

At a Meeting of the Bexhoke Parish Council held at the new Village Hall on the 3rd February 1975 at 7.45pm

Present.

Mr. J. H. Lovey - Chairman
 Mr. Cadd Mrs. Gay Mrs. Hills
 Mrs. J. Munch.

Village Hall. The Chairman explained that the Receipt for this year had now been received from Cherwell District Council. The amount paid was £1,400 which included the sum of £933 for payment of the 1st instalment of the interest free loan for the Village Hall due on 31 December 1974.

Resolved - That the sum of £933 be paid to Cherwell District Council the first repayment of loan of £14,000 for the new village hall due 31 Dec 1974.

Estimates 1975/6. The Clerk produced the draft Estimates for the year 1975/6 and it was agreed to inform Cherwell D.C. that the Receipt would be approximately £1350 to include ^{of loan} repayments.

Clerk's Salary. The Council after considering the recommendation of the National Association for Salaries of Clerks

Resolved that the salary of the Clerk be increased to £20 per annum from 1 Dec 1974 to include £30 for expenses

Resolved - that the following accounts be paid

Oxfordshire Assn of Local Councils.	£7.00
Loutham Electricity St. Lighting	£24.10
Village Hall Committee Electric floor polish	<u>£50.00</u>

J. H. Lovey 16.4.75
Chairman

At a meeting of the Begbroke Parish Council held at the Village Hall on the 12th March 1975 at 7.45pm

Present

Mr F. Horey. Chairman

Mrs J. Welch

Apologies Mrs Cadd & Mrs Wells.

Mr B. Perry - Action Committee

The Chairman explained that Mr Perry and the Action Committee were still discussing traffic & safety on the Trunk Road. Mr. Perry stated that the request for a 50 mph speed limit had again been refused and he produced the latest correspondence with Mr Hurd MP and the Minister at the Department of Environment. He referred to the Traffic Plan reported in the Oxford Times on 28th February 1975 which suggested additional traffic on A34 to Bladon roundabout continuing on the A4095 to Shipton and vice versa. The Plan had been discussed by the County Environmental Committee but he had been unable to get details. He was contacting the County Planning Offices for further information and indicating that strong action would be taken if the plan was put into effect.

He and Mrs Ratcliffe (County Councillor) had arranged to meet Mr Hurd at Witney on the 22 March 1975 when the latest proposals would be discussed.

The Council were of the opinion the part of the proposed Traffic Plan as it affected Begbroke should be resisted as it would undoubtedly increase the dangers on trunk road A34 passing through the Village.

F. Horey 16.4.75
Chairman

At a meeting of the Bigbrooke Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Bigbrooke on the 16th April 1975 at 7.45pm.

Present.

Mr. F. Storey - Chairman
 Mr P. Badd. Mrs Hills Mr J. Winch
 Mrs E. Radcliffe - County Councillor
 Mr. R. Perry - Action Committee

Minutes. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th December 1974 were read and were confirmed by the Chairman.

P. G. Wellfair - Sign. It was stated that this sign had not been removed and Mrs. Hills and the Chairman said they would take the matter up again and contact the firm and request the erection of a smaller sign.

A34 Action Committee. Mr Perry said he had contacted Mr Hurd and the request for a 50 mph speed limit had been turned down once again. A copy of the consultation document prepared by the County had now been received and he had supplied Mr Hurd with a copy, and had contacted Gamston Parish Council. The contents of the document were basically as he had reported in March. It was agreed that objections to the document be entered on behalf of the two Councils and that Woodstock could be affected by the additional traffic. After discussion Mrs Radcliffe suggested a petition with as many signatures as possible should be prepared on behalf of the two villages. Mrs Radcliffe said she would enquire about the speed limit. Mr Perry was thanked for his efforts in carrying on with this matter.

Bert Kept Village Competition. It was agreed that the entry into this Competition be confirmed and that a donation of £3 be made to the Oxfordshire Rural Community towards the cost of running the Competition.

Smidhill Road. The Chairman said he had contacted the Area Surveyors again about the condition of this road, and grass cutting on verges.

Bridle Road No6. The Chairman said he had contacted Cherwell District Council but it did not appear that any action had been taken by the District Council. The clerk said he had written to the Council but could not get a reply but he would have another go.

