

meeting of the Begbroke Parish
Council held in the Village
Hall on 3rd. February, 1953.

PRESENT:

Mr. E. M. Mace (in the Chair).
Mr. G. R. Quainton.
Mr. J. A. Read.
Mr. J. Silman.
Mr. G. P. Watkins.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th. October, 1952 were read and approved.

STREET LIGHTING:

The Clerk read the correspondence which had taken place between the Ministry of Transport and the Parish Council on this matter. The Chairman then gave further details of the proposed scheme, and produced a plan showing the intended positions of the two lamps. This was approved by the remaining members, and therefore

RESOLVED that the Clerk be instructed to forward this plan and information to the Ministry of Transport, with a request for an early decision on the matter.

BANKING ACCOUNT:

The Chairman stated that he had made the necessary arrangements for the Parish Council to open a banking account with the Midland Bank, of Summertown, Oxford. This was approved by the other members, and therefore

RESOLVED that a Banking Account for the Begbroke Parish Council be opened with the Midland Bank Limited at their Summertown, Oxford Branch and that the Bank be and is hereby

empowered to honour Cheques, Orders for Payment, Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes drawn, signed, accepted or made on behalf of the said Parish Council for Begbroke by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman together with any one of the other Councillors for the time being, and to act on any instruction given by the persons so authorised with regard to any accounts or transactions of the said Parish Council for Begbroke.

PRECEPT:

After discussing expenses for the ensuing year, Mr. G. Read proposed that a precept for £30 be served on the District Council. Mr. Quainton seconded this proposal, and it was therefore

RESOLVED that the Clerk be instructed to serve a precept for £30 on the District Council.

CLERK'S SALARY:

The Chairman then pointed out that the Clerk had completed his first six months service with the Parish Council, and asked if the appropriate portion of his agreed salary should be paid now, or whether it should be paid at the end of each completed year. Mr. G. Read proposed that the Clerk's salary be paid half-yearly, Mr. Silman seconded this proposal, and it was therefore

RESOLVED that the Clerk's salary be made payable at the end of each completed period of six months.

ACCOUNTS:

The following accounts were considered and

passed for payment :-

Plaughley R.D. Council.

(Election expenses - Sept. 1952)

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Shaw & Sons.

(Stationery).

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Mr. A. Nokes - Clerk.

(Salary for 6 months ending 22. 1. 53).

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KING GEORGE VI MEMORIAL FUND:

Mr. Mace read a letter which had been received from the District Council, asking if the Parish would care to contribute towards the King George VI Memorial Fund. After discussion, Mr. Watkins proposed that this matter should be left in abeyance until the next Parish meeting. Mr. Quainton seconded this proposal, and it was therefore

RESOLVED that the matter be left in abeyance until the next Parish meeting.

RATE COLLECTOR:

Mr. Watkins proposed that in view of the distance people had to travel to pay rates at Kidlington, the District Council be asked if a Rate Collector could be stationed in the Village Hall twice a year. Mr. Quainton seconded this proposal, and it was therefore

RESOLVED that the Clerk be instructed to write to the District Council with a suitable request.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS:

Mr. Watkins expressed the opinion that extra rates may possibly be levied on the village through certain people placing material other than normal household refuse in their dwellings,

thus involving extra work for the collectors. The Clerk assured Mr. Watkins, however, that this possibility would never arise, as the District Council would arrange to collect any extra rubbish, within reason, upon written request.

LITTER BINS:

Mr. Quainton drew attention to the fact that cigarette cartons, orange peel, etc., were constantly being thrown on the ground in the vicinity of the bus stops and Fernhill Garage, thus spoiling an otherwise neat and tidy village. It was, therefore, unanimously

RESOLVED that the Clerk be instructed to look into the possibility of providing litter bins at these points, and also the question of who would be responsible for supplying these.

