

displayed on the notice board.

vi) It was reported that a reply had been received from the Village Hall Management Committee rejecting the Parish Council's suggestion that a part of the playing field be leased to them so that additional play equipment could be provided at the Council's expense. It was noted that the V. H. M. C. now proposed to pursue the matter independently. RESOLVED To return to the original recommendation namely that a contribution would be considered ^{as and} when a scheme is presented to them.

vii) It was noted that a reply had been received from Chesham District Council in regard to the summons they issued regarding the non-payment of rates. RESOLVED that a copy of the letter be sent to the Rector together with the forms enclosed with it offering any Parish Council assistance if required.

viii) It was reported no further indication had been received from the County Council on the proposed meeting with the Department of Transport in connection with the minerals policy. RESOLVED to note the report.

ix) RESOLVED to note that advice was being obtained from the Bank Manager on the deposit account.

PLANNING

MATTERS

It was noted that an amended plan had been received from Chesham District Council on the proposed extension to the Royal Sun Public House for record purposes. Members were glad to note that the extension would now have a pitched roof as recommended by them.

CORRESPONDENCE

i) It was reported that a letter had been received from the Reverend McCann on behalf of the Begbroke Parochial Church Council expressing appreciation for the grant of £75 towards the maintenance of the churchyard. RESOLVED that a letter of thanks be sent to the Rector.

ii) It was noted that the January 1978 edition of the

oxfordshire Transport Newsletter had been received and that Messrs Worth's were making an appeal.

iii) It was reported that County Circular 1/78 February 1978 had been received from the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils. The following items were considered

- a) Association Meeting to be held on 10th March 1978. RESOLVED that the meeting be attended by the chairman and Mr. Day.
- b) Report of the Association Meeting held on 29th November 1977. RESOLVED to note the report.
- c) Parish Reviews - RESOLVED that copies be made for Members.
- d) Retirement of Mr Charles Arnold-Baker O.B.E. RESOLVED to note the item.
- e) Best Kept Village Competition - RESOLVED to enter the competition at the entry fee of £3 and an item be put in "The Link" publicising the event.
- f) National Circulars of General Utility - RESOLVED that addendums be obtained as stated in the circular.
- g) Government Circulars - RESOLVED to note the report.
- h) Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association - RESOLVED that no contribution be made to the appeal.
- i) Sports Council Grants to Local Authorities - RESOLVED to note the report.
- j) Wooden Building for sale - RESOLVED - to show no interest in this.
- k) Southern Electricity - Lighting Agreement - RESOLVED that an item be put on the next Agenda for discussion and copies be circulated to Members.

USE OF VILLAGE HALL

It was reported that the hiring charges for the Village Hall had been increased as shown below: -

	OLD RATES (Per Meeting)	New Rates (Per Meeting)
Lounge	£ 1-75	£ 2-30
Hall	£ 3-00	£ 3-90
Lounge and Hall	£ 4-25	£ 5-50

RESOLVED that these be accepted.

ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid.

- a) Oliver & Son (Oxford) Ltd - Headed Notepaper £8-10 incl VAT
- b) S.E.B. Time switch maintenance £1-77
- c) Clerk's salary Period December 1977 to February 1978 £50.00

ANY OTHER
BUSINESS

- a) Concessionary Bus Fares - It was noted that these would be issued on 10th March 1978 in the Village Hall between 2-15 pm and 4-15 p.m. RESOLVED that copies be publicised in the Village.
- b) ~~It~~ It was reported that a letter had been received from Chermell District Council about the availability of lockers useful for storage purposes. RESOLVED that this be referred to the Village Hall Management Committee by Mr. Day.
- c) It was reported by Mr. Day that there was to be a public meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee on 15/3/78 to discuss the proposed extension to the Village Hall and a proposed fete or bazaar. RESOLVED to note the report.
- d) It was mentioned by Mr. A. Perry that the definitive plan of footpaths had been published in the local newspaper. RESOLVED that this be obtained from the County Secretary.
- e) It was noted that extensive development was being undertaken at the Weed Research Organization although the Parish Council did not appear to have been consulted. Members were concerned about the landscape proposals in particular. RESOLVED that this matter be pursued with Chermell District Council.
- f) Mention was made of the sewer running under the Village which had recently become blocked. It was stated that this was to be dealt with by acid although there was a secondary blockage to be dealt with.