O.A.L.C. The Chairman referred to papers received during the quarter

Planning Application

Mr Jones
14 Begbroke Crescent

Enlarge bungalow. materials to match existing. Permitted development. No objections

Bridle Road 4. The Chairman referred to this matter and the Clerk said he would endeavour to trace the previous owners and enquire if the County Council had any Land Registry references

Accounts. Resolved - That the following accounts be paid:

Commercial Union Assurance - additional premium	£12.60
Oxfordshire Rural Community Council - Donation towards Cost of Best Kept Village Competition	£3.00
Clerk's salary to March 1975.	£30.00

D.B. Hoag 9-6-75
Chairman

at the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting for the Parish of Begbroke held at the Village Hall, Begbroke on the 8th May 1975 at 7.15pm

Present

Mr F.R. Florey - Chairman

Mr. Finch Mr. Cadd Mr. R. Perry Action Committee

and some 14 local Government Electors

Apology from Mrs D Hurd MP

to Mrs Ratcliffe - County Councillor.

Minutes - The Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on the 20th March 1974 were read and were confirmed by the Chairman. Chairman's Report The Chairman welcomed those present at the Meeting, and reported on the following matters

Four meetings had been held and two Special Meetings, one on road safety and one on rate increases. He thanked Mr Perry for attending the meetings.

Village Hall. The instalment of £933 had been paid to Cherwell District Council, and an electric floor polisher had been purchased for the Hall.

A new seat had been provided at the bus stop. The Council were considering a new seat for the playing field. Two trees had been removed at the bus stop.

Bushes had been cut on A34. The Council were concerned at the rubbish in Foxhole Road 30 Zambelli Road. Improvements had been carried out at Kidlington Airport. The six monthly consultative meetings had been attended the position was still about the same.

Bus Stops. Thanks to Mrs Harris for the use of her shop for distribution notices had been displayed about the setting up of a Sports Council for the Cherwell District.

The legal formalities for the Diocesan Committee had been completed in respect of the Old Teachers House.

A pro forma in respect of the recreational needs of the Parish had been completed and returned to Cherwell District Council.

Planning Applications. Twelve applications had been received and observations were passed in some cases, in one case particularly with regard to sewage and access.

Begbroke Lane. The Chairman said he had taken the matter up with Cherwell District Council but had not got very far. He did hope to hear something in due course.

County Council. There was no report owing to the absence of Mrs Ratcliffe the County Councillor for the District.

Best Kept Village Competition. It was agreed that the entry

into the Competition be confirmed and to ask householders to keep their frontages tidy.

A34 Road Safety Committee Mr. L. Lerry gave a report and said the correspondence was up but they were not getting anywhere. Roundabouts were being discussed at Langford and Sandy lanes. The local M.P. used the road, and the application for a 50 MPH speed limit was to be given special consideration. All junctions were to be lit at night. The County Traffic plan which suggested that traffic from Kidlington should proceed by A4095 to the A34 at Bladon roundabout would increase traffic through the village and should be resisted, and this was in hand. A petition was being prepared in Yarnlm and Bigbrooke regarding the 50MPH speed limit and would be sent to Mr Douglas Hurd M.P. very shortly. The Rates meeting had been well attended and a report sent to the Layfield Committee.

Mr Lerry was congratulated on and thanked for his Report.
Dalton's Lane. It was reported that a finger post was missing
Femhill Road junction. A complaint was made that buses obstructed the entrance to Femhill Road when stopping at the bus stop and it was agreed to ask the Bus Co to instruct drivers not to do this. The Chairman said the matter would be taken up, and ^{thanked} his fellow members and clerk for their support during the year. Applause.
 Mr Lerry said he would like to record a vote of thanks to the Chairman for his work during the year.

D. D. Long 27-4-76.
Chairman.

At the Annual Meeting of the Begbroke Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Begbroke on the 9th June 1975 at 7.15pm.

Present

Mr. Badd Mr. H. Horey
Mrs. Hills Mr. J. Winch

Appointment of Chairman It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that Mr. H. Horey be re-appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

Appointment of Vice-Chairman It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Mr. J. Winch be re-appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr. Horey thanked members for their assistance and his re-election and stated possibly one member of the Council may resign before the next elections.

Minutes, The Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th April 1975 were read and were confirmed by the Chairman.

27 Oxlow Road. The Chairman said some of the topsoil had been removed from the frontage of these premises. He would point out that residents were distressed that the work had not been completed in view of the Best Kept Village Competition.

