

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 18th March 1987 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

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

District Councillor T. Cox was also in attendance, together with 4 members of the Public.

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 those minutes.
4. Treasurer's report and any other financial matters.
5. To consider any Planning matters.
6. Progress report on the Lease of the Playing Field.
7. Progress report on new Village Hall Committee.
8. To fix a date for the Annual Parish Assembly.
9. Any other business.

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

Mrs. T. Cox enquired whether the school belonged to Charney Bassett & Lyford. The Chairman replied, saying No, and that it was originally built by Squire Pusey when Charney was part of Pusey Estate. Mr. J. Ody asked whether if the school had not been sold would the village have been entitled to it? The Chairman replied No: it was returned from the Oxfordshire County Council to the Church Diocesan Authority who conducted a search for any connection with Pusey family. No-one was found. Following the sale the Charity Commissioners told the Diocesan Authority to set up five Trustees independent of the Parish Council. The Parish Council has therefore nothing to do with the School. ~~The County Council~~ say that the interest from the investment of the proceeds of the sale must only be used for Educational purposes for Charney and Lyford. However, it is hoped that this ruling may be changed, and some of the money utilised to help provide for a new Village Hall. Here the matter rests.

2. To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting. Following the correction of certain items viz:

Mr. Dahele - not Mrs. Gardiner
Certain figures in statement of accounts

The Minutes were duly signed.

3. Matters arising from Minutes.

Signs on Village Green: The Chairman said they were now to hand and would be installed when weather improved.

4. Treasurer's Report and Financial matters. Mr. J. Ody said he had approached the Oxfordshire County Council to delay payment of Grass Cutting account but they would not agree. The account was therefore paid. The Precept for 1987/8 was duly signed.

The state of Accounts are as follows:-

<u>March 1987:</u>	Jan. 1987	Petty Cash	2. 92	
		Current Account	158. 37	
		Deposit Account	46. 14	
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			£ 207. 43	
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<u>Accounts Paid:</u>	Mrs. D. Venn	60. 00		
	Charney Church Acc.	50. 00		(Grass Cutting)
	Falcon Signs	38. 89		
	H.J.Knapp & Sons	1. 50		(Paint)
	Bank Charges	1. 36		
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		£ 151. 75		
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<u>Outstanding accounts:</u>	Oxfordshire C.C.	159. 00
	Mrs. D. Venn	37. 50
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		£196. 50
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<u>March 1987</u>	Petty Cash	1. 42
	Current Account	8. 12
	Deposit Account	46. 14
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		£ 55. 68
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5. To consider any Planning matters : No new applications had been received in the preceding two months.

6. Progress Report on Playing Field. A letter from the Oxfordshire County Council dated 4th March was read out by the Chairman saying they would not agree to a lease longer than 6 years. Mr. J. Ody asked whether all hope had been given up of purchasing the field, and suggested the Parish Council meet with a representative of the National Playing Field Association. The Chairman agreed and Mr. Ody said he would arrange a convenient date in the future.

7. Progress on new Village Hall Committee. The Chairman reported that Miss Smith of O.R.C.C. had sent the papers regarding the make up of the new Committee to Charity Commissioners.

8. To fix date for Annual Parish Assembly. The Chairman suggested that this should be before 7th May and the meeting agreed on Wednesday, 22nd April.

9. Any other business. Mr. D. Douglas said that the verge on the corner of New Road/Buckland Road had been badly eroded by a large articulated vehicle. The Clerk said he would report the damage to the Highways Department.

Mr. D. Douglas said the notices on the Notice Board had recently been vandalised and suggested that a wire must be provided. Other members felt this would be restrictive.

Mr. J. Ody said the football pitch on the Playing Field was needing marking out again. The Parish Council agreed to pay for this.

The meeting closed at 9.0 p.m.

Chairman

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Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th April 1987 at 7.30 pm to consider three Planning Applications.

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

8 Members of the Public also attended

The Chairman opened the meeting by reading out a letter from the Chairman of the Planning Committee (Vale of the White Horse) regarding procedures to be adopted by Parish Councils when replying to Applications.

The Parish Council considered the following proposals:-

1. "White House" - The Green. To replace dormer windows that had been removed at some time in the past.
Following discussion the Parish Council agreed to raise no objections and approval recommended.
2. "Home Close" - New Road (?) To convert garage to part of lounge and replace flat roof to pitched, and add double garage.
No objections were raised by the Parish Council and approval recommended.
3. "Old Walls", Buckland Road. To build two storey extension to west of existing property.
Mr.D. Douglas and Mr. J. Ody both expressed concern about the close proximity of structure to boundary or adjacent property.
Mr. E. Clarke and Mr. G. Rumble - General approval to extension.
Chairman - Felt it was too close to boundary, making construction and future maintenance difficult.

It was agreed to write to the Planning Authority giving general approval but with a proviso - "However concern is felt about the nearness of the boundary".

The meeting closed at 8.30.

Chairman

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Minutes of Special Meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st April 1987, at 7.30 pm to reconsider Planning Application for extension to "Old Walls", Buckland Road.

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

Three members of the Public were also present.

The Chairman opened the meeting by explaining that though the plan had been considered at the meeting on 13th April 1987, he had received representation from the adjacent property owner saying that the copy of the letter he had sent to the Planning Authority had not been presented by the Chairman to the Parish Council. The Chairman further said he was not aware at the time that that was correct procedure so he had sought advice from the Chief Executive Officer of the Vale of the White Horse District Council, and he had been advised that previous discussion on this issue should be declared NULL and VOID and the matter should be reconsidered with no reference to the previous meeting.

The Plans and Letter of Objection from the adjacent owner, together with a copy of "Home Extension Design Guide" had been perused by the members of the Parish Council. The Parish Council then gave their views.

D. Douglas: It appeared that any extension of two storeys should be a minimum of 3'0" from the boundary.

G. Rumble: Thought that the "Guide" was for the Vale of the White Horse to consider and not the Parish Council.

Chairman: replied that any discussion by the Parish Council is purely an observation and may or may not be taken into account.

J. Ody: Said plans did not show any measurement but does appear to be directly on the boundary.

D. Douglas: Suggested rejection and submission of new plans 3'0" from the boundary.

J. Ody: Concerned about the boundary and would reject applications.

E. Clarke: The Architect should have shown details.

G. Rumble: Said not to reject but more details could have been shown.

Chairman: Favoured any extension to be in keeping with existing appearance and roof line.

D. Douglas: Agreed that this would be better and also keep boundary wall less massive.

Following this discussion it was agreed to write to the Planning Authority as follows:

1. "We recommend approval of an extension.
2. "We are concerned about nearness to boundary and would prefer to see the extension kept to within the limit of 1 metre from boundary as per "Guide to Design" issued by your Department.
3. "Planning Department should give careful consideration to the proposed design in view of close proximity of the adjacent property.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Chairman

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