

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village

Hall on Wednesday, 21st November, 1990 at 7.30.p.m.

Present:

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

Apologies were received from Mr J. Ody and District Councillor T. Cox.

Seven members of the Public were also in attendance.

AGENDA

1. To allow ten minutes for residents to ask questions etc.
2. To agree 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 lease for playing field.
7. To allow a further ten minutes for residents to ask questions.
8. Any other business.

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

Mrs Venn said that her husband was now fully retired and although she was happy to carry on with the street cleaning, if anyone was available to take over, she would relinquish the post if the Parish Council were agreeable. However, as an alternative, she suggested that she made up the requisite number of hours as and when she was able to. All members agreed with the suggestion. Mr E. Clarke said that Mrs Venns effort was greatly appreciated.

2. To approve the minutes of the last meeting.

All agreed that the minutes were a correct record and were duly signed.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

Fouling of footpaths.

Mr. E. Clarke said that Mr J. Ody had spoken to the Vale of White Horse District Council and they suggested that the Parish Council put up notices which they could supply at a cost of £2.50 each. Mr E. Clarke asked whether the Parish Council wanted them and if so how many would be required. All agreed that they could be useful.

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Mr V. Hodgkins was of the opinion that 8 or 10 would be required but was concerned about the extra expenditure. Mr E. Clarke said that at the Vale of White Horse Chairmans Meeting the information he had gleaned was that it was difficult to administer any compulsion but thought that the physiological effect of putting up notices ought to bring forth results. Mrs T. Cox suggested that 6 notices should be ordered.

b Telephone Kiosk

Mr V. Hodgkins reported that the light was on all day.

c Proposed development in New Road

Mrs T. Cox reported that the Vale of White Horse seemed to be in dispute with the Oxfordshire County Council over this matter and asked whether the Parish Council wished to be represented if a meeting was called. It was agreed that the Parish Council wait to hear from the Vale of White Horse.

d 'The Chequers'

The Parish Council were pleased to hear that the Public House was to remain open.

e McBains

The Chairman said that no approach had been made as clearing up the school site had already been started.

f Pig Farm (?)

There was some suspicion that pig farming was contemplated on land opposite the Goosey Turn and Mr E. Clarke asked for comments.

Mrs T. Cox said that she had spoken to District Councillor T. Cox and he was awaiting more information from the Planning Dept. Mr V. Hodgkins said that the site is liable to flooding and affluent disposal could be a problem therefore the Parish Council should express concern on this aspect.

g Pusey House

The Chairman had contacted the new owners Farm Manager and had been assured that something would be done about the derelict Barn opposite Minmere Farm.

h Insurance

Mr G. Rumble said that at the present time, the whole of the insurance (Village Hall and Parish Council) were still under the Parish Council and the cheque for the premium had been cashed. He had informed the Insurance Company that we now wished the Village Hall and Parish Council to be invoiced separately. This would mean that the Parish Council would be responsible for the Bus Shelter and Public Liability and Village Hall Comm. for V.Hall

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and Public Liability.

i Speed Regulations

Mrs T. Cox showed the Parish Council a letter written by Mr Troup of Homefarm, together with a petition which was to be sent to Mr Robert Jackson, M.P. and also Mr Kirkwood of the Oxfordshire County Council.

Mr V. Hodgkins said that he had no objection to the letter but felt it would be wrong of the Parish Council to sign the letter. Preferably the Parish Council should send a separate letter supporting this petition.

The Parish Council agreed with this suggestion and the Clerk was to write accordingly.

4. Treasurers Report

Mr E. Clarke reported in Mr J. Odys absence that Mrs Venn had been paid up to date.

It had been noted that the playing field had been cut ten times.

There was one outstanding account of Church Grass Cutting.

Mr V. Hodgkins said that payment should be an Annual amount and the Church should submit an invoice. The Parish Council had agreed to pay one third or £30 which ever was the ~~lessor~~ *GRASS*.

There had been an appeal from the Community Information Centre for a donation. Mr G. Rumble said he would be happy to visit the offices and see what is provided and report back to the next meeting.

5. To consider any planning matters

Cottage on the Green

An application for an additional window had been received and the Parish Council had no objections to this.

6. To report on progress of lease of Playing Field

The Clerk reported that the Counterpart of the Lease had been received and would be passed to members of the Parish Council before being signed by Mr E. Clarke, Mr G. Rumble and Mr J. Ody.

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

Mrs Venn suggested that it would be helpful if litter bins could be placed round the Village. Mr E. Clarke said this matter had been raised on a number of occasions in the past.

Mr G. Rumble said he was concerned with vandalism although it had diminished lately.

Mr V. Hodgkins asked whether the Parish Council really wanted to see litter bins in the Village.

Mr E. Clarke suggested that he enquire about the cost and report back at the next meeting.

Mr Lindsey suggested that dog fouling notices should not be ordered until the Parish Council decided where

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to place them round the village and the specified number.

Mr Rumble said that the Parish Council should liase with Mrs Venn to agree the positions.

Mr E. Clarke said that he and Mr J. Ody would do this.

8. Any other business

Mr V. Hodgkins reported that there was a broken manhole cover on the Village Green and suggested that he contacted Thames Water on this.

He also had received a letter from Social Services of Wantage regarding his appointment of long standing as a Village Link and he now felt that someone else should take over. He suggested Mrs T. Cox and she agreed.

Mrs T.Cox asked if the Parish Council could complain to the Oxfordshire County Council re holding the auction of property in New Road in London. It was agreed that this should be done.

The meeting closed at 9.30p.m.

Mr E.Clarke
Chairman.