P. L. Wellfast - Sign. This sign had not been removed and the Chairman said he would contact the firm once again and request a smaller sign.

A34 Action Committee Petition. It was reported that the Petition was being well supported in Begbroke and Yarnton and would be sent off by Mr. Perry shortly.

Best Kept Village. The Chairman said the Competition was going ahead.

Sandwell Road. The Chairman stated the grass had been cut on two occasions and he hoped it would continue.

Bus Shelter. The Chairman reported that the area around the Bus Shelter had been grassed not tarmacked as requested. It was reported that some of the Lager buses when stopping at the bus shelter were obstructing the entrance to Farnhill Road especially

about 4pm. It was agreed to ask the Oxford City Bus Co. to inform their drivers not to obstruct Fernhill Road. The Clerk said he would inquire about the replacement of the two trees.

Bridle Road Hob. The Chairman said he was still discussing this matter with Cherwell District Council but so far without much success.

Planning Applications - NIL

Kidlington & District Sports Council. The Chairman reported that he had received the minutes of the first meeting of the Sports Council together with a draft constitution. A further meeting was being held on the 10th June 1975 to approve the draft constitution and elect Officers.

OALC. The quarterly papers were before the meeting.

Recreation Ground. The Chairman reported he was making inquiries about a suitable seat for use on the Recreation Ground.

Mr Evans Mace. The Chairman reported that Mr Mace had died a day or two ago. He was Chairman from the first meeting of the Parish Council in July 1952 until he resigned in March 1966. He was a great benefactor to the village in many ways and he would be greatly missed for his help and guidance in many spheres. He had written on behalf of the Council to his family. It was agreed to record a tribute to Mr Mace in the minutes.

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

Southern Electricity Board	Street lighting	£24.10
Clerk postage telephone etc to		11.67
Commercial Union Insurance		22.80
OALC Affiliation Fee etc		20.93
Clerk Salary to 31/5/75		30.00

The Clerk stated he had received notice of Audit from the District Auditor

W B Dorey 28.8.75
Chairman

At a Meeting of the Bigbroke Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Bigbroke on the 28 August 1975 at 7-45pm

Present

Mr F.A. Flvey - Chairman
Mr Cadd, Mrs Hills Mr J. Winch

Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th June 1975 were read and were confirmed by the Chairman.

9. Foxglove road. The Chairman said he had interviewed Dr. Costain who had explained why his verge had remained uncut. He had asked him to make some effort to get tided up.

2 Foxglove road. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Andrews again and ask for the remainder of the top soil to be removed.

Ply Wellfair - sign The Chairman said most of the new properties were sold and the sign was not necessary and he would try and get it taken down.

Sandhill Road. It was reported that this road had been cut three times and its condition was not bad.

A34 Dual Carriageway. It was reported that the hedge in the central reservation needed cutting alongside de-acceleration lane on the Woodstock side of the junction. The Clerk said she would approach the Cambs. Council and ask for the hedge to be cut.

Bus Shelter. The Chairman said he had written again about surfacing but was not happy with the result. He had cleaned the Bus Shelter. It was agreed to contact the area surveyor again. The Clerk reported an estimate from the Woodland Management Association Ltd of £12 plus vat for the provision and planting of two 6'8" overall height Birch trees near the bus shelter. The price to include a suitable tree stake and tie and peat and fertiliser.

Planting would be undertaken in November/December.

Litter Bins. It was stated that the two litter bins were not being emptied. The Clerk was asked to write to Chawell District Council Kidlington & District Sports Council. The Chairman reported that

the Sports Advisory Council was set up on the 10th June 1975. It was intended to hold an inaugural Council meeting early in September and all parishes and sporting organisations within the district were requested to nominate representatives.

If any one wishes to have a leaflet giving the times of the Sunday Services, please don't hesitate to ask me. There is a copy on the Church notice-board.

Harvest Thanksgiving falls on Sunday, 5 October. In addition to special collections for our own funds we are asked to give extra towards the 'Harvest for the Hungry' Appeal. This was launched by the General Synod last February urging every Church member to respond to the world's starving people by giving towards Aid overseas. It was pointed out at the time that before the middle of this year between 40 and 50 million people would die of starvation. Our minds can hardly grasp such horror on such a vast scale, but it is so easy to close our eyes to what we don't want to see. Some self-denial on our part can at least express our deep concern for those who suffer starvation through the inequitable distribution of the world's resources. '... the problem of world hunger is an agglomeration of millions of personal miseries of individual men and women.'

