

Meeting of the Begbroke Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Begbroke on the 31st January, 1955.

PRESENT:

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

Mr. C. R. Quainton.

Mr. J. A. Read.

Mr. J. Lilman.

Mr. C. P. Watkins.

and Rev. J. A. McCann.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 28th October, 1954 were read and approved.

OLD BUS

CARAVAN:

The Rev. J. A. McCann reported that he had made additional enquiries into this matter, and as the Caravan was not inhabited, the County Council had no power to take any further action.

NOTED:

ACCOUNTS:

The following accounts were examined, and passed for payment:-

£. s. d.

Southern Electricity Board:

Lighting & Qtrly. Instalment.

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Mr. A. Nokes:

Salary as Clerk (half year ending 22.1.55).

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£ 10. 18. 9d.

STAMP-MACHINE & POST-BOX:

A letter had been received from Mr. J. A. Sweeting, of 29, Fernhill Road asking if the Parish Council would consider the possibility of a stamp-machine being provided outside of Mr. Lissaman's shop. It was also the general opinion that an additional post-box should be provided at

the top corner of Fernhill/Sandhill Road. Following a proposal by Mr. C. P. Watkins, which was seconded by Mr. C. R. Quainton, it was

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to the Postmaster General, requesting the provision of a stamp-machine, and also an additional post-box, to be situated in the positions stated.

ROWEL BROOK:

The Chairman read correspondence he had had with Mr. N. A. Potter, of 82, Fernhill Road with respect to the condition of Rowel Brook. This Brook had become choked with weeds, fallen branches, etc., causing a stoppage of free flow of water and consequent flooding of neighbouring properties. The matter was discussed at great length, and it was eventually proposed by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Silman and

RESOLVED that letters be sent to the land-owners concerned, requesting their co-operation in clearing out that section or sections of Rowel Brook which adjoins their fields.

LITTER-BINS:

A letter had also been received from the Begbroke Women's Institute, asking if it was possible to provide litter-bins in the village.

After considering this request, it was proposed by Mr. J. A. Read, seconded by Mr. Watkins and

RESOLVED that litter-bins should be provided, and to save expense on the Parish, that they be made and erected by members willing to carry out this work.

ROAD INTO OLD BEGBROKE VILLAGE:

Mr. Watkins reported the dangerous camber towards the ditch on the road

leading into Old Begbrooke Village.

The question of piping-in this road-side ditch was also discussed, and Mr. Mace kindly offered to see Mr. Geary with a view to having both these matters attended to.

NOTED:

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting to be held was the Annual Parish meeting, and it was agreed that this be provisionally arranged for Monday, the 28th. March, 1955 at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall, Begbrooke.

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

Evans Mace

28/3/55.

CHAIRMAN.

PRESENT:

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

Mr. C. R. Quainton.

Mr. J. A. Read.

Mr. J. Silman.

Mr. C. P. Watkins

Rev. J. A. McEann and 1 member of the Public.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the
31st. January, 1955 were read and approved.

STAMP-MACHINE & POST-BOX:

A letter had been received from the
Postmaster-General, stating that after giving the matter
careful consideration, they were unable to accede to the
Parish Council's request for a stamp-machine and an
additional post-box.

NOTED:

ROWEL BROOK:

Mr. P. O. Partridge had written, expressing his
willingness to clean out his section of Rowel Brook,
but no reply had been received from Mrs. J. J.
Partridge. It was, therefore,

RESOLVED that a further letter be sent to Mrs.
J. J. Partridge, requesting an answer to previous
correspondence in connection with Rowel Brook.

LITTER-BINS:

Three litter-bins had been provided by Mr. J.
Silman, which were most satisfactory, and it was
unanimously agreed that Mr. Silman should be paid
the sum of £1 towards their cost. The Clerk and
Rev. J. A. McEann pointed out, however, that in their
opinion the Parish Council were not allowed to make

such a payment officially. It was then

RESOLVED that the Clerk be instructed to find out if the Parish Council were allowed to spend money on the provision of litter-bins.

