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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village

Hall on Wednesday 8th March, 1989 at 7.30p.m.

22-MAY 83, 8.00p

Present

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

Five members of the Public also attended. District Councillor T. Cox gave his apologies for not attending.

AGENDA

To allow 10 minutes for residents to ask questions and raise comments. --

To agree and sign the minutes of the last meeting.

To consider matters arising from the minutes.

Treasurers Report and Financial Matters.

To consider any Planning Matters.

To report on Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

Any other business.

To allow 10 minutes for residents to ask questions

Mr Eld said he had a letter from Mr Robert Jackson, M.P. regarding proposed development adjacent to Village Green which stated that the dispute meeting between the Vale of White Horse and the Oxfordshire County Council would not be held until the Department of Environment had made a decision regarding the stone wall. It was felt that this would take a considerable time.

Mr Eld also reported that the Emergency Planning Information Schedule had been received very well and had had 72 forms returned and anly 5 refused. He thanked the Parish Council for their cooperation. Mrs T. Cox asked whether the information would have to be renewed and it was decided that this would be necessary.

Mr Paske asked if it would be possible to lay gravel the whole length of Chapel Lane as had been done outside 'Home Farm'. Mr V. Hodgkins said it would be decided by individual householders but if it was done then the Parish Council would not be able to approach the Highways Department for any future repair.

Mr Paske also asked whether 'No Parking' could be included on the future street name sign for Chapel Lane. Mr V. Hodgkins thought this would be solved by a 'No Entry' sign.

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To agree and sign the minutes of the last meeting.

These were agreed and signed after an amendment to Item 4 " renewed and not received."

Matters arising from the minutes.

Notice Board

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It was suggested that the board be covered by a wire door. After some discussion it was agreed to leave this to see if it was satisfactory without. Mr V. Hodgkins said the old board had a script name and could someone be found to do the same. Mr E. Clarke said he would endeavour to find someone in the Village.

Playing Field

Mr V. Hodgkins said he had spoken to the District Valuer who said that the lease was in the hands of the solicitors.

Grass Cutting.

Mr V. Hodgkins asked whether this would be done at the Chairmans request or at specific intervals. Mr E. Clarke said he would advise the grass cutter but would review the situation as the year progressed.

Treasusrers Report

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Mr J. Ody said that the outstanding accounts were as follows:-

1.	Oxfordshire County of playing field	Council - grasscutting	£20 3. 00
2.	Mrs Venn		37.50
3.	Clerk		30.00

5. Any additional cost of notice board.

To consider any Planning Matters.

Best Kept Village

The Clerk reported that no information was yet available regarding the outcome of the Appeal by McBains to the Department of Environment, regarding the 'old School.' An application had been received for an extension to 'Marleigh', Buckland Road. Mr V. Hodgkins said that this should be considered at a seperate Public meeting. It was therefore agreed to hold this on Monday, 13th March, 1989.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Mr E. Clarke said that four signs had been ordered from the suppliers. Sgt. Leach of Wantage Police had been informed of the names of 10 Co-ordinators. If anything untoward or suspicious was seen they would contact the Police. Mr E. Clarke said he had contacted the Vale of White. Horse who may come out to see where the signs were erected. Names of the co-ordinators would appear in the Post Office and in the Parish Magazine but not on the Notice Board.

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Any other business

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Mr V. Hodgkins queried who should hold the Deeds of the Village Hall. They were at present in the Berkshire County Archivists at Reading but they could go to the Bank or to Oxford. Mr V. Hodgkins said there was also several old Parish Meeting Books together with information regarding the Bus Shelter. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Berkshire County Council and have all documents returned.

R.P.

Telephone Kiosk

Mr J. Ody reported that he understood this was now being kept.

Footpaths

Mrs T. Cox said an electric fence had been put across the path that runs from the rear of the Playing Field to the Bridle Path. This was the latest in a number of attempts to stop access along the path which had been walked over by Villagers for over 50 years.

It was agreed that the County Solicitor be contacted in order to establish a right of way.

R.P.

Date of Annual Assembly.

It was agreed to hold this on the 12th April.

Annual General Meeting

This was to be held prior to the next Parish Council Meeting on the 10th May, 1989.

Best Kept Village.

After some discussion about the poor quality of judging in the last 2 years, it was decided not to enter this contest this year.

Insurance.

Mr G. Rumble raised a question on the insurance cover for functions such as Village Feasts etc. Mr V. Hodgkins said that the Parish Council Insurance was adequate.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30p.m.