Extracts from the Church registers will be resumed in the next issue.

HERBERT McCANN

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish has once again entered the 'Best Kept Village' competition. Judging took place between the 12 May and 1 July. This year we did not win anything.

Oxfordshire County Council Area Surveyor's Department have resumed responsibility for cutting grass verges. Some verges have been cleaned, others still look overgrown. The dead trees at the 'bus stop area have been removed. To make the increasing problem of litter and empty cans easier to deal with, a suitable hardwearing surfacing was suggested. As yet this has not been carried out. Please 'get the message' across to the children that there is a real necessity to dispose of all litter and waste by using the receptacles provided. What an asset it would be if we could get rid of this pollution problem in our streets, gardens and play areas throughout our parish.

Consideration has been given to the purchase of a suitable bench seat for the playing field. The siting will be decided by the Village Hall Management Committee. Cherwell District Council Legal Department has been asked to give a ruling on the property boundaries at 6 Bridle Road (Begbroke Lane to Kidlington).

The Parish Council wish to express a very sincere tribute to the late Evans Mace Esq. for all his efforts and devotion to the Parish over the years.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S CLUB

The fortnightly meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 30 July. Miss Alison Clay gave a much enjoyed and appreciated talk on her holiday in the Galapagos Islands, accompanied by a show of slides. A raffle was held in aid of funds. Tea hosts were Mrs Humphries, Mrs Bridgewater, Mrs Homer and Mr Tipton.

YOUTH CLUB

Begbroke Youth Club would like to thank all the local residents who visited their Fet, and made it possible for £100 to be put into the Youth Club's funds. Out of these the Youth Club was able to purchase a Stereo Record Player and a Cassette Tape Unit. The Club was also able to organise and give a Cheese and Wine Party for parents of club members, benefactors and friends, all of which proved to be a great success.

The Youth Club did very well at the Mid-Oxon. splash night Swimming Gala. The Begbroke team managed a very good third position over rival teams from many local clubs. Two adults in the clubs senior organisation have been granted driving licences for Mid-Oxon. Association Vehicles, which will enable the Club to organise trips of educational and pleasure value.

Begbroke Women's Institute extend a very warm welcome to new members. The meetings are held on the third Thursday in each month at 7.30 p.m. with the exception of August when we have an outing, and December the meeting is held on the 2nd Thursday, because the 3rd is too near Christmas.

The President is Mrs. Sliwa, 3 Sandhill Road and the Secretary is Mrs. Dallas, 3 Begbroke Crescent.

The July Meeting was our 40th Birthday Meeting when the President and Secretary of the Oxford Federation were our guests as well as members from Institutes in our Group. We had the Glenisla Scottish Dancers to entertain us. The competition for the best floral table decoration was won by Mrs. Digweed.

Mrs. Winch was presented with a bouquet of roses, also a necklace and card, complementing her on 40 years without missing a meeting. In September our Speaker will be Mr. I. Ayres, on 'A Glimpse of the Antarctic'.

MARGARET M. WINCH

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for the 9 October, 1975.

Private lettings of the Hall:—

Lounge only £1.00 per hour
Hall only £2.00 per hour

Hall and Lounge £3.00 per hour
Hall and Lounge £20.00 for all day (complete Hall).

When Hall or Lounge is booked, the kitchen can be used at no extra cost

representative associations of local councils. The papers were the Council and included copies of a discussion paper on affiliation fees and the work of the Association. The paper was for Councils as it will be the basis for the meetings of councils in small numbers at local centres in the autumn.

the Sports Advisory Council was set up on the 10th June 1975. It was intended to hold an inaugural Council meeting early in September and all parishes and sporting organisations within the District were requested to join as soon as possible. It was agreed that the letter be noted.

A34 Action Committee. The clerk reported a letter from the County Planning Dept stating that the transport strategy contained no proposals for diverting through traffic from A423 via A4095 to A34. Mr Perry stated the matter was noted at the present time. The Petition containing 900 signatures for the 50 mph speed limit had been sent to Mr Douglas Hurd M.P who was pushing the matter vigorously. The Chairman expressed sincere thanks to all concerned and enquired if there were any expenses the Council can cover.

