

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 11th May, 1988.

Five members of the Public and District Councillor T. Cox attended.

#### AGENDA

1. To allow 15 minutes for residents to ask questions etc.
2. To agree the minutes of the last meeting.
3. To read minutes of Annual Assembly.
4. Matters arising from minutes.
5. Treasurers Report & Financial matters.
6. To consider any Planning matters.
7. To arrange date for Parish Council to meet with Village Hall Feasibility Comm.
8. Any other business.

#### 1. To allow 15 minutes for residents to ask questions

Mr Eld enquired of the availability of the minutes of the Annual Assembly.

Mr V. Hodgkins said they were always available and Mr E. Clarke said that a copy will be circulated.

Mr Eld asked whether anything further had been done about parking at the Chquers Public House. The Clerk said that he would pursue that matter.

Mr Paske asked whether it was intended to replace the posts at the end of Chapel Lane in view of the number of bicycles and also horses now using the Lane.

Mr V. Hodgkins thought that the old posts were not suitable to be put back but Mr G. Rumble said he had them in his garage and that he would endeavour to repair them and put them back.

#### Street Names

Mr E. Clarke said he had canvassed most of the residents in Main Street. There were some that were doubtful but the majority welcomed the idea to continue calling it Main Street.

#### Grass Cutting

Mr E. Clarke said he had agreed a figure of £200 with Mr Tyler for this year to contract to cut as and when needed.

#### 2. To Agree Minutes of last meeting

Mr J. Ody pointed out an error and this was amended and the minutes duly signed by the Chairman.

#### 3. To Read the Minutes of the Annual Assembly

The Clerk explained that these were in a draft form. They were read by him and all agreed that they were factually correct.

#### 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

##### a) Notice Board

Mr J. Ody asked about the latest position.

Mr E. Clarke said it had been decided to have a new notice board made.

##### b) Old Toilets - New Road

Concern was expressed about the state of these small buildings and it was felt they should be preserved. The Clerk was requested to write to Mr Audley-Miller on the matter.

c) Trees - Buckland Road

Mr V. Hodgkins reported that the hedgerow saplings recently planted by Vale of White Horse would have to be moved back as they were too close to the road. This would now have to wait until the Autumn.

d) Bus Shelter

Mr V. Hodgkins said that Mr Smith who was making the notice board would replace the tile on the roof.

e) Registration of Village Hall

No further developments since last meeting.

f) Playing Field

Mr J. Ody enquired whether there was any news of the Draft lease. The Clerk said he would follow it up since it was over two months since he had heard.

g) Emergency Planning Questionnaire

Mr Eld said that this had been amended. He had spoken to Major Lucas and it had been suggested that whilst the Manor was a useful centre for outside need it was not useful for the Village itself. The Public House or Village Hall was preferred.

h) Car Parking CHEQUERS.

Mr V. Hodgkins raised the question again as Mr Peter Harmsworth, the Landlord of the Chequers, had joined the meeting. He agreed that he would welcome an approach to the Brewery.

i) Footpath by Playing Field

Mr V. Hodgkins said that this had been used by Villagers for 90 years and that the Public had a right to walk over it for only 12 years to make a claim on it.

Mr G. Rumble said that he had spoken to the new Tenant farmer and found him a reasonable person. He had been given a plan of footpaths and this particular one was not shown. He would be very happy to talk to the Parish Council.

Mr V. Hodgkins said the Parish Council should seek a meeting with him. Mr E. Clarke said he would approach him and get his reactions.

5. Treasurers Report & Financial Matters (see attached)

Mr J. Ody said he would collect the Precept of £840 now due. This was duly signed by the Chairman.

6. To Consider any Planning Matters

The Clerk reported that an application had been made by McBains to develop the 'Old School' and construct five one bedroom units. The Parish Council had considered the Plans for this at a Special Meeting and had agreed to suggest that the Vale of White Horse reject the application as they considered it an overdevelopment of the site with a design that was not in character with the 'Conservation Area,' there were no provision for garages or external storage and car parking in New Road would produce a problem. Mr V. Hodgkins did commend the sympathetic treatment of the Old School building itself. Councillor T. Cox said that the Planning Authority had a difficulty with decisions about smaller houses and suitable locations.

