

Legion Hall at Yarmton on 5th January 1978. This would be displayed on both the Village and Village Hall notice boards.

ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED : that the following accounts be paid : -

S.E.B.	lighting maintenance quarter ended 30/9/77	£17.86
S.E.B.	lighting maintenance quarter ended 31/12/77	£19.75
S.E.B.	Energy consumption	credit due £22.33
M&M Transport	Hire of skip	£17.28

It was reported that the deposit account currently stands at £523.48

RATE PRECEPT

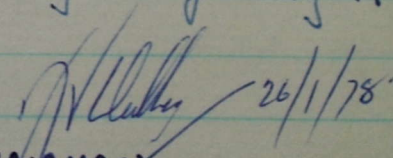
RESOLVED to note that a precept has been made on Cherwell District Council for £1900 which has been credited to the Parish Council's current account.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i) The Chairman reported that a street lighting schedule had been received from the S.E.B. which would be considered.
- ii) Mr. Day enquired if the question of the flashing lights on the A.34 could be further investigated with St. Julian's to ascertain whether they are private or publicly maintainable. RESOLVED that this matter be pursued.
- iii) The Chairman reported that the bridleway at Spring Hill Lane was blocked by a weld mesh fence apparently erected by the tenant farmer of Hall Farm, Mr. Hastings. RESOLVED That he be asked to arrange for this to be removed.

DATE OF NEXT
MEETING

This was arranged for Thursday 26th January 1978 at 7-45pm in the Village Hall.


CHAIRMAN

A Special Meeting between the Parish Council and Village Hall Management Committee was held on 12th January 1978 at 7-30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Present: Mr. J.V. Walker (Chairman)
 Mr. A. Gray, Mr. S. Russell, Mrs E. J. Slivwa
 Mr. G. Day
 Apologies were received from Mr. J. Bart.
 Members of the Village Hall Management Committee

i) PLAYING FIELD EQUIPMENT

The Management Committee reaffirmed that they are prepared to contribute £100 if this could be matched by the Parish Council. Mrs Russell said that a five-seater rocking horse would cost £220 and a cradle swing about £80. Various proposals of funding the scheme were discussed and the Parish Council's position was that they would consider a contribution towards the proposals provided that other village organizations are approached for a contribution. It was RESOLVED that this would be referred to the next meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee on 18th January 1978 and that a Further joint meeting be held on 25th January 1978 to reconsider the matter before the regular Parish Council meeting on 26/1/78

ii) PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

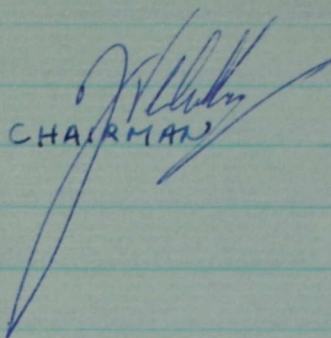
Some discussion took place on the Parish Council's request for the appointment of an additional representative on the Village Hall Management Committee. The V.H.M.C. were of the opinion that one member was sufficient as this was within the rules of management. The Parish Council considered that their financial involvement merited an additional representative. In view of the inflexibility of the Management Committee no headway could be made with this request.

CHAIRMAN

A Special Meeting between the Parish Council and Village Hall Management Committee was held on 25th January 1978 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall

Present: Mr. J.V. Walker, Mr. A. Gray, Mr S. Russell
 Mrs E. J. Slivwa Mr. G. Day.
 Apologies from Mr. J. Bart.
 Village Hall Management Committee

The position of the V.H.M.C. was exactly the same as at the last meeting although it was understood that the Sports and Social Club had been approached about a contribution but their reaction was awaited. In view of the continued impasse in the matter the Parish Council could see little point in continuing with the meeting and agreed to consider their position at their next meeting.


CHAIRMAN

At a meeting of Begbroke Parish Council
held at the Village Hall, Begbroke on
26th January 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 29th December 1977 and the two special meetings with the Village Hall Management Committee on 5th and 25th January 1978 were read and agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS

ARISING ON THE

MINUTES

a) It was reported that although a written reply had not been received from the County Surveyor and Engineer a verbal report had been made in connection with the various matters raised with him on the A.34. A summary of the report by Mr. Read, Principal Traffic Engineer was given as follows:-

i) 30 M.P.H. SPEED LIMIT ON SERVICE ROAD

This is regarded as a low priority at the present time. A survey has been undertaken of speeds of vehicles using the service road and Begbroke Lane. A reading of 100 vehicles was taken on the service road and the

fastest vehicle recorded a speed of 34 m.p.h and 85% of the vehicles recorded ~~on~~ speeds of below 25 m.p.h.