BEGBROKE

LANE:

Mr. Mace suggested that it would be useful to have an official definition of Begbroke Lane, to determine whether it was a highway or bridle road, etc. This would then help to establish the persons responsible for keeping the surface in good repair. This was agreed by the other members, and therefore

RESOLVED that the Clerk be instructed to write to the County Council requesting their assistance in the matter, and stating that Mr. Mace would be pleased to meet any representative they could send out to inspect the Lane.

There being no other business to discuss, the Chairman then declared the meeting closed.

28/5/53.

Mark Mace
CHAIRMAN.

PRESENT:

Mr. E. M. Mace (in the Chair).

Mr. C. R. Quainton.

Mr. J. A. Read.

Mr. J. Silman.

Mr. C. P. Watkins.

and the Rev. J. A. McCann.MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 3rd. February, 1953 were read and approved.

STREET LIGHTING:

The Clerk reported that approval had now been received from the Ministry of Transport with respect to the proposed lighting scheme, and that it was now necessary to apply to the Ministry of Works for an appropriate licence to carry out the work. It was, therefore,

RESOLVED that the Clerk be instructed to make application to the Ministry of Works for the necessary licence.

KING GEORGE VI MEMORIAL FUND:

The question of making a contribution to this Fund was again considered, but following a proposal by Mr. J. Read, which was seconded by Mr. C. P. Watkins, it was

RESOLVED that no further action need now be taken, as it was understood that the Fund had since been closed.

RATE COLLECTOR:

Following a request that a Rate Collector should be made available in the Village Hall, Begbroke on two occasions during the year,

the Clerk read a letter which had been received from the District Council stating that they could not accede to this request.

LITTER - BINS:

The Clerk reported that upon enquiries being made, the provision of litter-bins in a village appeared to be the responsibility of the Highway authority. The Rev. J. A. McBurn then kindly offered to see Mr. Summerville of the Oxfordshire County Council on the matter.

BEGBROKE LANE:

Although the County Council intended to re-surface Begbroke Lane, it was still felt that a clear definition of the Lane would be most useful. It was, therefore,

RESOLVED that the Clerk be instructed to write a further letter to the County Council, requesting their assistance in defining Begbroke Lane.

CAMPSFIELD HOUSE DETENTION CENTRE:

The Chairman read a letter and other correspondence which had been received from an inhabitant of Begbroke, expressing great concern at the frequent number of escapes that had recently taken place from the Campsfield House Detention Centre, Kidlington. The Parish Council members fully agreed that the matter was one which required urgent and immediate attention, and following a proposal by Mr. G. P. Watkins, which was seconded by Mr. J. Lilman, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the Clerk be instructed to write a letter to The Warden of the Detention Centre, expressing great concern at the frequent escapes, and asking if some form of warning

could be given to local villages when an escape had taken place.

HIRE OF VILLAGE HALL: The payment of £1 for the hire of the Village Hall for Parish Council business was due on the 22nd. July, 1953. It was agreed that this fact should be recorded for future reference.

PARISH COUNCIL'S ASSOCIATION: The affiliation fee of £1 for the Oxfordshire Assoc. of Parish Councils was now due. Mr. B. Quainton proposed, Mr. G. P. Watkins seconded, and it was RESOLVED that the affiliation fee of £1 be paid accordingly.

BEGBROKE CIVIL BOUNDARY: The Rev. J. F. A. McCann very kindly presented the Parish Council with a map showing the Begbroke civil boundary. The Clerk then offered to mark on the map the various field numbers, for further information.

SURVEY OF PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY: The draft map in connection with the survey of Public Rights-of-Way had now been received, and would be kept by the Rev. J. F. A. McCann for inspection by any of the village inhabitants.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: It was now necessary to elect a Chairman for the ensuing year, and following a proposal by Mr. J. Silman, which was seconded by Mr. G. P. Watkins, it was unanimously agreed that Mr. E. M. Mace be asked to carry on as Chairman.