DATE OF NEXT
MEETING.

This was arranged for Thursday 30th March 1978 at 7-45 p.m. in the Village Hall

C. H. A. I. R. M. A. N.

30/3/78

At a meeting of Begbroke Parish Council
held at the Village Hall Begbroke on
30th March 1978 at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr. J. V. Walker (chairman)
Guest Mr. L. Wood. Councillors: Mr. S. Russell, Mr. G. Day
Mr. J. Burt, Mrs E. J. Slivwa. Apologies From Mr. A. Gray
Six Parishones were present.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 1978 were read and agreed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

MATTERS

ARISING ON
THE MINUTES

- a) A welcome was extended to Mr. Leslie Wood, Honorary Secretary of the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils who gave an interesting and illuminating talk on the work of the Association and the various services available to local councils. He explained that a training course was being arranged for clerks and chairman and this was noted with interest.
- b) In regard to the procedure for the election of Parish Councillors to the Executive Committee of the O. A. L. C. Mr. Wood explained that five nominations can be made from each of the four districts for election in 1979. The Committee meets four times a year. It was noted that details had been given to the chairman of the procedure.
- c) It was noted that an interim reply had been received from the County Surveyor and Engineer on behalf of Colonel Norman in regard to the various proposals affecting the A.34. A full reply was still awaited.
- d) It was reported that the County Surveyor and Engineer had written about the future proposals for the A.34 between the Grapes Inn Tamten and Bladen roundabout. The Department of Transport had requested additional information and raised further queries with the County Council. This information had been sent to them stressing the urgent need for a further consultative meeting with the Parish Council. The report was noted and that the Parish Council would be notified when the reply from the Department was available.
- e) It was noted that the County Surveyor and Engineer was looking into

the question of the repair to the flashing school lights. RESOLVED that he be asked to check the distance of the school warning lights and notices from the Village as they appeared to be too close.

f) It was reported that the Village Hall Management Committee had decided to proceed independently over the purchase of additional playing field equipment and were arranging to purchase a five seat rocking horse. The suggestion that the Parish Council may be prepared to donate some additional items for the play area was considered and it was RESOLVED that if the V.H.M.C. should decide to proceed with a future scheme then favourable consideration to a contribution towards it would be given.

g) It was reported that Officers of the County Planning Department had met Yarnon Parish Councillors regarding the Mineral Policy. The Councillors had expressed their anxiety about the proposal to work gravel in the Carrington/Yarnon area and the Officers were shown the southern fringes of the village. The Minerals Policy Working Party of the Environmental Committee had been re-convened and it was expected that they would make a report with recommended changes to the Minerals policies some time during the summer. RESOLVED to note the report.

h) RESOLVED to note that the clerk had not yet been able to obtain the advice of the Bank Manager about the deposit account.

PLANNING MATTERS

a) It was reported that a letter had been sent to Cherwell District Council expressing concern about the development being undertaken at the Weed Research Organisation and their reply was awaited. RESOLVED that it be emphasised to the District Council of the urgency in this matter and the clerk be asked to telephone them about it.