A reading of 34 vehicles was taken in Begbroke Lane and the fastest speed recorded was 43 m.p.h whilst the average speed of 85% of the vehicles was 27 m.p.h.

The County Surveyor is therefore of the opinion that the provision of a speed limit is unnecessary.

(ii) OPENING IN CENTRAL RESERVATION

In regard to the opening in the central reservation opposite the Royal Sun Inn, this had previously been closed off by bollards. However because of damage by tractors and combine harvesters they had not been replaced, particularly as they have to be of a low profile in order to clear the blades of agricultural machinery. The need for closure is recognised and the opening will be permanently closed when the junction improvements are carried out.

iii) WHITE LINING

There is no possibility of any maintenance work being carried out this financial year. In view of budget restrictions work is now limited to re-painting lines which are completely gone or nearly worn out. The situation will however be kept under review.

iv) FOOTPATHS

There is no possibility of any maintenance work to the footpaths in Fernhill Road this financial year. There is only £5000 for footpath repairs for the whole County in the budget and therefore it is unlikely anything can be done.

v) STREET LIGHTING

It is remote that any lighting in Fernhill Road will be possible in the foreseeable future.

vi) TRUNK ROAD LIGHTING

There is little chance of this because of the financial situation. These comments were discussed by the Parish Council and members of the public and it was noted that:-

- 1) When the chairman and two other members of the Parish Council met Mr. Hewelllyn at the gravel meeting in Yanton they

had been given to understand that the 30 M.P.H. had been agreed.

RESOLVED that the County Surveyor be asked to say how their figures are achieved and what was the reason for the change of heart.

2) No bollards have ever been provided to the opening in the central reservation at the end of the de-acceleration lane. RESOLVED that the provision of these be pursued.

3) In regard to the trunk road the Parish Council look forward to the proposed meeting with the Department of the Environment.

4) RESOLVED that a letter be sent to the Chairman of the Environmental Committee as previously agreed.

b) The chairman reported that the tree planting scheme was in course of preparation and should be completed by the next meeting. RESOLVED To note the report.

c) It was reported that Dr. A.K. Durrant had been nominated to the Governing Body of the Marlborough School, Woodstock by recommendation from Woodstock Town Council and he does in fact have children at the school. These facts being substantiated by Mrs Sluwa. RESOLVED to note the report and that a reply was still awaited from Mr. L. Wood.

d) RESOLVED to note ^{for future reference} that a copy of the County Bye-Laws on the Employment of Children had been received from the County Secretary.

e) RESOLVED to note that details of the bottle banks was still awaited.

f) RESOLVED to note that headed notepaper had been obtained an example of which was examined.

g) RESOLVED to note that a reply was still awaited from O.A.L.C. about the facilities and benefits they offer the Parish Council as members.

h) It was reported that Cherwell District Council had been asked to supply a copy of minute R90/76(3) and offered in their letter dated December 1977 and to define the functions the Parish Council carry out and what sort of functions the District Council would normally expect to carry out on behalf of the Parish Council. RESOLVED to note that a reply was awaited.

CORRESPONDENCE

i) It was reported that a letter had been received from the Southern Council for Sport and Recreation concerning the availability of Capital Grants for Sports Facilities in 1978/79. RESOLVED that the details be passed onto the Village Hall Management Committee.

ii) A letter had been received from Cherwell District Council requesting details of the Parish Council's proposed precept for 1978/79 the estimated Penny Rate Product for the Parish for the coming financial year being £810.

ESTIMATES.

The clerk produced Draft Estimates of Expenditure for 1978/79 a copy of which is appended hereto. After some discussion it was agreed that the grant to the Parochial Church Council be increased to £75 for the coming year. It was further agreed that Cherwell District Council be informed that a precept of £2,025 would be issued by the Parish Council for 1978/79., this being equivalent to a $2\frac{1}{2}$ p rate in the pound for Parish purposes.

PLAY EQUIPMENT

As it has not been possible to make any progress with the Village Hall Management Committee over the proposed provision of play equipment, it was proposed by Mr. Gray and seconded by the chairman that an enquiry be made of the V.H.M.C. about the possibility of leasing a suitable area of the playing field, containing the play equipment on a peppercorn rent. If this is possible then the Parish Council would provide play equipment to a cost of about £300.