ROAD INTO OLD BEGBROKE VILLAGE:

Mr. Mace reported that he had seen Mr. Geary with respect to the condition of the road leading into Old Begbroke village, and also with regard to piping-in the road-side ditch. Mr. Geary had stated that nothing could be done until after the 1st. April, 1955, and that he would endeavour to attend to the matter as soon as possible after that date.

NOTED:

LATER POSTAL COLLECTION:

The Parish Council had been asked to consider the question of applying for a later postal collection in Begbroke. This request was carefully considered, but it was generally agreed that a later collection was not really necessary, and therefore decided that no action be taken.

TELEPHONE KIOSK:

Complaints had again been received respecting the dirty and untidy condition of the telephone kiosk outside of Mr. Lissaman's shop. It was proposed by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Silman, and

RESOLVED that a further letter be sent to the Telephone Manager, requesting that the kiosk be cleaned out at regular intervals, and asking who was the person responsible for doing this.

ACCOUNTS:

The following accounts were examined and passed for payment:-

Southern Electricity Board:

Lighting, and Quarterly Instalment.

£. s. d.

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ST/FMS: 6. 5. 1

Mr. A. Nokes:

Postages up to 18.2.55.

£.	s.	d.
	11.	3
£ 6.	16.	4d.

PROPOSED INCREASE IN BUS FARES:

It had been noted in the local Press that the Oxford Motor Bus Co., proposed applying for an increase in bus fares. As the fare to Begbroke was already one of the highest in the country bus routes, it was proposed by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Read, and unanimously

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to the Oxford Motor Bus Co., strongly protesting against the proposed increase in bus fares.

BUS SERVICE:

Complaints had been received respecting the period between 7 and 9 p.m. on Sundays, during which there were no buses from Oxford to Begbroke. It was pointed out that there was a bus at 8 p.m. on week-days, but not on Sundays, and following a proposal by Mr. Perry, which was seconded by Mr. Quanten, it was

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to the Oxford Motor Bus Co., requesting that the 8 p.m. bus to Woodstock, via Yarnton and Begbroke, should run on Sundays as well as on week-days.

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

It was provisionally agreed that the Annual Parish Council meeting be held in the Village Hall, Begbroke at 8 p.m. on Monday, the 23rd May, 1955.

VOTE OF THANKS:

The Rev. J. A. McBurn kindly proposed that a vote of thanks be placed on record to the Parish Council, for the way in which they had managed the

affairs of the village during their term of office.

Appreciation was also expressed of the way in which the Chairman and Clerk had carried out their respective duties.

The Parish Council, Chairman and Clerk thanked the Rev. McCann accordingly, and in return, expressed their appreciation of his interest in Parish Council matters, and his regular attendance at the meetings.

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



Edw. Mace

CHAIRMAN.

23/5/55.

14/3/56.

PRESENT:

Mr. E. M. Mace. Mr. E. R. Quainton.
Mr. J. A. Read. Mr. J. Silman.
Mr. E. P. Watkins and Rev. J. A. McGann.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

It was proposed by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Silman, and unanimously agreed that Mr. Mace be asked to continue as Chairman. Mr. Mace thanked the members for their support, and upon expressing his willingness to accept office it was RESOLVED that Mr. E. M. Mace be elected as Chairman for the ensuing year.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:

It was proposed by Mr. Read, seconded by Mr. Watkins, and unanimously agreed that Mr. Quainton be asked to continue as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr. Quainton thanked the members accordingly, and expressed his willingness to accept office. It was therefore RESOLVED that Mr. E. R. Quainton be elected as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr. Mace then took the Chair.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 28th. March, 1955 were read and approved.

LITTER-BINS:

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council were not allowed to make official payment for the provision of litter-bins, and following a proposal by Mr. Read, which was seconded by Mr. Quainton, it was

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to the Begbroke Women's Institute, asking if they would be prepared to contribute towards the cost of providing these bins.

SOIL IN BEGBROKE LANE:

Complaints had been received respecting loads of soil which had been deposited at the front of certain properties in Begbroke Lane. It was proposed by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Quanton and

RESOLVED that suitable letters be sent to the owners concerned, requesting them to remove the soil as soon as possible.

PARISH COUNCIL'S ASSOC:

A request had been received for nomination of members willing to serve on the Executive Committee of the Parish Council's Assoc. After consideration, it was decided that no action be taken.

SCHOOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

A letter had been received from the Education Authorities, stating that it was now proposed to appoint separate representatives for Begbroke and Yarranton to serve on this Committee. It was therefore proposed by Mr. Mace, seconded by Mr. Quanton and unanimously

RESOLVED that the Rev. J. P. A. McBann be appointed as Begbroke representative on the Managing Body for County Primary Schools.

OXFORD CANAL:

A circular letter had been received, asking for support of the campaign to keep the Oxford Canal open, and requesting the Parish Council to write to their M.P. on the matter. As the Parish of Begbroke was not affected by this Canal, it was

RESOLVED that no action be taken.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The date of the next meeting was provisionally fixed for Wednesday, the 20th. July, 1955 at 8 p.m., in the Village Hall, Begbroke.

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

E. M. Mace

20/7/55.

CHAIRMAN.

meeting of the Begbroke Parish Council,
held in the Village Hall, Begbroke
on the 20th. July, 1955.

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received
from the Rev. J. A. McEann.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the
23rd. May, 1955 were read and approved.

LITTER-BINS:

A letter had been received from the Begbroke
Women's Institute, stating that they were not prepared
to contribute towards the cost of the litter-bins that
had been provided in the village.

NOTED.

ACCOUNTS:

The following accounts were examined, and
passed for payment :-

Southern Electricity Board -

Deferred payment instalment.

£. s. d.

3. 7. 10

Mr. A. Nokes -

Salary as Clerk (half year ending
22.7.55).

5. 0. 0

£ 8. 7. 10d.

ROAD-SIGNS:

The Chairman read a letter that he had received
from Mr. J. A. Sweeting, of 29, Fernhill Road,
Begbroke respecting the possibility of erecting suitable
road-signs requesting motorists to slacken speed
through the village, etc. Although the object in erecting
these signs was fully appreciated, it was

RESOLVED that Mr. Sweeting be informed that after giving the matter careful consideration, it was decided that his suggestion would be impracticable.

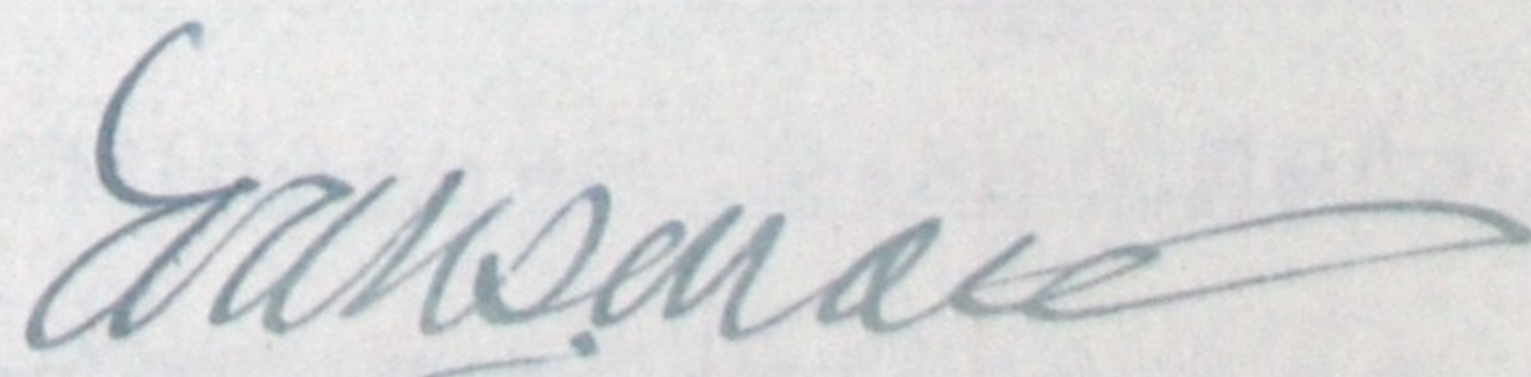
SEATS AT BUS-STOP: Mr. Sweeting also asked in his letter if the Parish Council would consider the question of providing an iron seat at each bus-stop. This request was discussed, and eventually Mr. Mace kindly agreed to make enquiries into the matter, so that he could report at the next meeting.