b) RESOLVED to note that a copy of the planning permission had been received for the scheme being carried out at the Royal Sun Public House as approved by Cherwell District Council on 2nd February 1978.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) A letter from the Village Hall Management Committee had been received asking the Parish Council to act as guarantor for a £750 loan they have arranged from the National Playing Fields Association in connection with the proposed extension to the village hall. RESOLVED that the request be considered when further details of the scheme have been made available.
- b) A letter was received from Cherwell District Council attaching a copy of a report from their Chief Engineer on various aspects of skateboarding. RESOLVED that two Councillors meet Youth Club members to discuss the depth of local interest in this sport.
- c) The County Secretary had written stating that the County Council was acquiring part of the Redclive Tucker Tree Nursery at Faringdon in connection with the proposed bypass scheme. It was noted that the Chairman had been consulted and decided not to pursue this offer as the trees were not suitable for Parish purposes.
- d) It was noted that the local Council review had been received.
- e) It was reported that a lengthy letter had been received from the County Planning Officer concerning proposed new services the City of Oxford Motor Services hoped to introduce in June 1978, together with details of the current and proposed bus timetables. The proposals meant little change in Begbroke's services to and from Oxford and journeys will in most cases run within 5 minutes of their present time. Worth's services to and from Oxford would remain unaltered. RESOLVED that an interim reply be sent to the County Planning Officer whilst the proposals are further considered.
- f) It was reported that the definitive plan of footpaths in Begbroke had been received and publicised on the notice board. RESOLVED that the County Secretary be informed that the section of carriageway used chiefly as a bridleway as shown running from Woodstock Road to the end of Sandhill Road is not a bridleway but a proper made up maintainable highway. The Parish Council would continue to press for this Footpath No 6 to be downgraded.
- g) It was noted that the next C.S.E. meeting would be held on 27th April 1978 at 6.00 pm and that Mr. Gray be informed accordingly.

ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid :-

- a) Village Hall Management Committee -
- Hire of Hall From 10/2/77 to 23/2/78 £25-50
- b) Oxfordshire Rural Community Council
- Fee for Best Kept Village Competition 1978 £3-00
- c) Sundry Expenses - Period October to March £2-31

ANY OTHER
BUSINESS

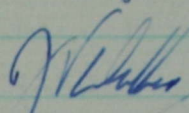
- a) It was reported that on the Committee elected to deal with the village Fete and bazaar Mr. Day had been elected chairman and Mr. Burt was also serving on it but not as a Parish Council Representative.
- b) Mr. Perry asked if the question of aircraft power turns over the village could be taken up with C.S.E. with a request that these take place further away from the village. RESOLVED that this be pursued.
- c) The revised S.E.B. Lighting Agreement was discussed and agreed.
- d) It was RESOLVED that arrangements be made for a large skip to be provided on the weekend commencing Friday 5th May to be sited in the usual location at the junction of Sandhill Road with Begbroke Lane and this be advertised in "The Link"
- e) It was reported that the timeswitch on lighting column N°2 Foxglove Road was faulty and required replacing. RESOLVED that this matter be taken up with Southern Electricity.
- f) It was noted that the S.E.B. had recommended change the existing timeswitches to photocells in lighting columns to reduce maintenance costs. RESOLVED that they be replaced accordingly when the occasion demands.
- g) Mr. Perry expressed concern about the proposed railway station at Roundham Lock and the threat from the growing industrial estate in Langford Lane and their likely affect upon the village. RESOLVED that as these proposals did not appear in the County Structure Plan, the comments be noted but no further action to be taken at the present time.

DATE OF
NEXT MEETING

This was arranged for Thursday 27th April 1978 at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall. It was further agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on Thursday 4th May 1978 at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Hall and Mr. John Francis, Chairman of the County Council be invited to attend as guest speaker.

MATTERS OF
A CONFIDENTIAL
NATURE.

The Council went into closed session to consider the contents of a letter the chairman had received from the former Clerk Mr. W.T. Willoughby, who had tendered his resignation and asked the Council to consider giving him a gratuity. RESOLVED that the Chairman reply accepting his resignation but regretting that the Council were unable to pay him a gratuity for his previous service.

 27th April 1978.
(CHAIRMAN)

At a meeting of Begbroke Parish Council
held at the Village Hall Begbroke on
27th April 1978 at 7.45 p.m.

Present : Mr. J. V. Walker (Chairman)
Councillors : Mr. A. Gray, Mr. G. Day, Mr. J. Burt
Mr. S. Russell Mrs E. J. Sturwa.
Three Parishioners were present.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th March 1978 were read and agreed as a true record and were signed by the chairman.

MATTERS (i)

ARISING ON THE
MINUTES

It was reported that a letter had been received from the County Secretary on behalf of Colonel Norman regarding the various proposals affecting the A.34 and other roads in Begbroke which were summarised in the following manner:-

- (a) Pressure is being maintained on the Department of Transport for further consultative meetings on the A.34 improvements.
- (b) The vehicle survey on the A.34 service road did not justify the

provision of a 30 M.P.H. speed limit.

