

A Public Meeting held at the Village Hall, Bigbrooke on the 4th January 1972 to discuss a fatal accident on A34

Present

The Chairman and other members of the Parish Council
Mr. R. Perry - Chairman of Meeting

Some 60 members of the general public
Mr. R. Young } County Highways representatives.
B. Boden }

The Chairman explained the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the death of Mrs Manners following an accident when she was crossing A34 on the 24 November 1971. He explained the improvements the Parish Council had succeeded in having carried out - bushes cut, signs, deceleration lanes Service road widened, posts and studs at bottom of Fimble Rd Flashing amber lights. It had been stated that a pedestrian crossing, an overbridge or subway and a speed limit could not be authorised as the criteria of the Ministry was not met.

Mr. Young gave details of the reported accidents and said these were lower than the County & National average per million vehicle miles. Some 24,000 vehicles used the roads each day. He stated that the County Council were surveying the road from Bledon to Yarnston with a view to improving junction layouts & places for people to cross the road.

Suggestions for improving matters were put by, and other observations made, by residents present and were answered by Mr Young. The points put forward included the following:

White hatching on carriageway and an additional island
more use to be made of service road.

Pedestrian controlled crossing with advance lights
speed limit on service road.

no reversing allowed on deceleration lanes
50 MPH speed limit from Woodstock Junction

Take account of near misses

Subway or over bridge

Deceleration lane on Northern carriageway

Street lighting in central reservation

White lines and arrows to be painted more often

After a general discussion the following resolutions were proposed, seconded and adopted by the meeting:

1. That for increased safety on A34 the first priority be the imposition of a 50 M.P.H. speed limit from the Bladon to the Beartree roundabout dropping to 40 mph. through Begbroke

2. That a pedestrian subway be provided under A34 as soon as possible.

It was agreed that the Resolutions be passed to the Parish Council with a request that they be approved and passed to Oxford County Council for consideration.

At the close of the meeting thanks were extended to Mr. Young for his attendance and explanations, and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and showing interest in the matter.

Henry 18/1/72
Chairman

At a meeting of the Begbroke Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Begbroke on the 18th January 1972.

Present

Mr J. Welch - Chairman
Mr R. Brane Mr F. Hovey
Mr R. Perry.

apology from Mr Everett.

Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th December 1971 were read, and confirmed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the Public Meeting held on the 16th November 1971 to discuss bus services and the Public Meeting held on the 14th January 1972 to discuss a fatal accident on A34 were confirmed by the Chairmen of the respective meetings.

Bus Service - New Timetables The Clerk reported a letter from Ploughley RDC stating they would endeavour to keep the Council informed of any future applications to the Traffic Commissioners by the bus companies. He also produced a letter from the Association of Parish Councils stating that they had taken up the question of notifying Parish Councils many times but found that there was no way in which notices may be sent direct to Parish Councils. It was agreed to await the result of the public Inquiry.

Bridleway - Begbroke to Bladon. The Clerk said he would write to Ploughley R.D.C. requesting the bridleway be restored to its original condition before a decision was reached on the Division Order.

Road Safety A34. The Committee gave consideration to the two resolutions passed at the public meeting on the 14th January and decided to support these and forward them to the County Council.

It was also agreed to put forward the following points for consideration.

1. No entry signs on the Northern carriageway at the northern intersection from the service road.
 2. Deceleration lane into Springfield Road with an acceleration lane from Springfield Road into the northern carriageway
 3. Reflecting studs on the present deceleration lanes
 4. White lining urgently renewed at Langford Lane junction
 5. Acceleration lane on leaving service road into South bound carriageway.
 6. Extension of present service road to Langford Lane junction
- Mr Perry said he would interview Mr N. Martin M.P. about these matters and ask for his support in getting some of the suggestions authorised.

It was agreed to form a small Sub-Committee consisting of two members of the Council and members of the public to consider proposals for improving the junctions & traffic conditions on A34.