Jemhill Road junction. The obstruction of Jemhill Road junction by buses was referred to again and the clerk said he would write to the City of Oxford Motor Services and Wexler Services Ltd requesting that the obstruction ceases.

Planning Applications.

G. Day & Sons Ltd 38. Woodstock Rd	CHS 367/75	Erection of building to replace existing for storage of building materials	no objection provided building used for storage purposes
G. Day & Sons Ltd	CHS 366/75	Erection of garages Plots 6 & 67 Begbroke Crescent	no objections

Electoral Review. The Council had before them a copy of a report to Cherwell District Council recommending a council of 52 members. The Parish Councils views were requested. It was agreed that the Report be noted.

Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils. The papers were before the Council and included copies of a discussion paper on affiliation fees and the work of the Association. The paper was for Councils as it will be the basis for the meetings of Councils in small numbers at local centres in the autumn.

Casual Vacancy. The Chairman referred to letter from Mrs Gay resigning as a Parish Councillor, he had given notice of the vacancy and was expecting a communication from a gentleman living in Begbroke Lane Crescent.

Bridle Roads The Chairman said relations with Cherwell District Council were not working out too well. We were somewhat let down on Bridle Road 6 and 14 with no backing. The Clerk said he would get a copy of the Planning Consent for the houses backing on to BR. 6.

Accounts

The Clerk reported that the Audit for the year ended 31 March 1975 had been satisfactorily carried out.

Resolved - That the following Accounts be paid:-

Southern Electricity Board to 30/6/75	£29.89
Audit Fee payable for year ended 31/3/75	17.28
Clerks Salary 31/8/75	30.00
Seat for Recreation ground	37.00

J. D. Florey
Chairman

at a Meeting of the Begbroke Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Begbroke on the 15th October 1975 at 7.45pm.

Present

Mr. J. Florey - Chairman
Mr. P. Cadd. Mrs Hills. Mr J. Winch

The Chairman stated this was an advisory meeting called to fix the amount of the Precept for 1975/76. The estimate in February 1975 was £1350 and upon looking at the figures it was agreed that the Clerk be authorised to issue a precept for £1480 on Cherwell District Council for expenses 1975/76.

J. D. Florey
Chairman

Casual Vacancy. The Chairman referred to letter from Mrs Gay resigning as a Parish Councillor, he had given notice of the vacancy and was expecting a communication from a gentleman living in Begbroke Lane Crescent.

SOCIAL & SPORTS CLUB

The week ending 20 September, brings to a close our two outdoor sports of Bowls and Cricket. Saturday 20 September is our Bowls Finals day. The wonderful Summer has no doubt given us all a great deal of pleasure, most of all perhaps to Michael Search in his usual zest for runs. For twice this Summer he has scored centuries. A meeting of the Social and Sports Club will be held in the Hall on Monday, 6 October, at 8 pm.

THE A34 SAFETY COMMITTEE

The A34 Safety Committee continue with their effort to get safety improved on the dual Carriageway. The Committee is a joint one representing both Begbroke and Yarnton Parish Councils.

The County Council's transport policy to divert traffic from the A 423 through Kidlington onto the A 34 through our village to the Bladon roundabout and then via A 4095, thus bypassing Kidlington, was strongly opposed. This week the good news is that the proposal has been dropped from the County's Strategy Plan.

The Committee are grateful to the Women's Institute and Mr. B. Kershaw who supported the objections in writing. The petition, a renewed effort to get a 50 m.p.h. speed limit imposed on the dual carriageway through the village, containing some 900 signatures was sent to Mr. Douglas Hurd M.P. who hopes to present it to the Minister concerned in Parliament before the Summer recess. The Committee would like to thank all those who gave of their time to gather the signatures.

As most residents know, the A34 lighting scheme which had been approved was shelved because of the economic situation. The Committee is now pressing for a limited scheme in which the junctions at the Grapes, Sandy Lane, Fernhill Road and Langford Lane only would be lighted.

The Committee's work involves a lot of correspondence. Mrs. Janet Bates' help in typing letters with little or no notice is much appreciated.

The Committee is going to persist in their effort to achieve improvements. But, until these are actually carried out, please take that little extra care when crossing. Enough tragedies have occurred in the past.

1975/76 was a busy year for the society in all figures it was agreed that the Clerk be authorised to issue a receipt for £1480 on Cherwell District Council for expenses 1975/76.

