

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th March, 1990

in the Village Hall at 7.30p.m.

Present:

Mr G. Rumble	V/ Chairman
Mr J. Ody	Treasurer
Mrs T. Cox	) Councillors
Mr V. Hodgkins	)

Mr E. Clarke, the Chairman, was in hospital and the Chair was taken by Mr G. Rumble.

6 members of the Public also attended.

Apologies 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. To discuss matters arising from the minutes.
4. Treasurers report and financial matters.
5. To consider any planning matters.
6. To discuss the bus shelter.
7. To allow a further 10 minutes for residents to raise questions covered in the meeting.
8. Any other business.

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

Mrs Eld said she was concerned that the Parish Council should be "disappointed with the result of the Referendum about the proposed new Village Hall." This was in reference to the statement appearing in the Parish Magazine. The Parish Council should respect the majority vote and not make comments one way or the other.

Mr G. Rumble said this notice had been proposed at the last Parish Council meeting and expressed disappointment in that the amount of work put in by the Parish Council had come to nothing.

Mr V. Hodgkins said the Parish Council had been actively working for a number of years to acquire a site for a new Village Hall and continued to work for a new Hall up to the time the Referendum was called.

Mrs Eld felt that the Parish Council should abide by the wishes of the majority of Parishioners and that some wished it to be recorded that this Parish Council should not register their private opinions.

Mrs T. Cox said that she had abstained from voting and also that several people had expressed their feelings to her about the comments in the magazine.

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Mr G. Rumble said since the point had been brought up at this meeting, the views would be recorded in the minutes. The Parish Council accepted the result of the Referendum without question.

Mrs Eld replied that she felt obliged to raise the question.

#### Petrol Pumps

A question was asked by Mr Lindsey whether it was possible to have the disused petrol pumps at the old garage site removed.

Mr G. Rumble said plans had been agreed for the development of the site and there are certain regulations appertaining to disused petrol pumps.

Mr J. Ody said he thought they were still awaiting the disconnection by Southern Electricity.

Mr Lindsey said it should be the responsibility of the Parish Council to press for action. Developers should be made aware of the situation.

Mr J. Ody said he felt sure that the views expressed would be conveyed by Mrs Luker.

#### Street Names

Mr Paske asked why the street signs were so large and not in keeping with the Village.

Mr J. Ody agreed.

Mr V. Hodgkins pointed out that the Parish Council could only request the Vale of White Horse to provide and erect signs and these were of standard pattern and erected in accordance with District Council requirements. The positioning was determined by members of the Parish Council.

Mr G. Rumble suggested that the matter be raised at the Annual Assembly.

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


Mr J. Ody said that the Treasurer's statement for March should be removed as it was incorrect.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

a. Motorbikes

Mr J. Ody said he had had a meeting with the Police and a few parents. The situation had improved and at the moment was no great nuisance.

b. The Telephone Kiosk

 The electricity had now been reconnected and it was now lit.

Treasurer's Report

November 1989.

Petty Cash	17.42
Current Account	637.30
	<u>£654.72</u>

Accounts Paid

Mrs D. Venn	81.00
Oxford Association Local Councils	1.40
Charney Church Acc.	58.30
	<u>£140.70</u>

January, 1990.

Petty Cash	17.42
Current Account	496.60
	<u>£514.02</u>

Accounts Paid

Mrs D. Venn	48.00
Disinfectant and new broom	7.14
O.C.C. grass cutting	280.44
Christmas Tree	20.00
" " lights	11.76
	<u>£367.34</u>

March 1990

Petty Cash	10.28
Current Account	136.40
	<u>£146.68</u>

Parish Clerk	£30.00
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3.c. Village Hall Insurance

A quotation had been received from the Insurance Company regarding separate cost for the Village Hall. The letter was being circulated.

d. Footpaths

Mr J. Ody said that Mr P. Davis had offered to mend the stile and clear the path to the Cherbury Camp.

