

At the Annual Parish Meeting
held at the Village Hall Begbroke
on the 4th May 1978

Present:- Mr. J. V. Walker (Chairman): Councillors Mr. A. Gray, Mr. G. Day, Mrs E. Shurwa, Mr. J. Burt. Apologies were received from Mr. S. Russell

The Chairman welcomed Mr. J. Francis, Chairman of Oxfordshire County Council and President of the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils, together with some 11 parishioners.

Minutes

The Clerk read the minutes of the meeting held on 26th May 1977 and these were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Matter Arising on the Minutes

The Chairman said that the Council were well pleased with County Council's decision to abandon the lorry route proposals

Guest Speaker

Mr. J. Francis opened his report by giving a comprehensive background to the services offered to the Parish Council by the County Council and by its membership of the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils. An outline of the various policies produced by the County Council affecting the Parish Council was given and these included the following

Minerals Policy - This mainly concerned sand and gravel with some ironstone in North Oxfordshire but not COAX. Full consultation on the effects of this policy was being given.

Bus Policy - The County Council cannot afford vast sums of money for transport and that was why the Bus Company had been asked to prepare a base plan for essential needs which would then be worked upon

Planning Policy - It was clear that the procedures were not yet right but these would be looked at.

Mr. Francis then said that he was prepared to answer any question on the services provided and amongst the questions

discussed were the following:-

Planning

In answer to a question from the Rector and Mr. Perry, Mr. Francis confirmed that District Councils do listen to comments made by Parish Councils. It was noted that the planning policies of Cherwell were felt to be vague and it was suggested that discussions should take place with the Assistant Planning Officers to try and eradicate these difficulties. A difficulty in the past had been that where planning applications had been rejected these were frequently approved by the District Council.

Transport

In answer to a question about the proposed railway station at Kidlington, Mr. Francis said that his personal view was that this was unlikely to proceed. On the official front consultations were taking place with British Rail and the Parish Council would be asked to comment at the appropriate time.

If there were any difficulties with bus services, it was recommended that a group be formed with other Parish Councils to discuss possible reductions in services although these did not unduly affect Begbroke.

Education

A question was answered about the appointment of parent representatives to governing Bodies of schools and the likely effects of the Taylor Report.

Rating Reform

In reply to a question from Mr. Perry it was stated that the County Council Association was now commenting upon the Hayfield Report. The difficulty was in producing an alternative system and even if a change of Government took place it was unlikely to bring a rapid change.

Street Lighting

It was noted that in some villages the question of two rates was being applied i.e. one for lit areas and a lower rate for unlit areas and it was suggested that this be investigated unless it was already taken into account in the rateable values.

The chairman gave thanks to Mr. Francis for his informative and illuminating discussion which was endorsed by the meeting.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman opened his report by introducing Mr. D. T. Brown as the new Clerk of the Council. The A.34 proposals stated in the press were without foundation and firm proposals were still awaited from the Department of Transport. Various interesting planning matters had been discussed, notably the alterations at the Royal Sun Public House, where success had been achieved in amending the design of the roof to make it more in keeping with the character of the building. However failure had occurred with the Weed Research Organization where no planning applications had been seen for three years owing to an oversight of the District Council. Strong representations were being made for an appropriate tree planting scheme to protect the visual environment of the village. In regard to the station proposals the chairman endorsed the comments of Mr. Francis in that it was unlikely to proceed.

It was proposed by Mr. Perry seconded by the Rector that the report be accepted.

A.34 Road Safety Committee

Mr. Perry enquired if the Parish Council wished him to continue with the A.34 proposals. It was stated that the whole question of the aims of the Road Safety Committee were being taken up with him as this was to be discussed at a future meeting. The Village were however extremely appreciative for the valuable work done on the A.34 by Mr. Perry.

Other Business

Mr. Walton reported that one of the street lamps in Willow Way was faulty and in reply it was stated that arrangements had been made for this to be repaired.

It was reported that the litter bins had now been overhauled and that Cherwell District Council would be asked to ensure that they are emptied regularly.