B.A. Dorey
Chairman.

Casual Vacancy. The Chairman referred to letter from Mrs Gay resigning as a Parish councillor, he had given notice of the vacancy and was expecting a communication from a gentleman living in Beakins Lane, Beakins.

Sept. 1975 ETCETERA No. 1

EDITORIAL

Greetings. Permit me to introduce myself. My name is Mocek and my friends call me Jarda (the j is pronounced as y). I have accepted the task of editing the village monthly for a trial period of time. Why me? Well there were few other volunteers at the meeting in the Village Hall on Thursday, 24 July, 1975. The task is likely to bring more brickbats than bouquets but as I believe that a monthly in a growing village like ours is important, I would like to give it a go. Why a monthly? Quite obviously to communicate and try and create a community spirit between the oldtimers and those who took up residence here not so long ago, and a month seems like a good interval of time, not too ambitious, not too long; the community spirit is an elusive thing. It needs a lot of cultivation, good will and willingness to compromise. How could this monthly help? In the first place by disseminating news of activity in this village in the hope that participation will result. In the second place to provide means for expressing concern or opinion about village matters. Should the venture prosper, it may be possible to find space for more cultural and artistic activities.

Although the idea to publish has sprouted under the umbrella of the village organisations, it would be unfair to saddle them with the expense of producing the monthly. Whilst this issue is free, the subsequent ones will be saleable items. If you think the project worthwhile, please support it by buying or ordering in advance. This will be a non-profit making venture and the costs will be kept to a minimum. In the beginning, I think a single sheet of paper, printed on both sides will cover the needs. Several names were suggested for this monthly—Village News, Parish Magazine, Begbroke Parish News, Begbroke Newsletter and Beck Reflections—which is your choice?

If you have any suggestions or an itch to participate—I have introduced myself.

The co-ordinating Committee are:

Parish Council—Mr. F. Florey, 74 Fernhill Road
Begbroke Social & Sports Club—G. W. Ball,

5 Sandhill Road
Begbroke Youth Club—Mrs. Hills
St. Phillip's Priory—Rev.

Senior Citizen's Club—Mrs. F. Neville, 50 Fernhill Rd.

Village Hall Management Committee—Mr. J. Roff,
6 Begbroke Lane

Begbroke Women's Institute—Mrs. M. Winch
St. Michael's Church, Rect. H. McCann, The Rectory
St. Juliana's Convent—Sister MARGARET.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

It is now over seven months since the North Oxford edition of the Country Churchman ceased publication, due mainly to ever-rising costs of production, thus making the price prohibitive to parishes in the area. This was indeed a sad blow as many relied upon it for local news and also enjoyed reading what was happening in other villages.

Now we are left to our own resources, but this may prove in the long run to be an advantage. We hope this, the first local news-sheet, will commend itself to many readers, and will be followed by regular issues. At any rate there will be more contributors and so every phase of village life and activity should be adequately covered. For many years I had to glean news as best I could, but I always felt there were many gaps that were not filled! Let us hope the remedy has now been found.

Much has happened since Christmas. There was the opening of the new Village Hall, a proud and memorable moment for us all. Among those present on that occasion was the late Mr. Evans Mace, who was not only a popular figure, but one who rendered wholehearted service in many directions. He is greatly missed. Another resident, highly esteemed by those who knew him was the late Mr. Rod Shepherd.

We are truly grateful to those who have helped with Churchyard maintenance, more will be said about that another time. Incidentally, the re-wiring of the Church will soon be taken in hand. The cost of this work has already been met, but other expenses have now to be faced, not at least the Annual Parish Share of £256. So may I say how very much we would appreciate regular contributions, however small, towards Church funds. This may be done through pledged giving. Details can be obtained from Miss Partridge, the Treasurer, or myself.

Recent collections in the village: Christian Aid Week—£50.99; Alexandra Rose Day—£17.25½; Church of England Children's Society—£13.52. Our warmest thanks to collectors and supporters.

[P.T.O.]

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B.A. Florey
Chairman.

at a meeting of the Begbroke Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Begbroke on the 26th November, 1975 at 7.45pm.

Present

Mr. J.A. Florey - Chairman
Mr. P. Leadd Mrs Hills Mr J.V. Walker
Mr. J. Winch

Minutes. The Minutes of the meetings held on the 28th August 1975 and 15th October 1975 were read and were confirmed by the Chairman.

