.77

Precept '88/'89

Mrs D. Venn	149.25
(£427.50)	
Oxford c.c. playing field	180.00
Oxford Ass.O.L.C.	35.00
Clerk	30.00
Insurance	65.00
Mr G. Tyler	180.00
Christmas tree	15.00
Church (grass cutting)	50.00
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	£704.25

V.O.W.H.D.C.	
Street cleansing	£278.25

Ip = £280