This Mr. Mace agreed to do, and he thanked the other members for their continued support. It was, therefore,

RESOLVED that Mr. E. M. Mace be appointed Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year.

There being no other business to discuss, the Chairman then declared the meeting closed.

20/10/53.

E. M. Mace
CHAIRMAN.

Parish meeting held in the
Village Hall, Begbroke on
the 20th. October, 1953.

PRESENT:

Mr. E. M. Mace (in the Chair).

Mr. C. R. Quainton.

Mr. J. A. Read.

Mr. J. Lilman.

Mr. C. P. Watkins.

and 8 members of the Public.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 28th. May, 1953 were read and approved.

STREET LIGHTING:

The Chairman reported that the lighting scheme had been held up through lack of materials, but work was now proceeding. The poles had been placed in the ground, but not exactly in the required positions, and Mr. Mace offered to take the matter up with the Southern Electricity Board.

It was now necessary to serve a precept on the District Council for a sum of money to cover the first years expenses, in connection with the lighting scheme, and following a proposal by Mr. J. Read, which was seconded by Mr. C. P. Watkins, it was

RESOLVED that a precept for £35 be served on the District Council, being the amount required to cover the first years expenses under the Lighting and Watching Act, 1833.

PRECEPT:

It was also proposed by Mr. C. P. Watkins, seconded by Mr. C. R. Quainton, and generally

RESOLVED that an ordinary precept for £10 be served on the District Council.

BEGBROKE LANE:

The Chairman reported that he had met a representative from the County Council, and that their definition of Begbroke Lane had remained unchanged. Upon inspecting the Stiddington Award, however, it was discovered that the continuation of Begbroke Lane into Stiddington Parish was described as a "Private carriageway and drift road - a public and bridle road".

With respect to repairing the surface of Begbroke Lane, Mr. Geary, the Divisional Road Surveyor, advised the Parish Council unofficially that the matter would no doubt receive more attention if left in his hands.

NOTED.

CAMPSFIELD HOUSE:

The Clerk read the correspondence which had taken place between the Parish Council and the Prison Commissioners regarding the number of escapes that had taken place from the Campsfield House Detention Centre. The Prison Commissioners were quite satisfied with the security arrangements at the Centre, and they did not feel that a general warning system was justified.

NOTED.

HIRE OF VILLAGE HALL:

The annual charge of £1 for use of the village hall for Parish Council affairs during the year had become due on the 22nd July, 1953. It was unanimously

RESOLVED that the sum of £1 be paid accordingly to the Begbroke Village Hall Management Committee.

SURVEY OF PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY:

The Chairman then

presented the draft map of the Public Rights-of-Ways in Begbroke to the meeting for inspection. The only objection received so far in connection with certain footpaths in the Parish was reported to have been made to the County Council by Merton College.

It was agreed, however, that no action need be taken until official notification of any objections had been received from the County Council at the proper time.

FOOTPATH TO CHURCH GATE:

Mr. G. P. Watkins raised the question of providing a path from the roadway to the gate of the Church. It was also felt that something should be done to lessen the danger for both pedestrians and traffic at this particular corner.

Mr. Mace therefore offered to see the Divisional Road Surveyor on both these matters, with a view to some action being taken.

LITTER BASKETS:

It appeared to be the Parish Council's responsibility to provide litter-baskets in the village, if required. The Rev. J. A. McBann therefore offered to make further enquiries with respect to the price of some suitable baskets.

FERNHILL ROAD SIGN:

Mr. J. Read stated that although the Fernhill Road sign had been put up, it would have been better situated on the opposite side of the road, so as to face the greater flow of traffic from Oxford.

Mr. Mace therefore offered to approach the Divisional Road Surveyor with a request for an additional sign to be erected accordingly, and also to provide another back-plate.

CHILDREN PLAYING NEAR BUS-STOPS:

Mr. G. P. Watkins reported that children had a dangerous habit of playing around the bushes near the bus-stops on the main road. After discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the Clerk be instructed to write an appropriate letter to the County Police at Woodstock, requesting their assistance in the matter.