Accounts - Resolved. That the following accounts be paid:-
 Southern Electricity Board St Lighting 30/12/71 £5.98
 Clerks Salaries to Feb 1972 £5.00
£10.98

A J Wicks 7 March 1972
Chairman

At a Meeting of the Begbroke Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Begbroke on the 7th March 1972.

Present.

Mr. J. Winch - Chairman
 Mr. J. Everett Mr. F. Flores
 Mr R. Perry

Apology from Mr Crane
 The Rev. Mr. Cann.

Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th January 1972. were read, and confirmed by the Chairman.
Arising on Minutes. The Clerk reported replies to the following matters:- Langford Lane - Being investigated by County Highways
 Parking on A34 - Local Officer to look into the matter
 Lighting on A34 - Dept of the Environment considering a larger scheme
 Springfield Road - will receive attention in due course.
Ellis Ashton Charity. The Rector explained that this ^{Educational} Charity had been in operation for 100 years for the benefit of school children in Begbroke. It was necessary for the Council to appoint 2 Trustees to serve for a period of four years. A statement relating to the Charity would be made to the Annual Parish Meeting.

Resolved - That Mrs Partridge and Mr E. Winch be appointed Trustees of the Ellis Ashton Charity for a period of four years.

Road Safety A34 It was agreed that Mr Hempstead and Mr Moeck be invited to discuss this matter with members of the Parish Council and report back.

Bus Service - New Timetable. It was reported that a new timetable had been prepared by the City of Oxford and North Services which met the objections of the Parish Council. A copy is appended to these minutes.

Resolved - That the objection be withdrawn.

Bus Services - Senior Citizens Mr. Perry reported a letter from the Kidlington Parish Council relating to the possibility of arranging concessionary fares for Pensioners and enquiring if the Council would attend a joint meeting to discuss the matter. It was agreed to attend such a meeting if and when arranged.

Planning Application

W.R. Mitchell Extension to form study no observations
2 Woodlark Rd Bedroom Porch & W.C.

Footpaths & Bridleways It was noted that sufficient sign posts had now been received to mark the paths in the Parish.

B.R. Bybrooke - Bladon - The Clerk was requested to write again to Blaydon RDC about this path and to contact Mr. Lanchbury.

But Kept Village Competition It was agreed to refer this matter to the Annual Parish Meeting.

Street Lighting - Old Pit Site The Clerk produced a plan showing the layout of a footway lighting scheme prepared by the S.E.B. and it was agreed that the plan be approved and forwarded to the Oxfordshire County Council.

O.A.P.C. Circular 1/72 - Amenity of Village Life The Council agreed with the general argument put forward by the Association in paragraphs 4.5 & 6. In addition to existing services an odd job man would be required one day a week who should have a call on any necessary equipment to carry out the work. The cost of machinery etc. to be shared by other parishes and the County Council.

Council Insurance The Clerk reported a letter from the Insurance Company about compulsory Insurance for Employers Liability Risks under an Act of 1969 & the General Reg 1971 to include all full or part time Employees and the Clerk of the Council
Resolved - That any additional premium be paid to cover these risks
No Accounts for payment.

M. J. Wensh
23.5.72
Chairman

ENSTONE--OXFORD

Lowells Service

WEEKDAYS

	NS							TThS	MWF
ENSTONE	0630		0725	0915	1115	1319	--	2120	2130
Taston	0636	--	0730	0920	1120	1324	--	2125	--
Spelsbury	0638		0732	0922	1122	1326		2127	
Chadlington	0642		0736	0925	1125	1330		2131	
Charlbury	0650	0727	0744	0933	1133	1338	1608 1715	2138	2140
Finstock	--	0732							
Fawler	0655	0737	0749	0939	1139	1344	1613 1705	21 43	2145
Stonesfield	0700	0742	0754	0944	1144	1350	1618 1700	2148	2150
Combe		0745		0948	1148			2150	
Woodstock	0709	0755	0804	1000	1200	1400	1628 1730	2200	2200
Begbroke	0716	0802	0812	1008	1208	1408	1635 1738	2207	2207
Yarnton	0718	0805	0815	1010	1210	1410	1637 1740	2210	2210
OXFORD (Gloucester Green)	0728	0820	0835	1025	1225	1425	1650 1755	2225	2225

