

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE

HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, 1989.

Present

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

District Councillor T. Cox and two members of the Public also attended.

AGENDA

1. To allow ten minutes for residents to ask questions etc.
2. To agree and sign the minutes of the last meeting.
3. Matters arising from the minutes.
4. Treasurers Report and Financial Matters.
5. To consider any Planning matters.
6. To report on progress of new Village Hall.
7. To allow a further ten minutes for residents to ask questions relating to the meeting.
8. Any other business.

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1. To allow ten minutes for residents to ask questions.

There were no questions and the meeting proceeded to item 2.

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

Mr V. Hodgkins suggested that on Page 2, item 4 should read "only part of the year" and on Page 3, Mr Hodgkins said he did not suggest writing about the 'Old School'.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

a Motorbikes.

Mr E. Clarke had met the Police and they were keeping the matter under review. Mr J. Ody said there would be a meeting of the Youth Club on November 18th when the matter would be raised.

3. cont.....

b Archives at Reading.

Mr E. Clarke thanked Mr V. Hodgkins for arranging the visit to view the old records which had been most interesting and enjoyable.

c Telephone Kiosk.

The Clerk reported that following conversations with British Telecom, the glass had been restored. The painting was out to contract and would be undertaken in due course.

d Street Names.

District Councillor T. Cox said he would contact the representative of the Vale of White Horse to arrange a meeting.

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e Manhole cover in Playing Field.

The Clerk agreed to contact the Oxfordshire County Council Property Services.

R.P.

f Footpath alongside the Old Allotments.

The appropriate forms and letter was sent off to the County Solicitor in October.

g Village Hall and Parish Council Insurance.

Mr G. Rumble said he would be writing to the Munciple and Mutual Insurance Co. suggesting that the Village Hall Committee take up the insurance for the Village Hall. He queried whether the present liability was too low and thought it should be £1m. Mr V. Hodgkins suggested that liability for the Parish Council should also be increased to £1m.

G.R.

h Old Farm Buildings opposite Minmere Farm.

Mr E. Clarke said he had spoken to Mr Walker who had said that he would demolish the structure when the timbers had been taken.

i Footpath to Cherbury Camp.

There was some discussion regarding the correct route and it was suggested that the Clerk write to the Footpaths Officer to clarify the matter.

R.P.

4. Treasurers Report and Financial Matters.

Mr J. Ody read out the balance sheet. It was agreed that Mr Douglas be asked to supply the Christmas tree on the Green for which the Parish Council will pay together with the lighting. Mr J. Ody said he was still awaiting the final account for the Churchyard grasscutting.

TREASURER'S REPORT - NOVEMBER 1989.

SEPTEMBER 1989

Petty Cash	17.42
Current Account	764.35
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	£781.77p
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ACCOUNTS PAID

Insurance	60.05
Mrs D. Venn (street cleaning)	27.00
Mr Baxter (grass cutting)	40.00
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	£127.05
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NOVEMBER 1989.

Petty Cash	17.42
Current Account	<del>654.72</del> 637.30
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	<del>£672.14p</del> 654.72p
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Mr J. Ody also reported that Mrs Venn had been sick for two weeks and had not been paid for October. The grant for street cleaning, paid by the Vale of White Horse, would be reduced to 50% for this year.

Councillor T. Cox said he hoped that this would be increased for the following year.

5. To consider any Planning Matters.

The Clerk reported that no new applications had been received apart for the granting of the application for the Garage site.

6. To report on progress of new Village Hall.

Mr E. Clarke said the Parish Council was satisfied by progress and awaiting the outcome of the referendum.

7. To allow a further ten minutes for residents to ask questions.

There being no questions, the meeting proceeded to the next item.

8. Any other business.

Mr E. Clarke said that he had been asked by Mrs Barton if the Parish Council would examine her plans to convert the Barn on the Green to a private dwelling which would present no change to the appearance.

The Plans were examined and the Parish Council agreed that a sympathetic approach had been made, which would be taken into account when a Planning Application was made.

District Councillor T. Cox reported that the Oxfordshire County Council were looking at parcels of land that they owned throughout the County for erection of small numbers of dwellings of low cost housing.

Mr E. Clarke reported that he went to a meeting at Wantage regarding Neighbourhood Watch and said that the crime rate was down by 70%.

The meeting closed at 8.55p.m.