

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday,
11th January, 1989 at 7.30.p.m.

Present

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

District Councillor T. Cox and three members of the Public were also in attendance.

AGENDA

1. ✓ To allow 10 minutes for members of the public to raise comments etc.
2. ✓ To agree and sign the minutes of the last Meeting.
3. To consider matters arising from the minutes.
4. Treasurers report and Financial matters including the Precept for 1989.
5. To consider any planning matters.
6. To discuss future grass cutting tenders.
7. Any other business.
8. To allow a further 10 minutes for members of the Public to make comments on matters raised during the meeting.

1. To allow 10 minutes for residents to ask questions etc.

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Mr Eld said he had written to the Department of Environment regarding the rumours of the proposed development at Manor Farm, also to Mr Jackson M.P., he had received only acknowledgements but no replies. Councillor T. Cox said he had been invited to a dispute meeting between Oxfordshire County Council and the Vale of the White Horse on the 15.12.88 but this had been postponed.

The Chairman asked whether it was a common occurrence for the Department of the Environment to deregulate a Conservation Area. Mr Cox said they had the powers but were very seldom used.

Mr V. Hodgkins felt that in view of Councillor T. Cox's remarks, the District Council would support the representation of the Parish Council at any Dispute meeting.

Councillor T. Cox suggested that the Parish Council write to Oxfordshire County Council requesting that they are represented.

Emergency Questionnaire

Mrs T. Cox suggested that the completed questionnaires should be returned in envelopes if the residents of the Village wished as it was confidential matter. This was agreed by the Parish Council.

2. To agree and sign the Minutes of the last meeting.

Mr J. Ody pointted out a small error - item 3(d) should read 'spoken to a culprit' This was duly amended and the minutes signed.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

(a) Notice Board

Mrs T. Cox said this should be completed within the next few days.

(b) Lorry Parking

Mr E. Clarke said the local constable had said that the Parish Council should 'keep an eye on it.'

(c) Village Hall Committee

Mr V. Hodgkins said that certain documents previously held by the Parish Council, should now be passed to the Village Hall Committee. This was agreed.

(d) Charney Garage

Mr J. Ody said he heard that new plans were going to be submitted.

(e) Neighbourhood Watch

Mr E. Clarke said several people had been co-ordinated and he was awaiting signs. He asked where they should be displayed. After some discussion, it was agreed that there should be one at each entry to the Village and possibly New Road and by the War Memorial.

(f) Street Names

Mrs T. Cox asked if there had been any further development with the name boards. District Councillor Cox said he would make enquiries at the Environmental Services Department and report back to the Clerk.

4. Treasurers Report and Financial Matters (a/c attached)

Mr J. Ody said that there were outstanding accounts for the grass cutting, xmas tree lights and church grass cutting. The Parish Council agreed that the Playing Field account should be paid as soon as it was submitted.

Mr E. Clarke enquired how long it had been since Mrs Venn's payment had been reviewed. Mr J. Ody said it was 3½ years. After some discussion, it was agreed that the payment be increased from £2.50 to £3 per hour. Mr V. Hodgkins said it should commence on April 1st. It was further agreed that Mr E. Clarke would approach Mrs Venn personally.

Treasurers Report January, 1989.

November 1988

Petty Cash	£17. 42
Current Account	758. 51
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	£775. 93p

Account Paid

Mrs D. Venn	60.00p
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January, 1989

Petty Cash	17.42p
Current Account	698.51p
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	£715.93p

Mr Tyler	£100
Church	

Xmas Tree	£20
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Precept for 1988/9

Mr J. Ody said that this would be the last year that this system would apply.

It was estimated that the account would be £200 in hand at the end of the year. The total estimated expenditure for 1988/9 was £820. It was therefore agreed that the Precept be for a 3p rate producing £810, remaining unchanged from last year.

The Precept application was duly signed by the Chairman.

5. To consider any Planning Matters.

The Clerk reported that two applications had been received since the last meeting, both of which had been previously seen by the Parish Council.

- (a) 'Rosecroft' New Road For a bungalow in existing garden.

Mr V. Hodgkins asked to be excused from any vote as he was an interested party. Mr E. Clarke agreed. The rest of the Parish Council agreed to the proposal without adverse comment. Mrs T. Cox felt it should be stressed that only a single storey development be permitted.

- (b) 10 Orchard Close For a conservatory at the rear.

The Parish Council all agreed to the proposal.

6. To discuss Grass cutting tender.

Mr E. Clarke said he had spoken to Mr Tyler who had been somewhat abusive and did not wish to continue with further cutting.

Mr E. Clarke said he had contacted a Mr Baxter from Buckland who had submitted a Tender for 5 cuts a year at £40 per cut.

Mr V. Hodgkins said he should be given the choice especially since he had presented a contract.

The Parish Council all agreed that Mr Baxter be given the contract. The Clerk said he would write and agree with the terms.

Mr V. Hodgkins asked that his objection to paying Mr Tyler £200 be minuted.

7. Any other Business.

Mr J. Ody said that the tarmac opposite Mrs Anderson's house was badly laid resulting in a large puddle forming.

The Clerk said he would contact the Highways Department.

Mr V. Hodgkins said, as a member of the Village Hall Committee, he had been opted to approach Oxfordshire County Council regarding land adjacent to the Playing Field.

Mr J. Ody suggested that the Parish Council write to Mrs Barton thanking her for accommodating the xmas tree lights. Mr E. Clarke said he would put a notice in the Parish Magazine.

Mr J. Ody reported that the time table in the bus shelter had been removed and that he would replace it.

Mrs T. Cox asked if the Clerk could telephone the Area Surveyor to see if anything could be done about the pot-holes in Chapel Lane.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00p.m.