

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village

Hall on 16th May, 1990 at 7.30p.m.

Present:

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

Apologies of absence were received from Mr G. Rumble

District Councillor T. Cox and seven members of the public were present.

AGENDA

1. To allow ten minutes for members of the public to ask questions.
2. To agree and sign the minutes of the last meeting.
3. Matters arising from the minutes.
4. To read draft of Minutes of the Annual Assembly.
5. Matters arising from the minutes.
6. Treasurers Report and Financial Matters.
7. To report on any Planning Matters.
8. Report on Draft Lease for Playing Field.
9. To allow further ten minutes for residents to comment
10. Any other business.

1. To allow ten minutes for members of the public to ask questions.

Mr Paske asked whether the Parish Council could complain about the method of road resurfacing, recently carried out.

Mr E. Clarke said that the Parish Council was not in a position to complain as this was the usual method and one that had been in use by the Oxfordshire County Council for years.

District Councillor Cox said it was the most economical way.

Mr V. Hodgkins said that the stones used would be crushed if a heavy metal roller was used.

Mr Paske also asked whether it would be possible to apply for 'sleeping policemen' to be installed.

Mr V. Hodgkins said that there were stringent regulations governing this - a well lit street etc. This also applied to speed limit signs.

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

The Minutes were agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

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3. Matters arising from the minutes.

a Petrol Pumps

Mr V. Hodgkins said that as nothing seemed to have been done, it was reasonable for the Parish Council to contact the developer on the matter.

Mr E. Clarke agreed.

b Telephone Kiosk

Mr J. Ody said that in spite of ringing B.T. several times, the light had not been restored.

Dist. Councillor Terry Cox said he would raise the matter with the District Councillor who deals with it.

c Path to Cherbury Camp

Mr J. Ody said that he had hoped that Mr Davies who had said he would repair the stile etc. would be at this meeting but obviously had not been able to.

d Manhole Cover in Playing Field

Mr E. Clarke said that following his meeting with Mr McBain, the cover had now been made safe by concreting in without charge to the Parish Council.

Mr V. Hodgkins said we should write to thank Mr McBain and this was agreed.

e Bridle Path

Mr E. Clarke proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Fry for clearing the path and asked Mrs Fry who was at the meeting to convey the Parish Council's appreciation.

f Railings on Ock Bridge

Mr E. Clarke reported that these had now been installed on both sides of the road.

g Pusey House

Dist. Councillor T. Cox reported that there had been a number of applications for change of use of the property and grounds. These needed careful study by the Vale of White Horse because of the implications. These applications had been deferred pending a report on the feasibility by outside experts.

4. To read the draft minutes of the Annual Assembly.

The Clerk read out the Draft minutes and they were agreed as being an accurate report.

5. Matters arising from the minutes of the Annual Assembly.

a Horse Trough

This was originally at Manor Farm and the O.C.C. had presented it to the Parish Council. It was agreed that this be positioned on the Green or Ock Green but the exact location would be determined by a site meeting.

5.b

Bus Shelter

Mr J. Ody said that Mr G. Rumble would varnish the seat and also suggested that he come and talk to the Village youth about decorating inside.

Mr V. Hodgkins did not think painting was a good idea. West Hanney had painted theirs in bright green and this had aggravated the 'graffiti' problem.

Mr J. Ody thought a good scrub out would probably be the best.

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Lorries into McBains

Mr E. Clarke said he and Mr G. Rumble had met Mr McBain and presented him with a letter of complaint from the Village.

Mr McBain said he had now suspended any further sandblasting on site and would install an incinerator to burn rubbish.

Because of the difficulty in hiring a suitable large vehicle for plant, he had purchased one instead.

When planning permission was granted for new access, the situation would ease. He said he would also repair the road edge at Buckland Road/New Road.

Mr E. Clarke said he had received a letter of complaint from Mrs Francis and this he read out. She said she unfortunately could not attend the Parish Council Meeting, but was concerned about the lorries and also asked on what authority had McBains repaired the damaged road edge.

