

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 9th May 1984 at 7.30 p.m.

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

County Councillor T. Cox and 7 Members of the Public also attended.

The Chairman apologised that there were no copies of the last meetings Minutes available.

- AGENDA
1. To allow 15 Minutes for Residents to ask questions etc.
  2. To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting.
  3. To receive the Treasurer's Report and other financial matters.
  4. To consider any Planning matters.
  5. Grass cutting of Village Greens and School Playing Field.
  6. Best Kept Village Competition.
  7. To fix a date for the Annual Parish Council Meeting.
  8. Any other business.

1. Fifteen Minutes for Residents to ask questions etc. Mrs. Cox enquired about the road signs which had been promised to be made available. The Chairman replied that he would deal with the matter during the course of the meeting.

2. To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting. These were read by the Clerk and agreed to be a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising.

- (a) Road signs. The Chairman said he had gone to see the Deputy Surveyor of Milton Depot but that, unfortunately, he was absent. He said he would endeavour to make contact before the end of the week. He also said he had seen signs around Oxford 'Caution Children' and should this be pursued. Mr. Clarke said that it should. Mr. Douglas queried whether they were authorised signs or not. Mr. Ody suggested writing to Oxfordshire County Council. Mr. Douglas said he could go at any time to collect signs from Milton Depot. Mr. Clarke said every effort should be made before the summer holidays.
- (b) Tree planting. The Chairman said sites had been agreed but weather had been too dry for planting and that it would be left until the Autumn.
- (c) School furniture. The Chairman reported that all furniture of any use to the Parish Council had now been removed including a shed.
- (d) Grant to Youth Club. Mr. Ody said that he had now received a grant of £106 from Oxfordshire County Council towards cost of a Billiard Table. The Chairman said that the Parish Council were sympathetic and suggested that they would reconsider the matter next year. Mr. Douglas enquired whether the grant was sufficient for the table. Mr. Ody said it was only 50% and that he hoped to raise the rest by the Youth Club having a sponsored walk.

3. Treasurer's Report and Financial matters. Mr. Ody reported that with the payment of outstanding account for the Association of Local Councils it will only leave under £5 in the Current Account and asked the Parish Council whether he should apply for the Precept. The Parish Council agreed.

The Chairman said he had a letter from the Parochial Church Council stating that the Churchyard grass cutting would cost £100 and asking the Parish Council for a contribution. It had been agreed from previous years that a contribution of £30 or  $\frac{1}{3}$ , whichever was the greater, should be made. The Parish Council there-fore unanimously agreed that a contribution of £34 be made this year.

Mr. Ody said that there was no news of Audit. Mr. T. Cox said that due to the change in procedure introduced this year the Audit would be delayed.

4. To consider Planning matters. The Clerk reported that there were no new Planning applications and that there was still no information regarding the Appeal against planning refusal of Development of land in Buckland Road. Mr. T. Cox said he would make enquiries.

A draft plan for Rural Areas had been received from the Vale of the White Horse and 2 copies were passed to Parish Council members to peruse for future discussion.

5. Grass Cutting. The Chairman said he had contacted Mr. Tyler and he had quoted £26 per cut. This was accepted unanimously. The Parish Council also expressed their complete satisfaction with last year's cutting.

School Playing Field - The Clerk said he had spoken to Oxfordshire County Council engineer responsible for organising the cutting to ask if the number of cuts could be reduced. This was not possible because of the method and programming of cutting.

Sand Pit - Mr. Clarke said he would arrange for more sand to be put in the Sand Pit before school holidays.

6. Best Kept Village. It was decided not to fix a date for a second "clean up". Mr. Ody thought it should be minuted that everyone concerned with the first clean be commended for their effort.

7. Date of Annual Parish Council Meeting. It was unanimously agreed that this should be held on Wednesday, 30th May at 7.30 p.m.

8. Any other business. Mr. Ody asked whether there was any information regarding the Bridle Road stream. The Clerk said he would contact Thames Water. Mr. Ody also reported on the bad state of the road by "Barnfield". The Clerk said he would follow up this matter.

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

Chairman

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 30th May 1984 at 7.30 p.m.

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	E. J. Clarke	Vice Chairman
	J. Ody	Treasurer
	D. Douglas )	Councillors
	G. Rumble )	

1. To elect the Officers for the ensuing year. The Clerk (Mr. Puckett) took the Chair and requested nominations for position of Chairman. Mr. Ody proposed Mr. V. A. Hodgkins, this was seconded by Mr. Clarke. Mr. Hodgkins was elected nem. com. Mr. Hodgkins then took the Chair.

The Chairman proposed Mr. E. Clarke as Vice Chairman and this was seconded by Mr. D. Douglas. Mr. Clarke was elected nem. com. and Mr. Clarke duly accepted.

The Chairman called for nominations for a Treasurer. Mr. Clarke proposed Mr. J. Ody and this was seconded by Mr. G. Rumble. Mr. Ody was elected nem. com.

2. To fix times and dates of meetings for ensuing year. It was agreed after discussion, to retain dates and times as second Wednesday of alternate months at 7.30 p.m. commencing 11th July. It was also agreed to allow 15 minutes at the beginning of each meeting for members of the Public to speak.

Mr. Rumble enquired whether it was possible to allow Public to speak during Meetings. The Chairman pointed out that this could not be allowed as it contravened the Guide laid down for Council Meetings.

This was the end of the business for the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

The Council then continued with a Special Parish Council Meeting to discuss two Planning Matters and it was unanimously agreed to allow the Public time to comment first.

3. To discussion Planning Application for Development of School Site.

Three plans were submitted:

1. To convert the School to one dwelling.
2. To convert the School to two dwellings.
3. To demolish the School and erect two new dwellings.

Only one question was asked - whether development plan included the Playing Field. The Chairman replied that it was only outline Planning for School Buildings and the Playing Field was not included. The Parish Council was in unanimous agreement that the Building should not be demolished. Mr. Ody, Mr. Rumble and Mr. Clarke were in favour of conversion to one dwelling only. Mr. Ody thought it was a listed building and a check was to be made on this. The Clerk was therefore asked to reply to the Planning Authority expressing the Parish Council's views. Conversion to one dwelling was unanimously agreed.

4. The Rural Area Draft Plan. The copies of this had been distributed at the meeting on the 9th May. The Parish Council were unanimous in being generally in agreement with, and approving, of the Plan; there were no adverse comments. Mr. Douglas, however, pointed out that under the section on Road Improvement Schemes, the Hanney Cross Road on A.338 was not mentioned. It was agreed that in replying to the Vale of the White Horse this omission should be mentioned. Mr. Ody said that since 80% - 90% of land around the village was owned by Oxfordshire County Council, he thought it possible that they would override any Planning decision of the Vale of the White Horse. The Chairman thought this was unlikely except in extreme cases.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.