Mr. Florey reported that the bus shelter required cleaning but he was informed that the difficulty was in finding someone to maintain it.

In reply to a question about the bus-stop it was agreed that the bus company be asked to instruct their drivers not to stop buses across the entrance to Fernhill Road.

It was noted that there was no footboard to the stile leading to the Weed Research Organization.

In reply to a question from Mr. Florey about publication of the meeting he was informed that this had adequately been done by advertising in the 'Link', which being a free issue had gone to every household. It was also displayed on the village notice board.

Finance

A Statement of Account was presented which indicated that expenditure for the 1977/78 financial year had been £546-64 against balances of £1466-57 as at 31.3.78. It was confirmed that the deposit account currently standing at £523.48 had originally been opened in anticipation of a street lighting scheme but this had been overtaken by events.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting especially the guest speaker Mr. Francis, and said that they would be most welcome at the monthly Council meetings

A.J. Gurns 6/6/79

At a Meeting of Begbroke Parish Council
held at the Village Hall, Begbroke on
25th May 1978 at 7-45 p.m.

Present: Mr. A. Gray (Vice-Chairman) Mr. S. Russell,
Mr. J. Burt, Mr. G. Day and Mrs E. J. Shivan

APPOLOGIES

These were received from the chairman Mr. J.V. Walker.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th April 1978 were read by the clerk and confirmed as a true record and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

MATTERS
ARISING ON THE
MINUTES

- i) The clerk confirmed that the Savings Bond application form had been completed and returned to the Bank. Details were still to be completed. RESOLVED to note the report.
- ii) It was confirmed that the guarantor forms in relation to the loan the Village Hall Management Committee were arranging for the proposed extension to the Village Hall, had been completed and returned.
- iii) In regard to the A.34 Road Safety Committee, Mr. Perry had submitted his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting to give details of the constitution of this committee and its current aims and policy. The chairman would be briefed on these matters as soon as possible and in the meanwhile the clerk gave a brief resume of the discussion he had had with Mr. Perry. RESOLVED to note the report.

PLANNING
MATTERS

- (i) It was reported that planning permission had been granted on 20th April in respect of the prefabricated structure linked to the existing laboratory as medical research building unit subject to certain conditions. RESOLVED to note the report.
- (ii) The Following application was considered:-

Weed Research Organization

New extension to accommodate house
statisticians department and
refurbishing existing buildings.

RESOLVED To approve the application but to remind the District Council of the need for consultation on future development of the establishment.

- (iii) An amended plan was received in respect of Mr Parker's application to create a room in the roof space of 27 Fernhill Road. RESOLVED to approve the plan.

CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) It was reported that a letter had been received from Mr. Douglas Hurd C.B.E. M.P. seeking the views of the Parish Council on the proposed improvements to the A.34. He would be prepared to attend a meeting at which people from both Begbroke and Yarnon could put their views to him. Yarnon Parish Council in receiving a similar letter resolved to ask Mr. Hurd for dates when such a meeting could be arranged and felt that a preliminary meeting with Begbroke Parish Council before this meeting took place would be beneficial. RESOLVED that it be confirmed that a meeting with Yarnon Parish Council be arranged and a subsequent meeting with Mr. Hurd, the clerk to arrange dates and notify members.

- (b) It was reported a consultative meeting had been requested by the Department of Transport concerning the proposals for the A.34. Tentative dates for the meeting were 27th 28th and 29th June at 10-30 a.m. in the County Surveyor and Engineer's Department. RESOLVED that the clerk arrange the meeting and notify members accordingly.
- (c) Copies of Reports relating to the proposed railway station at Kidlington were circulated. RESOLVED to defer this item for consideration at a future date when further details become available.
- (d) The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils ~~to be~~ held on 2nd June 1978 was received. RESOLVED To receive a report in due course.
- (e) The receipt of National Circular 352 concerning Parish Reviews was received and noted.
- (f) It was noted that a letter had been received from Cherwell District Council regarding the availability of grants towards acquisition and improvement of Village Halls and Recreational Facilities. RESOLVED that this be forwarded to the Village Hall Management Committee.
- (g) It was reported that the Audit of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1978 would take place on Monday 14th August 1978 at 9-30 a.m. at the Town Clerks Office, The Town Hall, Woodstock. RESOLVED that this be advertised in good time.