SUNDAYS

1255	1915	2130
1259	1919	2125
1301	1921	2123
1305	1925	2119
1313	1933	2138
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1318	1938	2143
1322	1942	2148
1326	1946	2150
1336	1956	2200
1352	2002	2207
1345	2005	2212
1355	2015	2225

	NS	TThS	MWF				NTh	NS		TThS	MWF
OXFORD	0730	0835	0835	1035	1235	1435	1635	1650	1715	1800	2230
Yarnton	0740	0850	0850	1050	1250	1450		1705	1730	1815	2245
Begbroke	0743	0853	0853	1053	1253	1453		1708	1734	1819	2248
Woodstock	0750	0900	0900	1100	1300	1500		1715	1742	1827	2255
Combe		0912	0948*	1112	1312						2305
Stonesfield	0812	0916	0944*	1116	1316	1510	1700	1725	1752	1837	2307
Fawler	0816	0921	0939*	1121	1321	1515	1705	1730	1757	1842	2310
Finstock								1735			
Charlbury	0820	0927	0933*	1127	1327	1521	1710	1740	1802	1847	2317
Chadlington		0935	0925*	1135	1335	1528			1809	1854	2324
Spelsbury		0938	0922	1138	1338	1532			1813	1858	2328
Taston		0940	0920*	1140	1340	1534			1815	1900	2330
ENSTONE		0945	0912	1145	1345	1540			1820	1905	2335

1400	2025	2230
1410	2040	2245
1413	2043	2248
1419	2049	2255
1429	2059	2305
1433	2103	2307
1437	2107	2312
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1442	2112	2317
1450	2119	2324
1454	2123	2328
1456	2125	2330
1500	2130	2335

Code: *Passengers go via Enstone
+Passengers go via Charlbury

NS Not Saturdays
MWF Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays only.

TThS Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only.
NTh Not Thursdays

At the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting for the Parish of Begbroke held at the Village Hall, Begbroke on the 14th March 1972

Present.

Mr. J. Winch - Chairman

Other members of the Parish Council and some 10 Local Government Electors.

Theresa Mc Cann
Mr Evans Pease

Apologies Mr Patching
Mr. Rancebony

Minutes The minutes of the last Parish Meeting held on the 11th March 1971 were read and were confirmed by the Chairman.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman welcomed those present at the meeting and reported on the work of the Council over the past year and mentioned the following matters:

Five Parish Council and two public meetings to discuss road safety and bus services had been held.

Thanks to Women's Institute for clearing litter
Award received for best kept churchyard.

Oxford Airport - Meetings had been attended at the Airport regarding the noise of aircraft. Arrangements had now been made for aircraft to take off between Begbroke and Bladon.

The condition of Springfield Road was now good. One place where water collected had been reported to Witney following the public meeting regarding road safety suggestions for improving matters had been put to the County Council. A survey of junction on the dual carriageway was being carried out.

The Council had objected to the timetable proposed to be introduced by the City of Oxford bus services and a new timetable more suitable to the public was being adapted. Requests had been made that Oxford Councils should be informed of changes in bus timetables. Mr Everett was thanked for his efforts in securing a better bus service.

Ellis Polton Charity. Mr E. Mace the Treasurer produced accounts of the Charity which had been in existence since 1860/70. The interest per annum was not large and allowed to accumulate, and grants were paid as and when required. £135.75 was in hand at the present time.

Best Kept Village Competition. It was agreed to enter the Competition this year.

Footpaths. The Chairman reported that all footpaths had been signposted. The Boodle Road to Bladon at the village end had been obstructed and an application made to Ploughley RDC for a diversion order. It was agreed to oppose the diversion order pending removal of the obstructions.

Triennial Election. The Chairman stated that an election would be held this year for a new Council. Mr Perry & Mr Everett said they would not seek re-election.