A.34. FLASHING

LIGHTS

It was reported that responsibility for switching ^{on and off} the flashing lights rested with the ~~Parish~~ St. Julianas' School. In view of their cutback in staff the sisters had found it difficult to undertake this work and in the past enlisted the help of a local resident to activate the lights. This was difficult however as the lights are in serious need of maintenance work. Responsibility for this rests with the County Surveyor and Engineer who in turn have an arrangement with Southern Electricity for them to be maintained. They have spent considerable sums of money on maintaining them but in view of the constant vandalism to them and cutbacks in their budget repairs had been left in abeyance. However they will again arrange with SEB for them to be repaired if they have not been disconnected. RESOLVED To note the report and that pressure be maintained for this work to be done.

ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED That the following accounts be paid:-

Cherwell District Council - Fourth Instalment of Village Hall loan - £933

M & M Transport - Waste Disposal - V.A.T. Element £1.04

In addition agreement was given to the completion of a mandate form which had been received from Midland Bank Ltd. in regard to the change in clerk.

ANY OTHER
BUSINESS

- a) The Rector informed the Council that Cherwell District Council were issuing summons about the non-payment of rates. Apparently this had caused some concern to Old-Age Pensioners in the village RESOLVED that Cherwell D.C. be informed of the distress this attitude had caused and the hope that this could be done in a clearer and better manner in the future.
- b) It was suggested by Mr. Gray that advice be taken from the Bank Manager on the possibility of closing the deposit account and opening an account with a Building Society. RESOLVED That this action be taken.
- c) Mr. Day gave a report on the meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee and mentioned that there was the possibility of a £500 grant by Cherwell District Council towards the cost of an extension. There was also an indication of a grant from the sports and social club. RESOLVED To note the report.
- d) Mr. Gray asked if Mr. Day could try and ascertain why the Parish Council paid more pro-rata for the use of the Village Hall than any other organization. RESOLVED That this matter be investigated.
- e) The chairman gave a report on the meeting which was held at Yarston on the County Council's proposed gravel policy. He said that ~~it~~ a clearer indication of what is proposed had been given. A working party of Yarston Parish Councillors would be meeting County representatives in the near future. RESOLVED that the report be accepted.
- f) In reply to a question from Mr. R. Perry about the latest position concerning possible amalgamation with West Oxfordshire District Council the Chairman said that Cherwell District Council will advise on the right time for this to be taken forward.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING This was arranged for Thursday 23RD February 1978 at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall.


CHAIRMAN 23/2/78

MEETING 26th JANUARY 1978BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

Accounts to 31/12/77

<u>Current Account</u>	£	<u>Deposit Account</u>	£
5/4/77 B/FWD.	445-66	5/4/77 B/FWD.	498-70
Income Custom and Excise	19-26	Income Interest	24-78
Income Precept	1900-00	Account at 31/12/77	523-48
	<u>2364-92</u>		
Less Expenses			
to 31/12/77	<u>377-93</u>		
Account at 31/12/77	1986-99		
Less outstanding			
Cheques	<u>79-00</u>		
	<u>1907-00</u>		

Less Estimated	
Payments for Period	£
1/1/78 to 31/3/78	
Village Hall Loan	933-00
Clerk's Salary	50-00
Stationary	8-50
St. Lighting	
& Maintenance	110-00
Waste Disposal	10-32
Hire of Hall	14-00
Postage &	
Telephone	<u>5-00</u>
	<u>1130-82</u>
	<u>776-18</u>

Summary of Estimated Bank Balance at 31/3/78:-

Current Account	<u>£776-18</u>
Deposit Account	<u>£523-48</u>
	<u>£1299-66</u>

Estimates 1978/79

(Based on December 1977 Prices)

Penny Rate Product = £810

	£
Village Hall - Fifth Instalment of Loan	933
Insurance	23
Clerk's Salary	200
O.A.L.C. - Affiliation Fee	33
Village Hall - Hire Fee	20
Audit Fee	24
Street Lighting - Maintenance and Energy Consumption	300
Postage and Telephone	30
Churchyard Grant	75
Waste Disposal (6 visits a year)	52
Contingencies to include for inflation	<u>100</u>
	<u>£1790</u>
Contribution towards provision of play equipment on Village Hall Playing Field still to be decided.	