ACCOUNTS

The Following accounts and payments were received and agreed :-

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| (i) Southern Electricity Board | |
| Checking and adjusting time switches in Begbroke Crescent, Foxglove Road and Willow Way | £2.65 |
| (ii) Clerks Salary Period March to May 1978 | £50.00 |

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (i) It was reported that a local resident had claimed to have seen rats in Footpath No 6 which he felt were had been attracted by the volume of rubbish being deposited along the Footpath. RESOLVED that a notice be erected and an item inserted in 'The Link' warning residents that it was intended to prosecute any offenders. In addition the clerk to investigate the possibility of getting the rubbish cleared from the Footpath.

(ii) It was noted that the waste disposal skip had arrived on 5th May and became so full that it was emptied on the same day. RESOLVED that an item be put in 'The link' stressing that the skip is not for the disposal of garden waste, paper etc but for more bulky items that cannot be disposed of by the usual refuse collection service. It was further agreed that it should be pointed out how much the service costs and that if this practise continued then the service may be terminated. It was further noted that the Chairman had agreed to the hire of another skip to be sited if possible in the grounds of the Village Hall.

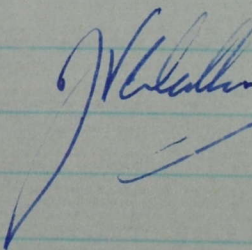
(iii) The Rector wished to make it known that all people who reside in the Parish, both civil and ecclesiastical, even if only for one night are entitled to burial in the churchyard. RESOLVED that this be noted.

(iv) In view of the irregular collection of refuse it was RESOLVED that the clerk should officially complain about the poor service and make the complaint public by writing to the local press.

DATE OF
NEXT MEETING

This was arranged for Thursday 29th June at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Hall.

CHAIRMAN.

 29/6/78

At a Meeting of Begbroke Parish
Council held at the Village Hall
Begbroke on 29th June 1978 at 7.45 p.m.

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th May were read by the Chairman and confirmed and signed as a true record.

MATTERS
ARISING ON THE
MINUTES

- (i) A report was received on the outcome of the consultative meeting with the Department of Transport and County Surveyor and Engineer on the proposed improvements to the A.34. Two alternative proposals were suggested for the roundabout scheme at Begbroke. Scheme I was totally unacceptable because of the additional traffic flow that would be generated on the village roads particularly at the junction of Fernhill Road with the service road where congestion is at times already a problem. Scheme II was more acceptable although there was some reservations about the complicated in/out system which it was hoped could be improved upon. Apart from this it was generally felt that the proposal would make the A.34 a safer road for vehicular and pedestrian traffic alike. RESOLVED that these comments be made known to the County Surveyor and Engineer and that an appropriate item be inserted in 'The Link' together with a copy of the plans if possible. It was noted that Councillor Mrs Ratcliffe had pressed for a footbridge but it was felt that the roundabouts should come first and then pressure brought to bear for a footbridge if desired. It was also noted that a roundabout was proposed at Yarnon and the consensus of opinion was that the suggested scheme was acceptable. Finally it was agreed that an approach would be made to the commercial enterprises on the A.34 about the scheme if the County Surveyor and Engineer was agreeable.
- (ii) It was further RESOLVED that there was no need for a meeting with Mr. Douglas Hurd CBE MP, as the scheme was now beyond political arguments, but that he be thanked for his efforts. It was also agreed that there was no need for a meeting with Yarnon Parish Council.
- (iii) Now that the scheme was a reality Mr. Ron Perry suggested that there was no further requirement for the A.34 Road Safety Committee. RESOLVED that this be accepted and that Mr. Perry be thanked for the hard work he had done on behalf of the village.
- (iv) It was reported that an item had been inserted in 'the link' warning

residents that the dumping of rubbish along footpath No 6 would not be tolerated and that offenders would be prosecuted. RESOLVED that a notice bearing the following wording be erected:-

BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

The depositing of rubbish and garden waste along this pathway is strictly prohibited and offenders will be liable to prosecution.

signed

D.T. Brown

Clerk to the Council

It was noted that an estimated cost was being obtained for the notice and in the meantime enquiries were being made about the possibility of the rubbish being cleared from the footpath.

