

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on  
12th September, 1990 in the Village Hall at 7.30p.m.

Present:

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

22 Members of the Public were also in attendance.  
Apologies were received from District Councillor T. Cox.

AGENDA

1. To allow 10 minutes for residents to ask questions.
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 including:-  

Proposed development in New Road  
Proposed bungalow by 'the Chequers' P.H.
6. To report on progress of the lease of the Playing Field.
7. To allow a further 10 minutes for residents to raise matters discussed.
8. Any other business.

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

Mrs Morgan said the problem of dogs fouling the Lane seemed to be on the increase and requested the Parish Council to take some action.

Mr E. Clarke produced the leaflet on this question and suggested it should be sent to all householders.

Mr V. Hodgkins said that the Vale of White Horse had passed a bye-law making it a punishable offence but the problem was how to enforce it. The leaflet plus a letter should be circulated and this was agreed.

A number of residents were concerned about the proposed demolition of the old smithy and construction of a bungalow by the 'Chequers' Public House.

2. To agree the minutes of the last meeting

This was agreed and duly signed.

To agree the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 14th June, 1990.

This was unanimously agreed and duly signed.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

Telephone Kiosk

Mr V. Hodgkins reported that he had written, as a shareholder, to the area Chairman of the British Telecom and received a reply stating that British Telecom were aware of the need of refurbishment of Type K 6 Kiosks but there was some delay although the programme should be completed in twelve months.

The electricity was to be restored on the 10th or 12th September.

Mr E. Clarke thanked Mr V. Hodgkins on behalf of the Parish Council and reported that the light was now on.

Horse Trough

Mr E. Clarke said he hoped to get this in position shortly. Mr J. Ody said he had been asked to plant something to commemorate the Queen Mothers Birthday and suggested the trough be used for this.

Mr E. Clarke said it should be set in position first. Mr G. Rumble suggested the members of the Public could come forward with suggestions.

E.C.

Bus Shelter

Mr J. Ody said he had not seen the two youngsters since he had spoken to them. He had cleaned it himself and there was no graffiti. This problem seemed to have ceased.

4. Treasurers Report and Financial Matters.

Mr J. Ody said there was an outstanding account for Church grass cutting. This was normally paid at the end of the season.

Insurance

Mr G. Rumble said he had received a proposal for a method of splitting the cost of Village Hall insurance and the Parish Council. He had received an invoice for £60 but it was not clear whether this applied to the Parish Council or the Village Hall and asked if he should approach the Insurance Company to clarify.

Mr V. Hodgkins suggested that Mr G. Rumble carry on with this matter and apply for temporary cover.

Mr J. Ody reported that the Auditors had agreed with the accounts of the Parish Council. He also reported that the Midland Bank proposed to charge per quarter unless the account is overdrawn and there are not more than 25 transactions.

Mrs Venn intimated that she would carry on for a further year, if so she should sign the Form P.45. Further she had been sick for 3 weeks without sick pay.

Mr V. Hodgkins suggested that the Parish Council pay 50% for 3 weeks.

Mr G. Rumble said Mrs Venn should be paid in full.

Mr E. Clarke said the Parish Council should continue paying in full. This was agreed.

5. To consider any planning matters.

a Application from O.C.C. to erect 2 semi-detached houses on the vacant site in New Road.

The Plans had been circulated prior to the Meeting and views expressed as follows:-

Mr J. Ody said that the application be rejected as the plot was too small - leaving only 14' between the adjacent properties. Suggested one dwelling only.

Mr G. Rumble was pleased with the attempt to copy the style of the existing properties but felt that two dwellings were too big for the plot. He suggested one dwelling in similar style.

Mrs T. Cox agreed that the plot was too cramped for two dwellings.

Mr V. Hodgkins said he agreed entirely with the other Councillors and should reject any development even as one dwelling because this would spoil the aspect of New Road.

Mr E. Clarke said he also would prefer to see nothing built on the site.

It was agreed that the Clerk reply to the effect that the Parish Council felt that the site is too small for two dwellings and should prefer to see nothing at all.

b Application to erect a bungalow on the ground adjacent to the 'Chequers' Pub.

Mr V. Hodgkins said although he saw some good in the plan, there is strong representations against it.

Mrs T. Cox did not agree with the demolition of the 'old smithy' and rejected any development.

Mr G. Rumble felt that any development on this site would be inappropriate and have an adverse affect on the area.

Mr J. Ody said it would be completely out of keeping with the aspect of the Village Green area.

Mr E. Clarke said he holds the same views and that the Clerk should reply to the Vale of White Horse that the Parish Council are unanimous that the application be rejected as any development on this site would be inappropriate to the aspect of the Village Green.

If the application was approved, the Parish Council would also be concerned with the proposal to plant fast growing conifers on the boundaries of the site.