Car Parking and Kerbstones. It was agreed to inform the County Council of places where kerbstones and footpaths needed attention and to draw the attention of the Police to car parking at the Sun Inn. A request was made for more publicity to be given to the ^{date of the} Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting in the future.

Sewerage It was agreed to ask Ploughley R.D.C. if the additional pumping facilities at the pumping station were sufficient to cope with current and future demands on the foul and storm water sewers.

The Chairman thanked Mr Perry and members of the Council for their work over many years.

A J Wind
Chairman 21.3.73

Annual
at the Meeting of the Begbroke Parish Council held at
the Village Hall, Begbroke on the 23rd May 1972.

Present.

Mr. P. J. Cadd

Mr. F. A. Horey

Mrs E. P. Gay

Mr. A. J. Minch

Mr. R. J. Crane was absent

Report of the Returning Officers The Clerk produced the Returning Officers Report stating that the above persons had been elected to the Parish Council for three years with effect from 20th May 1972

Declarations of Acceptance of Office These declarations were made and completed by members present at the meeting.

Appointment of Chairman It was proposed by Mr. Horey and seconded by Mrs Gay and unanimously agreed that Mr J Minch be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Appointment of Vice-Chairman It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Mr F. F. Horey be appointed Vice-Chairman for the coming year

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Gay as the first lady to be elected to the Parish Council and said he would write to the retiring members thanking them for their services on the Parish Council.

Minutes The Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th March 1972. were read and were confirmed by the Chairman.

Planning Applications. The Chairman reported on a meeting at Bicester called by the County Council to explain the revised procedure in consulting Parish Councils on planning applications. These would in due course be sent by the County Council to Parish Councils and not by

the applicants. A copy of the Statement of the Chairman of the meeting was to be passed around to Members.
Road Safety A.34. The Chairman referred to the report the Sub Committee, appointed to consider this matter generally, had sent to the County Council and it was agreed to support the proposals.

10th National Conference of Parish Councils. The Clerk reported an invitation to attend this Conference on the 2/3 November 1972 at Central Hall, Westminster. It was agreed not to accept the Invitation.

Drainage. The Clerk produced the reply from Ploughley R.D.C. in reply to an inquiry about the adequacy of the sewerage pumping station.

Capital Expenditure 1973/4. It was agreed to inform Ploughley R.D.C. following an inquiry that there would be no change with regard to Capital expenditure for 1972/3 but that Capital Expenditure would be required for street lighting in the future.

A34 Trunk Road - Lighting. The Clerk stated that the Department of the Environment had now stated that trunk road lighting would be provided on A34 between Bladon Roundabout and Leatree Hill Roundabout.

Tariff for supplies of Electricity. The Clerk reported that the Southern Electricity Board had given formal notice that the tariff applicable to supplies of electricity for public lighting would be increased.

Sundhill Road - Private Street Works. The Chairman stated that the verges & vision splay at the junction with Begbroke Lane had not been seeded and cleared and the hedge needed trimming. The Clerk said he would write to the County Council again.

Bus Shelter. It was reported that the bus shelter had been damaged and the Chairman was authorised to get any damage repaired.

Bus Services. The Chairman stated that the 16-35 Wmth Bus from Oxford was not scheduled to stop until reaching the Woodton turn, and it would be an advantage if Schoolchildren and others could use this bus, especially in the winter. It was agreed to ask the Traffic Commissioners if the ban could be lifted in respect of Begbroke and Yarmton.

Parish Council Election. It was stated that Mr Crane was not proposing to complete his declaration and act as Parish Councillor. It was agreed that the vacancy be filled at the next meeting.

Accounts - Resolved - That the following accounts be paid:-

Southern Electricity Board St Lighting 31/3/72	£ 5.54
O.A.P.C. Annual Sub. etc	7.49
Royal Insurance 3rd Party & all risks seats	10.00
Village Hall Committee Use of hall	7.00
Choir salary to 22/5/72	5.00
	<u>£ 35.03</u>

A J Wivel 21. Aug. 72
Chairman

At a meeting of the Begbroke Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Begbroke on the 21st August 1972.