Treasurers report May 1988

March 1988

Petty Cash	£44.82.
Current Account	167.06.
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	£211.88

ACCOUNT PAID

O.R.C.C.	6.00
Xmas tree lights	19.50
Parish Clerk	30.00
Mrs D. Venn	60.00
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	£115.50

May 1988

Petty Cash	44.82
Current Account	51.56
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	£96.38

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNT

Oxford Association of Local Council

PRECEPT 88/89

7. To fix date to meet village Hall Feasibility Committee

After some discussion it was agreed to hold the meeting on the most convenient Wednesday following the meeting of the Feasibility Committee. Mr J. Ody had been asked by Mr D. Douglas if he should attend as a member of the Trust Committee.

Mr V. Hodgkins was not in favour with this since it was only to discuss feasibility.

Mr J. Ody thought Trust should be informed about what is available.

Mr E. Clarke suggested he should speak to the Trust Chairman.

Mr J. Ody thought the Parish Council should meet Trustees before reporting to the Village as a whole.

8. Any other business

a) Motor bikes on footpath

Mr J. Ody said he had spoken to the police constable and to the boys concerned but some still ride in the playing field.

The constable had asked whether he should approach the parents but

Mr J. Ody said he would prefer to keep it a private matter.

Mr E. Clarke said he was most concerned about the sign that had been taken from the entrance to the playing field. The cost of replacing it would be in the order of £75 - £100. He said he would speak to the Father of the boy concerned and report back.

b) Mrs T. Cox asked whether it would be possible to have the 15 minutes for the Public to ask questions, at Parish Council meetings, moved to the end.

Mr V. Hodgkins said the Agenda was always published on the Notice Board so it should be possible for anyone concerned with matters on it to ask questions at the beginning.

Mr G. Rumble suggested that the Parish Council could allow 10 minutes at the beginning and 10 minutes at the end.

A vote was taken on this resulting in 4 for and 1 against this proposal. The measure was therefore to be adopted at future meetings.

c) Mrs T. Cox asked who was liable if an accident occurs to anyone cutting the verge outside his house.

Mr V. Hodgkins said verges were part of the public highway and it depended whose fault it was as in any other accident.

Mrs T. Cox asked whether anything could be done about the pot-holes in Chapel Lane although it was an unadopted road. The Clerk was asked to inform the Highway Dept. to see if they could be filled in.

d) Mr J. Ody said Mr Dore had been upset by a letter he had received from the Vale of White Horse regarding the state of his garden. The Parish Council came to the conclusion that this must have been sent in error.

The meeting closed at 10p.m.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on  
Wednesday, 11th May, 1988 at 7.30p.m.

Present: Mr E. Clarke  
Mr G. Rumble  
Mr J. Ody  
Mrs T. Cox  
Mr W. Hodgkins

#### AGENDA

1. To elect officers for the ensuing year
2. To fix dates for future meetings
3. To appoint representatives for other Committees.
4. Any other business.

#### 1. To elect Officers

The Clerk, Mr R. Puckett, took the chair and called for nominations for the position of Chairman.

Mr J. Ody nominated Mr E. Clarke. This was seconded by Mrs G. Rumble.

After a unanimous vote, Mr E. Clarke was appointed as Chairman.

Mr E. Clarke then called for nominations for position of Vice Chairman.

Mr V. Hodgkins nominated Mr G. Rumble and this was seconded by Mrs T. Cox.

After a unanimous vote Mr G. Rumble was appointed as Vice Chairman.

Mr J. Ody was nominated as Treasurer by Mr G. Rumble and this was seconded by Mrs T. Cox. Mr R. Puckett agreed to remain as Clerk.

#### 2. To fix dates for future meetings

After some discussion it was agreed to retain the present system  
i.e. Second Wednesday of every other month.

#### 3. To appoint Officers for other Committees

Mr D. Douglas remains on the Longworth Charity Committee.

Mrs T. Cox agreed to hold appointment on the Mini Bus Committee.

Mr J. Ody said that he sits on the Vale of White Horse Youth and Community Committee.

Mr Eld will continue to serve as Emergency Planning Officer.

#### 4. Any other business

There was no further business and the Chairman proposed to proceed with the Parish Council Meeting.