

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on 13th July 1983 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor T. Cox.

- AGENDA
1. To allow 15 minutes for residents to ask questions etc.
 2. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting (copy herewith)
 3. Treasurer's report and financial matters.
 4. To consider any Planning matters.
 5. School playing field - sand, logs etc.
 6. Any other business.

1. To allow 15 minutes for residents to ask questions. Mr. Jevons raised a query regarding a press item concerning further building sites in villages, and also regarding short 'lets' for underutilized properties. The Clerk replied that there had been no information so far from the Vale of White Horse.

Mr. J. Ody had heard that 28 New Road had been let to a couple just returned from abroad.

2. To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting. The minutes had been circulated to members, but they were also read out for the benefit of the public. It was agreed that they be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

The Clerk also read out the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 18th May 1983, and it was agreed that they be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Also the minutes of a Special Meeting held on 18th May 1983, to consider a Planning Application for 5 dwellings on New Road farm site were read and confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting.

New Road Farm site. The Vale of White Horse Council had accepted amended plans for 5 dwellings. The Chairman commented that one of the conditions on the sale of the land was that any developer should contribute to placing the Southern Electricity Board cables underground in the roadside footpath.

3. Treasurer's Report and Financial matters. Mr. J. Ody reported that no accounts had been paid since the last meeting.

Balance of Accounts were therefore as follows:

Petty Cash	52 p.
Current Account	£46. 79
Deposit Account	£35. 99
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Total	£83. 30 p.
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No contribution had yet been received from the British Legion towards the cost of cleaning the War Memorial. The Chairman said he was still pursuing the matter.

The Annual Audit which took place on 23rd June 1983 was satisfactory and the Audit Fee to be paid was £21. 85p

The precept of £350 had been called for and outstanding accounts were for:

1. Grass Cutting - £96
2. Association of Local Councils Fee - £21. 50 and £1 for Parish Council Notices.

* Mr. D. Douglas made a request that in future copies of the accounts be circulated.

The Chairman suggested that it would be more practical for a copy to be pinned to the wall. Mr. J. Ody said he would arrange for this to be done at the next meeting.

Mr. J. Ody said that the contractor for the grass cutting had agreed to charge for 4 cuts ~~at~~ £24 = £96, as he had been 5 times but had only cut Ock Green twice.

4. To consider any Planning matters. There had been no new applications other than those already dealt with.

5. School Playing Field. The Chairman said that the Parish Council should respond to the request raised at the Annual General Meeting regarding the provision of a sand pit for small children and also logs or other play items. Messrs. Clarke and Ody said they would arrange to construct before the school holidays started; the sandpit over an existing ^{CONCRETE} area and also to supply a number of logs.

6. Any other business. Mr. J. Ody suggested that the trestle tables in the old School could be utilized by the village Under 5's group who use the Village Hall. The chairman said he would raise the matter with the Diocesan Solicitor.

The Chairman also reported that he, together with Mr. Ody and Mr. Clarke, had apprehended 3 boys and a girl, from Wantage, seen breaking into the school premises. This raised the question of the future of the school and the Chairman had contacted Canon Pearce who, it was understood, would be seeing the Diocesan Solicitor on his return from holiday and it was hoped that a solution would be forthcoming.

Mr. Ody suggested that a "Caution - Children" sign be erected at the entrance to the village. The Chairman said any sign would have to be approved by the Highway Authority. Mr. Ody also said that there was a litter problem on the Green. Mr. Clarke and Mr. Ody said they would investigate.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.0 p.m.

28.
September 1983

Chairman