- (c) The closure of the opening in the central reservation opposite the Royal Sun Public House would be included in the A.34. improvement scheme.
- (d) The need for white lining on the A.34 has been noted but it is not possible to say if this can be undertaken in the 1978/79 financial year.
- (e) The reinstatement of trenches and other repairs to the footways in Fernhill Road will be undertaken when the County Surveyors gang is next in the area.
- (f) There are no funds to provide street lighting in Fernhill Road although the Parish Council were reminded that they may with the consent of the County Council, use their own powers to provide a footway lighting system.

RESOLVED to note the report.

- (ii) It was reported that the County Surveyor and Engineer was investigating the possibility of converting the battery operated flashing amber lights to mains electricity to combat vandalism.
RESOLVED that this report be received with satisfaction.

- (iii) The clerk advised the Council that the Bank Manager had recommended closing the deposit account and transferring the capital into ~~the~~ a British Savings Bond or one of the major Building Societies. RESOLVED that the capital be put into a British Savings Bond in view of the higher rate of interest that can be obtained.

- (iv) The contents of a letter received from the Village Hall Management Committee in support of their request for the Parish Council to act as guarantor for the £750 loan they have negotiated with the National Playing Fields Association was received and considered. As the chairman and Treasurer of the Management Committee were present in the hall they were called in to discuss the project. RESOLVED that the guarantor forms be suitably amended and signed accordingly.

PLANNING
MATTERS

- (a) It was reported that a letter of apology had been received from Cherwell District Council in respect of their oversight in failing to notify the Parish Council of planning applications and decisions.

concerning the Weed Research Organization. They identified three applications since 1974 and copies were sent for the records. The Parish Council were asked for their observations on application N° CHS 123/78 as follows:-

"Temporary laboratory accommodation for the unit of Development Botany, probably required for three years during which time planning approval would be sought for permanent accommodation as an extension of the existing laboratories." RESOLVED that whilst appreciating the need for development the unit it was hoped that an adequate tree planting scheme would be incorporated as part of the scheme in view of its close proximity to the village. It was further RESOLVED that Cherwell District Council be asked for their opinion of how they see W.R.O. developing in the future in view of its threat to the environment of the village.

(b) The Following two applications were received:-

(i) Mr. Parker
27, Fernhill Road

Formation of habitable room in
roof space N° CHS 204/78

RESOLVED to approve the application and that Mr. Parker's attention be drawn to problems with the company he proposed to employ.

(ii) Mr. N. Dresden
6 Fernhill Road

Two Storey extension to the
side - N° CHS 199/78

RESOLVED To approve the proposal

CORRESPONDENCE (c) A letter of thanks was received from Mr. Leslie Wood saying how much he enjoyed his visit to the meeting on 30th March. The contents were noted.

(b) Mr. John Francis had written confirming that he would be able to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 4th May 1978.

(c) It was reported that Cherwell District Council had made alterations to the refuse collection service and that as far as Begbroke was concerned collection would now be on a WEDNESDAY and would remain a back door collection. RESOLVED to note the alteration to the service and that concern be expressed to the District Council about the fact that only part of the village had been dealt with on the first Wednesday and refuse from the Springhill side of the village had been overlooked.