DANGER FROM TRAFFIC: Mr. Watkins reported that lorries and motor-cycles, etc., were in the habit of travelling along Begbroke Lane and Fernhill Road at considerable speed, thus causing a great danger to pedestrians - particularly children. It was, therefore, proposed by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Quainton and

RESOLVED that Mr. Mace be asked if he would be good enough to see the local Police Constable, with a view to a check being carried out on the speed of these vehicles.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The date of the next meeting was provisionally fixed for Wednesday, the 28th September, 1955 at 8 p.m., in the Village Hall.

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



28/9/55

CHAIRMAN.

Meeting of the Begbroke Parish Council,
held in the Village Hall, Begbroke
on the 28th. September, 1955.

PRESENT:

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

Mr. C. Quainton.

Mr. J. Lilman.

Mr. C. P. Watkins

and Rev. J. A. McCann.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies for absence were received from Mr. J. A. Read.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 20th. July, 1955 were read and approved.

SEATS AT BUS-STOPS: Mr. Mace reported that he had investigated the possibility of providing seats at the two village bus-stops, and had obtained a catalogue of appropriate seat prices. After discussion, it was agreed that further enquiries should be made before making a final decision on the matter.

DANGER FROM TRAFFIC: Mr. Mace also reported that he had seen the local Police Constable with a view to a check being made on the speed of lorries, etc., using Fernhill Road and Begbroke Lane. It was understood that the Constable had agreed to approach Messrs. Ivor Partridge & Son, with a request to caution their drivers accordingly.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: The Parish Council had been asked to nominate a member to serve on the Village Hall Management Committee, and following a proposal by Mr. Watkins, which was seconded by Mr. Quainton, it was

RESOLVED that Mr. J. Lilman be appointed as Parish Council representative on the Management Committee.

ACCOUNTS:

The following accounts were examined, and passed for payment :-

Southern Electricity Board:

Deferred payment instalment.

£. s. d.

3. 7. 10

Mr. A. Nokes:

Audit Stamp - 1954/55.

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Village Hall Man. Committee:

Hire of Hall.

1. 0. 0

£ 5. 7. 10 d.

PRECEPT:

The Clerk reported that the balance at the Bank for Street Lighting expenses was very low, and it was

RESOLVED that a precept be served upon the District Council, under the Lighting and Watching Act, 1833, for the sum of £20 (Twenty pounds).

POLLING BOOTH:

A polling booth which had been used at the Village Hall for local Elections was still awaiting collection. The Clerk stated that he would approach the appropriate Authority with a request for the booth to be removed without further delay.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Wednesday, the 23rd. November, 1955 at 8 p.m., in the Village Hall, Begbroke.

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

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23/11/55

CHAIRMAN.

Meeting of the Begbroke Parish Council,
held in the Village Hall, Begbroke on
23rd November, 1955.

PRESENT:

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

Mr. E. Quainton.

Mr. J. Lilman.

Mr. J. A. Read.

Mr. E. P. Watkins.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 28th. September, 1955 were read and approved.

SEATS AT BUS-STOPS:

Mr. Mace reported that he was endeavouring to obtain prices of suitable iron seats to place at the bus-stops, and that he had also asked the Divisional Road Surveyor if he had any second-hand seats available that had previously been used for this purpose. No further information had so far been received.

FOOTPATHS:

The draft map of all recognised Public Footpaths in Begbroke Parish was examined, discussed, and approved.

ROAD INTO OLD BEGBROKE VILLAGE:

Mr. Watkins made a proposal that the road leading into Old Begbroke Village should be properly named. This was agreed by the other members, but before proceeding further in the matter Mr. Mace kindly offered to enquire if the Rev. J. A. McConn had any records in the Parish Chest relating to this road.

OXFORD ASSOC. OF PARISH COUNCILS:

A meeting of the Oxfordshire Association of Parish Councils was to be held in the Junior School, Kidlington on the 1st. December, 1955 at 7.30 p.m., and all members were invited to attend.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The date of the next meeting was provisionally fixed for Wednesday, the 15th. February, 1956 at 8 p.m., in the Village Hall, Begbroke.

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

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CHAIRMAN.

15/2/56.