

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 9th May 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 7 Members of the Public also attended.

The Chairman apologised that there were no copies of the last meetings Minutes available.

- AGENDA
1. To allow 15 Minutes for Residents to ask questions etc.
 2. To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting.
 3. To receive the Treasurer's Report and other financial matters.
 4. To consider any Planning matters.
 5. Grass cutting of Village Greens and School Playing Field.
 6. Best Kept Village Competition.
 7. To fix a date for the Annual Parish Council Meeting.
 8. Any other business.

1. Fifteen Minutes for Residents to ask questions etc. Mrs. Cox enquired about the road signs which had been promised to be made available. The Chairman replied that he would deal with the matter during the course of the meeting.

2. To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting. These were read by the Clerk and agreed to be a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising.

- (a) Road signs. The Chairman said he had gone to see the Deputy Surveyor of Milton Depot but that, unfortunately, he was absent. He said he would endeavour to make contact before the end of the week. He also said he had seen signs around Oxford 'Caution Children' and should this be pursued. Mr. Clarke said that it should. Mr. Douglas queried whether they were authorised signs or not. Mr. Ody suggested writing to Oxfordshire County Council. Mr. Douglas said he could go at any time to collect signs from Milton Depot. Mr. Clarke said every effort should be made before the summer holidays.
- (b) Tree planting. The Chairman said sites had been agreed but weather had been too dry for planting and that it would be left until the Autumn.
- (c) School furniture. The Chairman reported that all furniture of any use to the Parish Council had now been removed including a shed.
- (d) Grant to Youth Club. Mr. Ody said that he had now received a grant of £106 from Oxfordshire County Council towards cost of a Billiard Table. The Chairman said that the Parish Council were sympathetic and suggested that they would reconsider the matter next year. Mr. Douglas enquired whether the grant was sufficient for the table. Mr. Ody said it was only 50% and that he hoped to raise the rest by the Youth Club having a sponsored walk.

3. Treasurer's Report and Financial matters. Mr. Ody reported that with the payment of outstanding account for the Association of Local Councils it will only leave under £5 in the Current Account and asked the Parish Council whether he should apply for the Precept. The Parish Council agreed.

The Chairman said he had a letter from the Parochial Church Council stating that the Churchyard grass cutting would cost £100 and asking the Parish Council for a contribution. It had been agreed from previous years that a contribution of £30 or $\frac{1}{3}$, whichever was the greater, should be made. The Parish Council there-fore unanimously agreed that a contribution of £34 be made this year.

Mr. Ody said that there was no news of Audit. Mr. T. Cox said that due to the change in procedure introduced this year the Audit would be delayed.

4. To consider Planning matters. The Clerk reported that there were no new Planning applications and that there was still no information regarding the Appeal against planning refusal of Development of land in Buckland Road. Mr. T. Cox said he would make enquiries.

A draft plan for Rural Areas had been received from the Vale of the White Horse and 2 copies were passed to Parish Council members to peruse for future discussion.

5. Grass Cutting. The Chairman said he had contacted Mr. Tyler and he had quoted £26 per cut. This was accepted unanimously. The Parish Council also expressed their complete satisfaction with last year's cutting.

School Playing Field - The Clerk said he had spoken to Oxfordshire County Council engineer responsible for organising the cutting to ask if the number of cuts could be reduced. This was not possible because of the method and programming of cutting.

Sand Pit - Mr. Clarke said he would arrange for more sand to be put in the Sand Pit before school holidays.

6. Best Kept Village. It was decided not to fix a date for a second "clean up". Mr. Ody thought it should be minuted that everyone concerned with the first clean be commended for their effort.

7. Date of Annual Parish Council Meeting. It was unanimously agreed that this should be held on Wednesday, 30th May at 7.30 p.m.

8. Any other business. Mr. Ody asked whether there was any information regarding the Bridle Road stream. The Clerk said he would contact Thames Water. Mr. Ody also reported on the bad state of the road by "Barnfield". The Clerk said he would follow up this matter.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.0 p.m.

Chairman

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