- (d) RESOLVED to note the receipt of a letter stating that the fee for a license for the removal of human remains interred in a place of burial had been increased.
- (e) RESOLVED to note that Cherwell District Council intended to extend the licensing control on Hackney Carriages throughout the district and to introduce licenses for private hire vehicles.
- (f) RESOLVED to note with interest the receipt of a letter from the Chairman of the Recreation Committee giving encouragement to Parish Councils to plant trees.
- (g) It was reported that County Circular 2/78 had been received and the following items were considered: -
- (i) Association Meeting 10th March 1978. RESOLVED To note the minutes
 - (ii) Replacing Trees RESOLVED that this be noted
 - (iii) Association Meeting 2nd June 1978. RESOLVED that this be attended by Mr. Day and the Clerk.
 - (iv) Affiliation Fees 1978/79 - RESOLVED that this be noted
 - (v) Voluntary and Statutory Organisations in Oxfordshire - RESOLVED that this be noted
 - (vi) Sport and Recreation
 - (1) Sports Council Grants
 - (2) O.P.F.A. Appeal
 - (3) En-Tout-Cas Catalogues - RESOLVED that this be passed to the Village Hall Management Committee.
 - (vii) Hadlow House - Change of Address - RESOLVED to note the change
 - (viii) N.P.F.A. Local Authorities Conference November 1978. - Report noted.
 - (ix) Alarms in Cuddesdon - RESOLVED that details of these personal alarms be obtained.
 - (x) T.O.O.T. - II - Item on the activities of this group were noted
 - (xi) Access for the disabled - RESOLVED that this item be referred to the Village Hall Management Committee.
- RESOLVED that Mr. Perry be asked for details of the constitution and policy of the A.34 Road Safety Committee in relationship to the proposed A.34 improvements.

ACCOUNTS RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid :-

- (a) O.A.L.C. Affiliation Fee 1978/79 £32.40
- (b) Grant to Begbroke Parochial Church Council £75.00
- (c) Commercial Union Assurance Insurance premium £23.00
- (d) Southern Electricity - lighting maintenance quarter ended 30.9.77 £17.86 (Inclusive of V.A.T.)
- (e) Southern Electricity lighting maintenance quarter ended 31.3.78 £19.75 (Inclusive of V.A.T.)
- (f) Southern Electricity - Energy consumption quarter ended 31.3.78 £2.37

ANY OTHER

BUSINESS

- (i) It was agreed that a photocell should be fitted on lamp N°1 Willow Way in place of the existing timeswitch and that this practice should continue when other timeswitches become faulty.
- (ii) In regard to the proposal to site a railway station at Rowlham Lock Kidlington it was agreed that this should be discussed at the next meeting.
- (iii) In regard to the circular letter from Cherwell District Council concerning skateboarding it was agreed that this should be referred to the Youth Club for comment.
- (iv) The chairman reported that he would be advising the Village Hall Management Committee on their proposal to provide a 5 seater rocking horse on the playing field and his opinion was that this type of equipment can be dangerous. This was arranged for Thursday 25th May 1978 at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Hall. The Council were reminded that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Thursday 4th May 1978 at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall.

DATE OF

NEXT MEETING

A. J. Garry
CHAIRMAN

25/5/78

At a meeting of Begbroke Parish Council
held at the Village Hall, Begbroke on
23RD February 1978 at 7.45 p.m.

Present :-

Mr. J. V. Walker (Chairman)

Mr. A. Gray, Mr. S. Russell, Mrs E. J. Skinner

Mr. G. Day, Mr. J. Burt

Six Parishioners were present

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th January were read and agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS

ARISING ON THE MINUTES

- i) It was reported that a letter had been sent to the chairman of the Environmental Committee concerning the improvement and maintenance works required to the A.34 and other roads in Begbroke although his reply was awaited. RESOLVED to note the report.
- ii) A reply had been received from Cherwell District Council enclosing a copy of minute R90/76(3) as referred to in their letter dated December 1977, together with details of Parish Council Functions. RESOLVED that copies be taken and circulated to members.
- iii) The Chairman reported that the tree planting scheme for the Village had been prepared and this was examined. The scheme was accepted and the Chairman confirmed that there would be no obstructions to sight lines on the A.34. RESOLVED that the scheme be put eventually in "The Link" for any comments.
- iv) It was reported that a letter had been received from Mr. Leslie Wood concerning the various matters on County Circular 6/77 for November 1977. Mr. Wood had also said that he would welcome the opportunity to be invited to the Parish Council to talk over the matters of the Association and the services they try to offer. RESOLVED that Mr. Wood be invited to the next meeting of the Parish Council on 30th March 1978. It was further agreed that his advice be sought on how Parish Council members become nominated to the Executive Committee of O.A.L.C.
- v) RESOLVED to note that details of the bottle banks had been received and these were examined. It was agreed that there be