J.O.

Mr G. Rumble suggested that Mr J. Ody should be asked to proceed.

Mr V. Hodgkins said he could see no evidence of walkers using the west side of the hedge.

e. Grass Cutting

Mr J. Ody said that the playing field had been cut for the first time on March 1st.

f. Manhole Cover in the Playing Field.

Mr V. Hodgkins said that this was a public danger and we should write to the Oxfordshire County Council in the strongest terms.

Mr J. Ody felt that the matter was now extremely urgent.

Mr V. Hodgkins said that the Parish Council should write as a matter of urgency.

R.P.

g. Railings around Ock Bridge Green

Mr J. Ody said that these needed replacing as several posts had been broken.

4. Treasurer's Report and Financial Matters.

Mr J. Ody said that the only account outstanding was £30 for the Parish Clerk.

5. Planning Matters.

The Clerk reported that two applications had been received since the last meeting. Both had been previously circulated.

a. Garage site

There was only a slight modification to previous applications and required no comments.

b. Pusey House

This was change of use of the House and Gardens to a Hotel with additional recreational facilities on the surrounding land. There was no adverse comment but it should be mentioned that the Gardens remain open to the Public.

Manor Farm

A meeting took place on site on the 13th February with

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Mr J. Ody and Mr G. Rumble of the Parish Council.

This was regarding the proposed conversion of Manor Farm House and five barns into 6 dwellings with large plots. The Parish Council were assured that this was the maximum number of dwellings allowed by the Highway Authority. The scheme was in preparation and to be discussed with the Department of Environment.

During the discussions, it was disclosed that the Paddock adjacent to the "Cottage on the Green" would not be built upon and a covenant to this effect would be issued in due course. The Parish Council suggested that this site could be of use to the Village and it intermated that the O.C.C. could look upon a request for purchase favourably.

6. Bus Shelter

Mr J. Ody said that it had been suggested that the end walls and seat be removed because of certain youngsters causing a nuisance.

Mrs T. Cox said that at times it had been an extreme nuisance with noise at 12.00 or 1.00am and was in favour of something being done.

Mr V. Hodgkins said similar situations had arisen in other villages and they had made the same reconstruction. He suggested that the matter be raised at the Annual Assembly.

Mr G. Rumble said it was a serious problem and should be looked at at a step at a time, taking down the side walls then putting up gates if this was not effective.

Mrs Gardiner asked if an estimate could be obtained and made available at the Annual Assembly.

Mr G. Rumble suggested that the Parish Council obtain an estimate and leave further discussion until the Annual Assembly.

7. To allow a further 10 minutes for residents to ask questions.

Mr Paske asked whether there was any further news about a 'no parking' sign at the end of Chapel Lane. Mr G. Rumble said that the Parish Council had been informed by the Vale of White Horse that the matter could be reviewed in 6 months time and that if the residents required a sign they would have to bear the expense themselves.

Mr V. Hodgkins said that we expressed upon the organisers of functions in the Village Hall that there is no parking allowed in Chapel Lane.

Mr G. Rumble said that the matter could be discussed again at the Annual Assembly.

Mrs Gibbons complained about dogs still being walked in the playing field. Mr Ody said if names could be supplied, he would deal with it.

8. Any other business

Mr J. Ody asked whether there had been any further news about the footpath from the Bridle Path to the Playing field. The Clerk said that the matter was still in hand.

The Clerk asked whether the Village was to be entered for the best Kept Village.

Mr J. Ody said he felt we should.

Mr V. Hodgkins said the situation had not changed since last year and thought there was no object since the judging was indifferent.

After some discussion it was unanimously agreed not to enter.

The date for the Annual Assembly was agreed for Wednesday, 25th April at 7.30p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.00p.m.

~~Done~~  
~~BRIDLE PATH, cutting~~

E.W.Clarke  
Chairman Parish Council