- (v) A report was received stating that the last edition of "the link" had carried an item stressing that the village skip was being misused and unless the practice ceased then arrangements would be made for the service to be terminated. RESOLVED to note the report and that competitive costs be obtained for the service. A check also to be made with Cherwell District Council if they can accept the waste free of charge.
- (vi) In regard to the irregular collection of domestic waste by Cherwell District Council it was reported that no action had been taken on the minute to the last meeting because the service had improved to an acceptable standard. RESOLVED that no further action be taken.
- PLANNING MATTERS (i) Details of the planning application made by the Village Hall Management Committee for an extension to the Village Hall were received. RESOLVED that as it was rumoured the application was not acceptable ~~but~~ to the District Council then there was no further need for discussion by the Parish Council at this time.
- (ii) The following application was received:-

J.T. Hunt c/o B.S. Associates,
Seacourt Chapel, 31 West Way
Oxford

Demolition of conservatory at
18, Woodstock Road East, and
construction of extension to kitchen
and dining room with utility room.

RESOLVED that the scheme be accepted.

- (iii) RESOLVED to note that planning permission had been granted for the following proposals:-

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| (a) Mr. Parker
21 Fernhill Road | Formation of habitable room in roof space - approved 10 th May 1978 |
| (b) Mr. Dresden
6 Fernhill Road | Two-storey extension approved 10 th May 1978 |
| (c) Weed Research Organisation | New extension to house statistician department and refurbishing existing buildings. Approved 13 th June 1978 |
- (iv) Details of the dates of the Area Planning Sub-Committee meetings were received.

CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) The receipt of a letter from the County Secretary seeking observations upon a proposal that for a trial period the office of the Registrar for Births, Deaths and Marriages at Kidlington be closed and the hours of opening at Bicester be extended. RESOLVED that the scheme be accepted on a trial period and that it be publicised in "The Link".
- (ii) A letter from the County Secretary was received seeking evidence about the use of the Oxford Canal Towpath from the City boundary in the South to the County boundary in the North which had been shown on the proposed definitive map as a public footpath. It was noted that the British Waterways Board had objected to this and requested the deletion from the definitive map. RESOLVED To publicise on the village noticeboard and to inform the County Secretary that Mr. Ron Perry would be prepared to supply evidence that he had regularly used the footpath for the past twenty years.
- (iii) A Folder had been received from Cherwell District Council concerning "Amenity Tree Planting" and how they can assist with finance and advice to enable the Parish Council to carry out schemes in the Parish. RESOLVED that this be considered when the village tree planting scheme was available.

- (IV) RESOLVED to note the receipt of the summer edition of the "Local Council Review".
- (V) Details of the County circular 3/78 for June 1978 was received and discussed. RESOLVED as follows: -
- (a) The clerk be authorised to attend the course for clerks and chairmen on 30th September 1978.
- (b) that a further six copies of Parish Boundaries - Enclosure of Local Government Boundary Commission for England Report No 286 be obtained and circulated to Councillors.
- The remainder of the items were noted with no comment.

ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were received for payment: -

- (a) Southern Electricity - Adjusting time switches £2.65p
to various lamps
- (b) M & M Transport - Waste Disposal £17.28 incl VAT

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) In regard to the rate precept it was RESOLVED that this matter be pursued with Chesham District Council.
- (b) The Chairman tendered his resignation as he would be leaving the District. RESOLVED to accept the resignation and that Mr. Walker be thanked for all that he had done for the village, this being endorsed by Mr. Perry and that it be recorded in the minutes.
- (c) RESOLVED that responsibility for the "Link" editorial be handed over to the Clerk.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This was arranged for Thursday 27th July 1978 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

A. J. Garry
CHAIRMAN

10/8/78