

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on 12th November 1986.

Present:

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

Apologies for absence were received from Dist.Clr. T. Cox
Three members of the public also attended.

- AGENDA
1. To allow fifteen minutes for residents to ask questions etc.
 2. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting.
 3. Matters arising from those minutes.
 4. Treasurer's Report and any other financial matters.
 5. To consider any Planning matters.
 6. Progress report on the Playing Field.
 7. Ock Bridge Green - grass cuttings and dead tree.
 8. Any other business.

1. To allow fifteen minutes for residents to ask questions etc. Mrs. T. Cox complained about the number of Motor Bikes and youths around the bus shelter late evening and night. Mr. Morgan also complained about motor bikes being ridden up and down Chapel Lane especially on Youth Club night. Mr. J. Ody, Youth Club Leader, disputed this as not being a general rule but agreed to keep it under control as far as possible. The Chairman accepted that there was a difficulty at the Bus Shelter and that since it concerned the Public Highway suggested that the local Police be informed. It was agreed by all that the Clerk write to P.C. Holder, the Community Policeman at Buckland. Mr. G. Rumble said we should obtain names if possible.

Mrs. T. Cox raised the question of street names as she frequently had people asking. The Chairman felt that there appeared to be an increasing need but suggested leaving the matter until the Annual Meeting in 1987.

2. To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting. Mr. J. Ody pointed out that Dist. Councillor T. Cox had been omitted, although he had attended; following this correction the Minutes were agreed and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. Matters arising.

- (a) Signs on the Green. The Chairman said he would be making a sketch to put before a supplier.
- (b) Village Hall Registration. The Chairman said he had seen Miss Smith and had drafted a letter for the Charity Commission. The registration had been completed and the next step was to ask the Charity Commissioners for a scheme of Committee.
- (c) Civil Defence Volunteer. Mr. Eld had attended two meetings. The Chairman had also received notice of the meetings.
- (d) Three Ways Garage. The Chairman said there appeared to be a change of tenancy and the situation would be kept under review.
- (e) Performing Rights Licence. The Chairman said this matter would be dealt with by the Village Hall Committee.
- (f) Football Pitch. Mr. J. Ody said this had now been marked out. It was agreed to reimburse the Youth Club for the cost - £3.

4. Treasurer's Report and Financial Matters. Mr. J. Ody reported that the Precept of £390 had now been collected from the Vale of the White Horse District Council. There had been Bank Charges incurred for the sum of £1.15 accrued from an overdraft in April. The Chairman said if this became frequent the Bank Manager should be approached. Mr. Ody also pointed out that the Precept for 1987/8 should be agreed at the next Parish Council Meeting.

5. To consider any Planning Matters. The Clerk reported that an application to rebuild a garage at Camden House, Longworth Road, had been received and dealt with at a special meeting held on 8th October. It was agreed to raise no objection to the proposal.

6. Progress Report on Playing Field. The Clerk said that nothing had been heard from either the District Valuer or Oxfordshire County Council. He had had a telephone conversation with the O.C.C. who said that the District Valuer would be preparing a final figure in the near future. It was agreed to pursue the matter. Mr. Ody suggested a special meeting be held as soon as we heard.

7. Ock Bridge Green - Grasscutting and dead tree.

Grass Cutting. The Chairman reported that there had been 5 cuts and £120 had been sent to Mr. Tyler. It was agreed to pay the outstanding amount of £28.50.

Dead Tree. Mr. E. Clarke said the tree in question was now completely dead and it could be cut down to form a picnic table. The Chairman felt it should be down to ground level and turfed over. Mr. Clarke said he would arrange for this to be done and also replant with a Silver Birch. The Chairman said the cost of any work etc. would be met by the Parish Council. The Chairman also said that he would look into an alternative location for dumping grass cuttings.

8. Any other business.

- (a) Road to Fyfield by Bullock Pits Farm. A number of complaints had been received over the dangerous state of the road caused by mud. The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Department.
- (b) Flood by Ock Green. This was still a problem and the Highway Dept. had intimated that the eventual answer would be a drain across the Green and into the Ock.
- (c) Bus Shelter. Mr. D. Douglas said notices had been slashed on the Notice Board and Mr. J. Ody said he would talk to the Youth Club about the matter. Mr. Ody also requested that a Notice be put in the Parish Magazine regarding fouling in the Bus Shelter.

Mr. Ody also felt mention should be made regarding the effort Mr. Harper of Barnfield had made in clearing his part of the Brook by the Bridle Road.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Chairman

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