

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on 12th September 1984 at 7.30 p.m.

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

County Councillor T. Cox and 5 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. Treasurer's Report and other Financial matters.
4. To consider Planning matters.
5. Letter from the District Council Representative re School Playing Field.
6. Result of Best Kept Village Contest.
7. To consider question of wreath for Armistice Sunday.
8. Any other business.

1. To allow fifteen minutes for residents to ask questions etc. Mrs. Jevons asked whether it would be possible to put up Road name signs, particularly for Butts Lane (which was the original name and not Chapel Lane). Mrs. Jevons said she would be willing to pay for this. The Chairman thanked her for the offer and said that the question should be considered as an overall scheme and could be raised at the next Annual Assembly. Mr. T. Cox commented that there is a programme carried out by the District Council for putting up names, requests had to be in by November. Mrs. Jevons thought it was unnecessary to put up names for main road through the Village.

Mrs. Teresa Cox said she, along with Mrs. Rumble, had prepared a petition of 50 names for submission to the Oxfordshire County Council Transport Manager regarding the routing and timing of the new combined school bus to Icknield School. Mr. Ody and Mr. Clarke suggested that the Parish Council send a letter supporting the petition, this was agreed.

Mrs. Cox also requested that there should be a "Give Way" sign erected at the junction of New Road and High Street and Mr. Clarke asked whether something could be done about replacing the signpost at Winters Lane. The Chairman requested the Clerk to write to the Highway Authority on these matters.

Matters arising

- (a) Road Signs. The Chairman reported that the "Caution Children" signs had been put up and he hoped motorists would take note of them.
 - (b) School Site. County Councillor T. Cox said that the three applications for development submitted by the Diocesan Council had been refused Planning permission and it would be incumbent upon them to submit further application for conversion to one dwelling.
 - (c) Bridle Path Stream. Mr. Ody asked whether anything further had been heard from Thames Water re the cleaning of this stream. The Clerk said he would pursue the matter again.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting. Copies of the Minutes for the last meeting had been distributed to Parish Council members and it was unanimously agreed that this constituted an accurate record; they were duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Treasurer's Report and Financial Matters. Mr. Ody reported that the Annual Audit had been completed satisfactorily and the fee of £26.45 would be paid.

Statement of Accounts

Petty Cash	52p
Deposit Account	£ 38. 40
Current Account	140. 57
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Accounts paid - Mr. G. Tyler - Grass Cutting	£78
Mr. V. A. Hodgkins (Road Signs)	£13
Accounts to hand - Audit Fee	£26. 45
Insurance	£32. 15
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The Chairman said that the sum of £13 was purely a nominal figure.

4. Planning Matters. The Clerk reported that the Appeal to the Department of the Environment re the development of land in Buckland Road had been refused. There were no other planning matters.

5. School Playing Field. The Chairman read a letter from Oxfordshire County Council to the Vale of the White Horse District Council which Councillor Cox had supplied regarding the disposal of the field by the Oxfordshire County Council. Mr. Cox said that unless a special case could be presented to the County Council for the retention by the Parish Council it would be sold at the highest market value. The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council renew their interest in it. Mr. Douglas thought we should bring up the question of an alternative site. Mr. Rumble suggested that the Parish Council should seek value of the land but the Chairman said that he did not think it would serve any useful purpose at the time being. Mr. Clarke thought that the tenanted land adjacent to the Village Green would be more appropriate ; the Chairman said he could foresee some probable difficulty in acquiring this site.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Oxfordshire County Council stressing the Parish Council's and the residents interest in retaining the Old School Playing Field site as an amenity area.

6. Best Kept Village Competition. The Chairman said he thought that in the Report of the Judges, some of the comments seemed unusual and not applicable to the state of the Village, but in general these were favourable with no extreme adverse comments.
7. Wreath for Armistice Sunday. The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council pay for a Wreath from the People of Charney Bassett; this was unanimously agreed.
8. Any other business.
- (a) Mr. Douglas said he agreed with one of the comments on the Best Kept Village Contest that the "No Parking" signs on the Village Green were rusty; also that the seat on the Village Green needed repair. The Chairman said he would look at both items and do what he could.
 - (b) Mr. Clarke proposed that to minimise fire risk a Smoking ban be applied to the Village Hall. Mr. Ody supported this. Mr. Douglas said other users should have a say. The Chairman agreed to include it on the Agenda of the next Village Hall Committee meeting.
 - (c) The Clerk had received details of an offer of free trees from Oxfordshire County Council and this was passed to Mr. Clarke.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.0 p.m.