Casual Vacancy. The Chairman introduced Mr John Dale Walker of 35, Begbroke Crescent, Begbroke who had applied to fill the vacancy. It was agreed that Mr Walker should be appointed to the vacant office and he completed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

9. Foxglove Road. The Chairman reported that Dr. Costain had not made any effort to tidy the verge in front of his house and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to him.

2. Foxglove Road. The Clerk said he had written to Mr Andrews as requested but the top soil had not been completely removed.

P.G. Wellfair - Sign. The Chairman reported that the Advertisement sign had now been removed.

Sandhill Road. This road was in a better condition and it was agreed to leave the matter until the Spring.

A34. Dual Carriageway - Cutting Central Reservation. The Clerk was asked to remind the County Authorities about this.

Bus Shelters. The Chairman said he was not happy about the surrounds and suggested another reminder. He had cleaned the Bus Shelter. Mr Winch expressed the Council's thanks to the Chairman for doing this, and it was agreed to try and find someone to keep the Shelter clean.

Parish Notice Board. It was agreed to leave the question of repairs until the Spring.

Tree planting Bus shelter. The Clerk said he would remind the Contractor about this.

Emhill Road Junction. This junction was still obstructed at times and to help stop parking it was agreed to ask the County Council to mark out bus stops on the highway.

O.A.L.C. The quarterly papers were before the Council including a notice "How to stand for Election in 1976". The Chairman requested that members volunteer to attend some of these meetings.

Planning Applications - NIL

A34 Road Safety Committee. The Chairman stated that in the absence of Mr Perry, there was nothing to report.

B.R. 6 The Clerk said he had obtained a copy of the Planning Consent regarding the development adjoining this Bridle Road and was writing to the Oxford Fieldpath Society seeking their comments on the present situation.

Survey of Public Transport. A questionnaire from the County Council via the Local Association on Public Transport was difficult to answer accurately and it was agreed to defer the matter in view of the various meetings taking place with regard to Bus Services generally.

Best Kept Village Competition. The Chairman stated that the report was no so good this year and was available for inspection.

Joint Structure Plan for Oxfordshire. The Chairman reported the receipt of a document setting out the County Councils views for public comment. The key issues were (a) the rate and scale of growth in the County (b) location of growth (c) public & private transport.

It was agreed to deposit the document in the Post Office for public inspection.

Traffic Signs. It was reported that the children signs had been broken. The direction sign at the exit on the service road had been damaged, and the "BEEBROKE" sign damaged and missing. The Clerk said he would inform the County Council.

Resolved: That the following Accounts be paid:-

Southem Electricity Board	St lighting 30/9/75	£30.10
Clerk.	Salary to 30/11/75	£30.00
Chimwell Dist Council	2nd repayment of loan	£933.00
Chairman	Postage & telephone	14.64

20.3.1976
2-2-76.
Chairman

At a meeting of the Begbroke Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Begbroke on the 2nd February 1976 at 7.45 pm

Present

Mr F.A. Flacey - Chairman
Mr Cadd Mrs Hills Mr J. Welkes
Mr J. Winch

Minutes. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 26th November 1975 were read and were confirmed by the Chairman.

1. Foxglove Road. The Clerk stated he had had no reply from Mr Costum. It was stated he was still living there.

2. Foxglove Road. The Clerk had had no reply from Mr Andrews but it was felt he would do something about the top soil.

A34. Central Reservation. The Chairman reported this had been cut for full length.

Bus Stop Service Road. The Clerk was asked to remind the County Surveyor about marking bus stops on this road near the bus shelter Parish Notice Board. The Chairman the Board needed repair or preferably a new board. It was agreed to authorise the Chairman to consult Mr Day and get a new larger board erected.

O.A.C. The papers were before the meeting and the Chairman asked for members to attend the meetings of the Association.

Traffic Signs. It was stated no action had been taken about the matters raised at the last meeting and the Clerk was asked to write to the County Surveyor expressing the Council's concern.

A34 proposed new Roundabouts. The Chairman stated that the local newspaper had reported that the new roundabouts were being considered.

The Clerk was asked to make enquiries of the County Council.
Estimates 1976/1977. The Clerk produced draft Estimate of Expenses for the coming year 1976/77 a copy of which is appended hereto. After discussion it was agreed to inform Cherwell District Council that a Precept for £1520