Present.

Mr. J. Minch - Chairman

Mr. P. J. Cadd.

Mr. F. A. Florey

Mrs E. P. Gay.

Mrs Hill.

Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd May 1972, were read, and were confirmed, by the Chairman.

Vacancy on Parish Council. The Chairman reported that Mrs Hill of 94, Fembull Road, Begbroke was prepared to fill the vacancy on the Council. It was proposed by Mr Florey and seconded by Mrs Gay that Mrs Hill be co-opted to fill the vacancy on the Council and it was Resolved accordingly. Mrs Hill duly completed her declaration of acceptance of Office.

Road Safety A34. A letter from the Director of Highways was reported following the Council's comments after the public meeting earlier in the year. The letter stated the Department of the Environment were unable to recommend a Pelican Crossing or Subway, or a 40 or 50 mile per hour speed limit. The Police objected to a speed limit. The correct white lines existed at the Langford Lane junction. A further reply would be sent about the other matters raised by the Council. It was agreed to request that the shoulders be cut back near the Fembull Road junctions to improve visibility.

The Chairman reported that a further meeting with Council's officials had been arranged for the 4th October.

Lighting A34. The Clerk reported that preparatory work was still pending on this scheme.

New District Council (No2) First Elections. The Clerk reported that Bloughley R.D.C. had forwarded a copy of the warding proposals for their area which would be included in the new No 2 District.

Fifteen representatives would be elected for the Ploughley area and Begbrooke & Jamtun were forming a ward to return one member. The Council regretted that the County proposals for the new District Councils had not been accepted by the Home Office. They thought the Electoral figures disproportionate and decided to register their objection with the Home Office Boundary Commission, and Ploughley R.D.C. with a request that the objection may be considered as soon as possible after 1974.

Planning Applications

Mrs Dresden	pitched roof to porch	no observations
6. Fernhill Rd.	Extensions replacing flat roof	
G. Day & Son	Private house with garage	no observations
Begbrooke	Plot 146 Begbrooke Crescent	
Servite Community	Dormer windows to	no observations
St Philips Priory	match existing windows	

P.G. Welfare Ltd, Old Quarry Site. Object on the grounds put forward in respect of earlier applications, i.e.

Contrary to County Planning Policy

Green Belt area, Road Safety. Unsupervised filling of quarry. Inadequate access. Density too high. Detrimental to amenities. Assurance with regard to surface water and sewage. Retain hedge in Begbrooke Lane.

Street names. The Clerk reported that Ploughley R.D.C. had suggested 'Cttr' 'Hindi' 'Badger' and 'Mole' as the names of the four new streets on the Old Quarry Site. The Council decided to put forward the following names 'Quarry End' 'Longdon Road' 'Rowel Drive' and 'Willow Way'.

Grass Cutting Policy The Council had before them a letter from the County Council outlining the policy relating to grass cutting on highway verges.

Resolved - That the letter be noted.

Sandhill Road. A letter from the Director of Highways was reported stating that the Area Surveyor had been asked to

carry out any necessary tidying up and mowing. As the work had not been carried out the Clerk was asked to write again O.A.P.C. The Chairman produced the quarterly papers and reported that Begbroke was a runner up in the Best Kept Village Competition for villages with a population less than 700.

Precept Resolved - That a precept of £160 be issued to Poughley R.D.C. to meet expenses for 1972/3.

Bus services. The Clerk reported the reply of the Traffic Commissioners regarding the 16.35 Wootton Bus from Bedford not being allowed to pick-up passengers until the Wootton turn. It was open for Wootton Company to apply at any time for the condition to be deleted and the application would be considered on its merits. It was agreed to inform Messrs Wootton accordingly.

Bus Shelters. It was agreed to ask Mr Cook to keep this tidy for a small annual fee.

B.R. Begbroke-Bladen. The Clerk said he would write again and ask the present position. The matter had been raised by Mr. Haunelberg.