Mr V. Hodgkins pointed out that since the repair had been carried out, large vehicles could now negotiate the bend easily.

Mr E. Clarke said the letter asked the Parish Council what they could do about the vehicles.

Mr V. Hodgkins said that a business can operate providing they have permission and also McBains operations were much less of a nuisance than the previous tenants.

Mr J. Ody suggested that the Parish Council keep an eye on the situation.

Mr V. Hodgkins said the Parish Council should reply to Mrs Francis pointing out that everything that could be done, had been.

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Ock River

Dist. Counc. T. Cox reported that the Government was hoping to bring in a legislation to control water extraction from rivers etc.

Mr V. Hodgkins said there were other farms on route of the stream who caused concern and he was also worried about the effect of the sewage works outfall.

6.

Treasurer's Report and Financial Matters

Mr J. Ody presented the account for the current months and reported that there was an outstanding account for the O.A.L.C. and that there had been 2 cuts of the Greens one of which had been paid. There had been 6 cuts of the Playing Field to date. Half the precept had been received and 50% of the Street Cleaning cost was to be claimed from the Vale of White Horse. Mr J. Ody said he had a quote of £17 for 100 sheets of headed note

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paper. This was felt to be high and further quotes were to be obtained.

The Audit was to be held on 2nd July and the Minute book was to be handed in for this period. Mr E. Clarke said he could see no difficulty over this. Mr Clarke also said he would speak to Miss Smith of O.R.C.C. re headed notepaper.

Mr V. Hodgkins suggested that the O.C.C. be asked if grass cutting of the Playing Field be reduced to every month, i.e. every other normal scheduled cutting.

Mr E. Clarke proposed a vote of thanks to the Clerk and to all other members who do extra work.

A.C.

7. To report on any Planning Matters.

The Clerk said there had been no planning matters apart from the application by McBains to replace the access to the site. This had been dealt with by a special meeting and is minuted independently.

8. Report on Draft Lease for Playing Field.

Mr E. Clarke said he had spoken to Miss Smith of O.R.C.C. and the Draft Lease had been sent to their Legal Department for comments. The main concern was the state of the perimeter fence.

Mr J. Ody said that this had been erected 30 years ago and it would be unrealistic of the O.C.C. to expect the Parish Council to reinstate it.

It was agreed that a meeting be arranged with the Valuer of the O.C.C. on site to discuss the matter.

9. To allow a further ten minutes for residents to comment.

Toilets

Mrs Gibbons said that she had noticed that tiles were being taken from the roofs of the 'old toilets' at the rear of the properties in New Road.

Mr V. Hodgkins said if this was so, it was illegal as they are in a 'Conservation area.' Mr Holloway of O.C.C. Smallholdings Committee should be informed.

R.P.

Playing Field

Mrs Fry proposed that the Parish Council write to the Charney and Lyford Education Trust regarding the cost of rental and grass cutting. This was seconded by Mrs Gibbons. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council approach the Charney and Lyford Trust seeking a contribution towards the cost.

R.P.

Precept

Mr Paske asked whether the precept was earning interest. Mr J. Ody said that this was not possible under Bankers Rates.

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Petrol Pumps on Garage Site.

Mrs Luker said that they were awaiting Highway Authority consent.

Mr V. Hodgkins said we should ask if she would like the Parish Council to intercede.

Mr E. Clarke said it was not Parish Council business but suggested that if Mrs Luker would give him the appropriate information, he would persue the matter.

E.C.

10. Any other Business.

Mr J. Ody said he had received several complaints about two or three dogs roaming the Village. He suggested that a note be put in the Cherbury News.

Mount Pleasant, Longworth Road.

Dist. Counc. T.Cox reported that under a new Government Scheme, Local authorities can register such properties to qualify for financial assistance and this property was at the top of the list.

To fix date for A.G.M.

After discussion, it was agreed to hold this immediately after a meeting on the Green to decide about possible location of the Horse Trough. This was to be at 7.00p.m. on 21st May followed by the A.G.M. in the Village Hall at 7.30p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.50p.m.

Mr. E. Clarke
Chairman