

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village

Hall on Wednesday, 10th January, 1990 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)

Four members of the Public were also in attendance.
Apologies for absence were received from District Councillor T. Cox.

AGENDA

1. To allow 10 minutes for residents to ask questions.
2. To agree and sign the minutes of the last meeting.
3. Matters arising from the minutes.
4. Treasurers Report and Financial Matters.
5. To consider any Planning Matters.
6. To consider the D.C.C. Structure Plan.
7. To discuss Draft Lease for Playing Field.
8. To allow further 10 minutes for residents to ask questions.
9. Any other business.

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

A question was raised about the quantities of Polystyrene blowing about from the chicken shed.

Mr V. Hodgkins said it was from a shed that had been demolished by a scrap merchant and felt sure the debris would soon be cleared up by Mr D. Douglas. *MR V. HODGKINS.*

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

Mr J. Ody said that he wished the figures for the Balance Sheet Nov/Dec. to be amended viz:-

Current Account	£637.30p.
Making total	£654.72p.

This was agreed and the minutes duly signed.

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3.

Matters arising from the Minutes.

Motorbikes.

[Handwritten mark] Mr J. Ody said he hoped to arrange a meeting between the Youth Club and the Police some time in February,

Telephone Kiosk

[Handwritten mark] Mr J. Ody said that there was still no light in the kiosk. The Clerk said he would pursue the matter.

R.P.

Street Names.

[Handwritten mark] Mr E. Clarke reported that he had now met Mr Gamble of the Vale of White Horse and agreed on the position and number of name plates. These were now being manufactured. Mrs T. Cox queried the fact that no provision had been made for the inclusion of a 'No Parking' sign for Chapel Lane, although this had been agreed at the Annual Assembly. Mr V. Hodgkins strongly urged that this sign should include 'Cul-de-sac'.

After some discussion it was agreed that Mr E. Clarke contacted Mr Gamble again.

E.C

Christmas Tree.

Mr E. Clarke said he had seen Mrs Barton to thank her for allowing the tree to be lit from her electricity supply and asked her what she estimated the cost at. She said she would not accept anything as this was a personal contribution to the Village. The Clerk was asked to write to Mrs Barton thanking her.

E.C.

Mr E. Clarke also said that £32. had been raised at the carol singing held in the Village Hall. This had been given to the Church of England Childrens' Society.

Footpath (Bridle Path to Buckland Road)

[Handwritten mark] Mr G. Rumble asked whether anything had been heard. The Clerk said he had had a letter from O.C.C. Solicitors Dept. saying the matter was in hand.

Village Hall Insurance

[Handwritten mark] Mr G. Rumble said he was awaiting confirmation from the Insurers.

G.R.

Footpath to Cherbury Camp

[Handwritten mark] Mr J. Ody asked whether there had been any further development. The Clerk said he had not pursued the matter but would now write to the Footpath Officer of O.C.C.

R.P

Mr G. Rumble said that a large number of people from outside the Village used the path and the route should be clearly marked.

Mr V. Hodgkins said that the recognised path had always been to the right of the hedge going towards the camp.

Village Hall Referendum.

Mr V. Hodgkins proposed that the following should be minuted:-
'The Parish Council are disappointed with the result of the Referendum,'

This was seconded by Mr J. Ody. A vote was taken resulting in four members for the motion and one abstention.



4. Treasurers Report and Financial Matters.

Mr J. Ody said he could not present a full statement as he had only just received the Bank Statement just prior to the Meeting. There were two outstanding accounts:-

a. Christmas Tree Lighting.

b. Playing Field Grass Cutting.

The account for this had been received from the O.C.C. in the sum of £280.44 for eighteen cuts. This seemed a high figure in view of the fact that although the machine turned up eighteen times, there were occasions when there was no grass to cut due to the hot summer.

Mr E. Clarke suggested that the Clerk write to the O.C.C. and query the number of cuts.

Mr E. Clarke said he would also get a quotation from Mr Baxter who cuts the Village Green.

RP.

EC.

Precept for 1990./91.

The Vale of White Horse had requested an early return of the estimate for 1990/91 due to the Community Charge coming into force. A Budget of £1168. was presented and agreed. It was estimated that there would be 190 villages on the Register and it was agreed to indent for a Precept of £1140, i.e. £6.00 per head. The Precept was duly signed for this amount.

5. To consider any planning matters.

The Clerk said that no new applications had been received during the preceeding two months.