30 M.P.H. SPEED LIMIT:

The Chairman read an extract from a letter he had received from the Secretary of the Women's Institute, respecting the possibility of providing a third street lamp, and imposing a 30 M.P.H. speed limit through the village. It was pointed out that neither of these requests could be entertained, and therefore

RESOLVED that the Clerk be instructed to write to Mrs. Underwood, explaining the reasons why these requests could not be considered.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

It was agreed that the next meeting should take place during December, 1953 - the exact date to be fixed nearer the time.

The Chairman then declared the General Parish meeting closed, and a brief Parish Council meeting was then held.

SCHOOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

The Rev. J. A. McConn stated that it would be necessary to nominate one member from Begbroke to serve on the School Management Committee.

This was due to take place about April, 1955, and the person nominated need not necessarily be a member of the Parish Council.

NOTED.

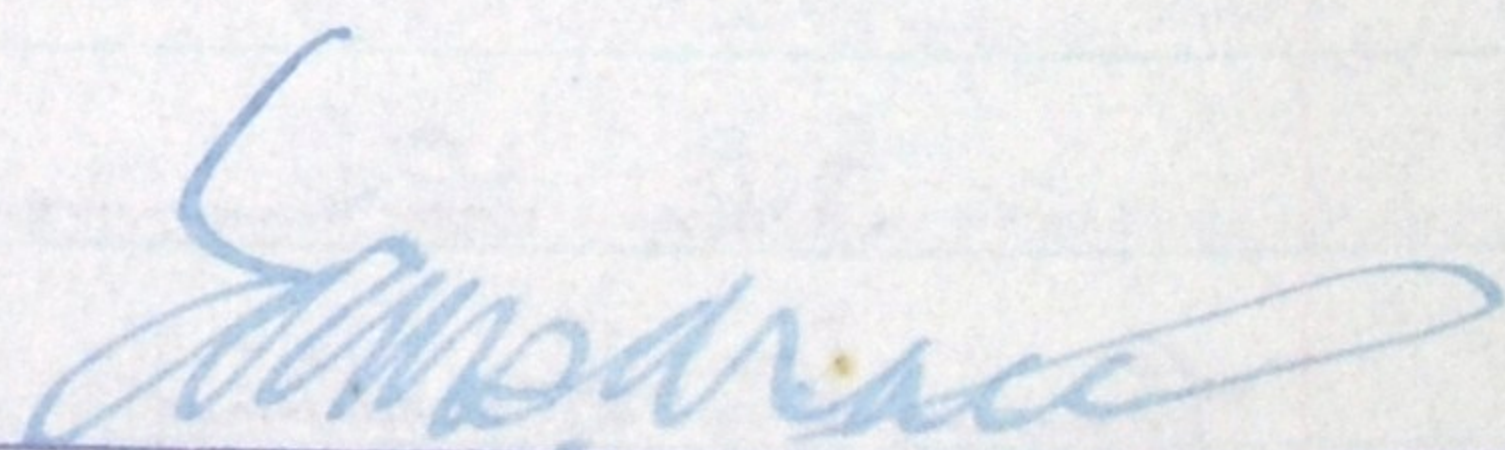
OLD BUS CARAVAN:

It was reported that complaints had been received respecting the unsightly appearance of an old 'Bus Caravan which was stationed in the front garden of No. 1, Fernhill Road, Begbroke. It also appeared that a car was usually parked at the end of this caravan, and this consequently abutted on to the public highway.

Following a proposal by Mr. G. Read, which was seconded by Mr. J. Silman, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the Clerk be instructed to write to the County Council, pointing out the dilapidated appearance of this caravan, and requesting their assistance to have it removed.

There being no other business to discuss, the Chairman then declared the meeting closed.



CHAIRMAN.

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