

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9th November, 1988  
in the Village Hall at 7.30p.m.

Present:

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mr G. Rumble and District Councillor T. Cox.

3 members of the Public attended.

Agenda

1. To allow 10 minutes for Residents to ask questions.
2. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the last meeting.
3. Matters arising from the Minutes.
4. Treasurer's Report & Financial Matters.
5. To consider any Planning Matters.
6. To report on the setting-up of the New Village Hall Committee.
7. To discuss a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.
8. Any other business.

1. To allow 10 minutes for Residents to ask questions etc.

Mr Eld said he understood that there is a dispute between the Vale of White Horse and the Oxfordshire County Council regarding the proposed development on land adjacent to the Village Green. The Oxfordshire County Council were appealing to the Department of Environment to obtain an adjustment of the Conservation area.

Mr V. Hodgkins suggested that the item for 10 minutes for residents to ask questions, at present before the Any Other Business item, should in future be after. This was agreed.

2. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the last Meeting.

Mr V. Hodgkins Notice Board, item 3b delete the name of the person who made the existing board.

Mr V. Hodgkins Item 3c footpath should include name 'Buckland Road to Bridle Path.'

Mr V. Hodgkins Item 6 should be Parochial Church Council. These amendments were agreed and the minutes signed.

3. Matters Arising

a) Notice Board Mr E. Clarke reported that this was nearly completed.

b) Telephone Kiosk The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from British Telecom that it had been decided to change the Kiosk in spite of the Parish Council's opposition.

Mr J. Ody suggested that the light be reinstated until such time as removal became imminent.

Mr E. Clarke thought that it was a waste of time to purchase the box as maintenance would be costly.

c) Lorry Parking Wantage Police had spoken to the driver but would keep the matter under review.

d) Refuse on Bridle Path Mr J. Ody said he had spoken to ~~the~~<sup>A</sup> culprit and hoped that there would be no more dumping but he would keep an eye on it.

e) Bonfires in Playing Field Mr J. Ody suggested that a mention be made of the offence in the Parish Magazine.

#### 4. Treasurers Report & Financial Matters

Mr. J. Ody said there was little to report. There was only one outstanding account, namely, Grass Cutting.

The auditor had been satisfied with the Statement of Accounts.

Mr V. Hodgkins said he thought the grass had only been cut 4 times and although the arrangement for this year was that Mr Tyler would cut without being told, this was not the case.

Mr E. Clarke said it had been agreed to pay £200 and for the cutting to be done as necessary.

There was some discussion whether to withhold £40 because the number of cuts was less and it was agreed that Mr E. Clarke would contact Mr Tyler to seek his reaction to this.

Mr. J. Ody asked whether there would be a Christmas Tree on the Green and all agreed that the same arrangement as last year should apply.

#### 5. To consider any Planning Matters.

The Clerk said that no new applications had been received but that the application for the development at the Garage had been withdrawn.

#### 6. To Report on the Setting-up of the new Village Hall Committee

A meeting was held under the auspices of the Parish Council on 26th October to elect 3 members of the public on to the new Village Hall Committee. The 3 members of the public elected were Mr Eld, Mr Harper and Mrs T. Cox.

The new committee would be known as The Village Hall Management Committee but the Parish Council would become Custodian Trustees.

#### 7. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Mr E. Clarke announced that he had made arrangements for Wantage Police to address a general meeting of Villagers to provide information regarding the setting up of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. This meeting would be held on 10th November.

Mr V. Hodgkins hoped that there would be sufficient people attending.

Treasurer's Report November 1988

SEPTEMBER, '88

Petty Cash	£17.42
Current Account	826.01
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	843.43

ACCOUNT PAID

Mrs D. Venn	67.50
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NOVEMBER, 1988

Petty Cash	17.42
Current Account	758.51
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	£775.93

8. Any other Business

Mrs T. Cox asked whether anything could be done about the pot-holes in Chapel Lane.

Mr. V. Hodgkins said it had been repaired previously under the pretext that it form the access to the Village Hall.

The Clerk said he would contact the Highway Authority.

Emergency Questionnaire

Mr Eld suggested that this should be sent out under the auspices of the Parish Council, preferably with a covering letter.

The Documents were ready to be distributed.

Mr J. Ody suggested that a notice be put in the magazine and also that a copy of the questionnaire be put in the Post Office.

Mr V. Hodgkins said the notice in the magazine should include an explanation and reason for the questionnaire.

Mrs T. Cox said also that the notice in the magazine should say a copy was available in the Post Office.

Mr Eld asked how many copies of the 'Be wise in Winter' circular should be made available. The general view was that 30 should be sufficient.

Mrs T. Cox suggested they could be available at the Post Office and given out with the pensions.

Best Kept Village

Mr E. Clarke read out the report from the O.R.C.C. ON THE BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Mr V. Hodgkins took great exception to remarks regarding the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45p.m.