6. To consider the Structure Plan.

The general opinion was that there had been too little time to consider the Plan in detail.

Mr V. Hodgkins had no comment.

Mr G. Rumble said it seemed to be on the right lines.

Mr J. Ody had no comment.

Mrs T. Cox felt that the lack of time should be commented upon.

7. Draft Lease for Playing Field.

Copies of the Lease for observation had been passed to the Parish Council and it was agreed to hold a special meeting to discuss the matter. This was fixed for Wednesday, 24th January.

Manhole Covers

A letter had been received from O.C.C. saying that this matter should be dealt with the Parish Council.

Mr V. Hodgkins said he thought this should be an O.C.C. responsibility.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the only permanent answer would be to fill in the pits.

The Clerk said he would approach the O.C.C. suggesting this.

R.P.

8. To allow a further ten minutes for residents to ask questions.

There were no questions.

9. Any other business.

Mr J. Ody said that following replacement of a number of railings

Estimate for 1990/91 - Treasurer's Report.

Mrs D. Venn	£468.00	
V.W.H.(reclaimed)	199.00	
	<u>269.00</u>	89/90 £140.00p

Mrs D. Venn	£269.00
O.A.L. Councils	35.00
Grass Cutting	250.00
Insurances	50.00
Church Grasscutting	60.00
Xmas Tree	20.00
Parish Clerk	30.00
Playing Field	100.00
	<u>£814.00p</u>

Overdrawn by	54.00p
	<u>£868.00p</u>

Grass cutting Playing field	300.00p
	<u>£1168.00p</u>

£4.50 = £860
£5.00 = £950
£6.00 = £1140

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by Oxford Highways, he felt that consideration should be given to those surrounding Ock Green and also a new railing on the West side of the main Ock Bridge. The Clerk said he would write to the District Surveyor.

R.P.

Mrs T. Cox said that over the last two months there had been a lot of mud on the road between Lyford and Charney and also along the P.I.C. road. The Clerk would also mention this when he wrote to the Highways.

The Meeting closed at 9.10p.m.

Mr. E. Clarke,
Chairman Parish Council.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Parish Council
on Wednesday, 24th January, 1990 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)	

The Meeting was called to discuss the Draft Lease for the
Playing Field.

Prior to the consideration the main item, Mr V. Hodgkins reported that he, together with Mrs T. Cox and Mr G. Rumble, had attended a meeting of the local Parish Councils in Faringdon. Mr Churchman, the Area Engineer for Oxford Highways had given a talk. At the end of the meeting Mr Hodgkins had asked whether anything could be done about the following points:-

- a) Distruction of grass verge on Buckland Road by Arctic lorries from McBains.
- b) Consider putting new railings on west side of Ock Bridge.
- c) Surface water collecting in Buckland Road. Mr Churchman said he would look into these matters.

Draft Lease

The comments from the Parish Council were as follows:-

Mr G. Rumble

Doubted whether the Parish Council should be committing the Parish to the Lease as increasing cost of rental plus the cost of any fence repairs etc. would become a burden in the future years. Queried whether the Parish Council should attempt to buy the paddock intended originally for a new Village Hall.

Mr V. Hodgkins

Also expressed doubts, some of conditions seemed restrictive. Three year review plus clause regarding Insurance could prove to be abortive. In addition, cost of grass cutting puts the whole idea in doubt. He suggested that the Parish Council write to the O.C.C. to delay decision until the matter could be put to the Annual Assembly in two or three months time.

Mrs T.Cox

Agreed, that this would be the best approach.

Mr J. Ody

Held the same view? and also suggested that the Parish Council approach the O.C.C. regarding the purchase of the Paddock on the same terms as under the Village Hall Proposal. He also said that the Playing Field does not get so much use as hitherto. Should hold over a decision until the Annual Assembly.

Mr Ody then proposed:-

The Parish Council approach the O.C.C. to obtain their view on an outright purchase of the plot of land that was to be used for a proposed new Village Hall. This was seconded by Mrs T. Cox and agreed unanimously.

Mr E. Clarke said that Mr V. Hodgkins should write on behalf of the ~~Village Hall Committee~~ as he had been dealing with this plot of land before. This was agreed. It was further agreed that the Clerk write to the O.C.C. Solicitor requesting a delay until after the Annual Assembly.

V.H.

R.P.

The Meeting closed at 9.00p.m.

Mr E. Clarke
Chairman, Parish Council.