Insurance.- Third party and Roadside Seats. The Clerk said he would enquire from the Council's Insurers whether they would cover these risks at a premium less than was at present charged by the Royal Insurance Company.

Springhill Road and Footpaths. The Clerk said he would contact the Area Surgeon about Springhill Road and the various footpaths etc which needed attention.

Accounts. Resolved - That the following accounts be paid.

Commercial Union Assurance	Compact Policy including	£ 4.00
Southam Electricity Board	Employers Liability to 30/6/72	£ 5.87
Clerk salary to 22/8/72		<u>£ 5.10</u>

Chairman.

M. J. Wink

12.12

At a meeting of the Begbroke Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Begbroke on the 6th December 1972.

Present.

Mr. J. Welch - Chairman
Mr. P. J. Cudd Mr. F. A. Glover
Mrs Hill

Apology from Mrs Gay.

Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd August 1972. were read, and were confirmed by the Chairman.

Refuse tipping in Begbroke Lane. The Chairman stated the old pit had been wired off and refuse had been dumped in Begbroke Lane. It was agreed that notices be posted to try and stop this practice

Old Quarry Site The Chairman stated that this development was going ahead. The Clerk reported that Ploughley R.D.C had accepted the Councils suggestions for naming the road on the Estate.

Sandhills Road It was reported that work on the verges and hedges had been carried out by the County Council

Best Kept Village 1972. The Chairman reported that a certificate that the village was a runner up in this Competition had been received.

Bus Stops. It was stated that the County Council had not improved the bus stops to prevent buses skidding. The Clerk said he would write again.

A34 Dual carriageway. The Chairman stated that a further meeting had been held in October 1972 but that nothing further had been received from the County Council.

Street Lighting. The Clerk reported that the County Council had forwarded a plan showing the lighting proposals from Pear Tree to Bladen Roundabouts. Agreed that the scheme be approved.
Junction with Springhill Road. It was suggested that this

junction be better defined at night to prevent motorists overshooting & stopping on the dual carriageway. The Clerk said he would inform the County Highways Department.

Footpaths and Bridleways The Clerk reported that nothing had been heard about the proposed diversion of the Bridleway to Bladon. The Clerk was requested to write to Ronghly RDC again, and the Chairman said he would contact Mr. Launchbury.

It was reported that trench & footpath reinstatements were required in several places, the footpath alongside B34 to Langford Lane should be repaired, and the culvert and ditch opposite the Sun P.H. were overgrown. It was agreed to inform the County Authorities accordingly.

Bus Services. The Chairman reported the receipt of a revised timetable from Messrs Wooters which would appear to be acceptable to meet the needs of the public.

Oxford Airport Conference. An invitation was received to attend a conference at Oxford Airport on 11 January 1973. to discuss the appointment of C.S.E. Aviation Ltd as distributors for a business jet aircraft. It was agreed that Mr Cudd and Mrs Hill be appointed to attend.

Bus Shelter It was agreed that any necessary repairs be carried out to the bus shelter and Mr Cook asked to keep this tidy.

Planning Applications

Mr H.C. Robinson 18. Fernhill Road	Extension to dwelling	no observations
Mr P. Lorange Begbroke Lane	Formation of playgroup	no observations
Wood Research Organisation Begbroke Hill	Replacement of Stanesfield slate roof of farmhouse with imitation stone tiles	no observations
Mr J. Barnett 10 Woodstock Road St. Philips Priory	Extension at rear - living room new dining room, bath room and hall space	no observations
Springhill Road	Demolition of derelict buildings & erection of additional accommodation for Gensite Community	no observations

Annual Rate Estimate 1973/74. It was agreed to inform
 Houghley R.D.C. that the amount required by precept
 for the year commencing 1st April 1973 would be £170.

Accounts

Resolved That the following accounts be paid:-

Southern Electricity Board to 30/9/72 £5.34

Clerks Salary to 22/11/72 £5.00

H. J. Winch 7.3.72

Chairman