

At a Meeting of Begbroke Parish Council
held at the Village Hall, Begbroke on
29th March 1979 at 7.45 p.m.

Present:- Mr. A. Gray, Mr. G. Day, Mr. S. Russell, Mr. J. Burt, Mr. A. Parker, Mrs E. J. Slane

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd February 1979 were read by the clerk and confirmed as a true record.

1. MINUTES

2. MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

a) In regard to the proposed tree planting scheme for the village it was reported that contact had been made with Mr. Andrew Barnes of Cherwell District Council. He has promised to send full details of the facilities available including grant aid and of the procedure to be followed. If required he will then meet the Parish Council and discuss the scheme which should be implemented between November/February. RESOLVED that this be noted and discussed at a later date.

b) It was reported that the Environmental Health Officer's comments had been obtained in connection with the dog nuisance at the property along Footpath N°6. It was understood that in the deeds there is a restrictive covenant dealing with noisy and dirty animals and neighbours have redress to the courts. In addition the Control of Pollution Act 1974, section 59, also deals with proceedings by occupiers. Anyone aggrieved has direct action to the courts. The District Council would be unlikely to take action because they have to serve notice on the offender, take noise readings etc before taking legal action. RESOLVED to note the report and that these views be made known to anyone interested. It was felt that regrettably there was no action the Parish Council could take in the matter. It was noted that the width of the Footpath was being checked.

c) It was noted that the bus-shelter had been put in a clean condition and required no repairs. However it was further reported that the seat needed major repairs and it was RESOLVED that the cost of a replacement seat should be explored with a view to its replacement.

PLANNING MATTERS

d) RESOLVED that planning applications in respect of the following be approved:-
(i) "Half-Acre" Fernhill Road, Begbroke - Porch Extension.
(ii) 40, Woodstock Road, Begbroke - Alterations to front entrance & kitchen.

b) RESOLVED that consideration to the following application be deferred to the next meeting:-
37, Willow Way. - Extension to enlarge kitchen and lounge.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) It was noted that nomination forms have been received in respect of the forthcoming Parish Elections and that these had been distributed to existing Councillors. It was further noted that the closing date for nomination papers was not later than noon on 5/4/79. RESOLVED that the period of office be checked with Cherwell District Council and Parish Councillors informed as quickly as possible.

b) RESOLVED to note and accept the following revised letting rates for the Village Hall as applicable to the Parish Council:-

LOUNGE ONLY	£ 3.00 per meeting
HALL ONLY	£ 5.00 per meeting
HALL & LOUNGE	£ 7.50 per meeting

c) RESOLVED to note the 'Link' Committee's views in respect of the revised rates but as this was not the Parish Council's concern to take no action. It was felt that the Village Hall Management Committee should not make any exceptions and if the cost was beyond the means of the Link Committee, then it should be possible to arrange meetings at other locations.

d) RESOLVED to note that the S.E.B. had been requested to replace a defective timeswitch with a light cell on the lamp outside N°5, Foxglove Road for the sum of £22.37 plus V.A.T., in accordance with agreed policy. RESOLVED that the following accounts be received for payment:-

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Village Hall Management Committee period 30/11/78 to 22/2/79 for hire of village hall and lounge - £10-80
- b) Southern Electricity Lighting maintenance qtr ended 15/2/79 - £23-93
- c) Southern Electricity Energy consumption period 31/3/79 - £38-90
- d) M & H Transport - Waste disposal - February 1979 - £15-12.
- e) Postage and telephone expenses incurred by the clerk - £11-70

Accounts rendered to the last meeting but not signed:-

- f) Shaw and Sons Ltd - New minute book - £14-43
- g) Clerk's Salary Period December 78 to February 79 - £50-00.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) It was reported that the sign to be erected at the junction of Sandhill Road with Begbroke Lane is ready for collection. RESOLVED to note the report.

b) RESOLVED to note with satisfaction that the bushes in Sandhill Road/Begbroke Lane had been cut back by persons unknown making the footway passable.

- c) Mr. Bart reported that concern had been expressed to him about the number of balls being kicked over the boundary hedge of his neighbours adjoining the playing field. RESOLVED that as this was a Village Hall Management Committee problem the matter be referred to them by Mr. Parker.
- d) RESOLVED that the signs at Foxglove Road and Willow Way be repaired by Mr. Russell / Mr. Brown the clerk as required.
- e) Following a report by Mr. Russell it was RESOLVED that the County Surveyor be asked about the possibility of double yellow lines being painted at the top of Fernhill Road.
- f) RESOLVED to note that the chairman had been approached about a meeting with Sir Henry Plumb - E.E.C. candidate and it be left to him to decide whether to accept or not.

DATE OF NEXT
MEETING

This was arranged for Thursday 26th April 1979 at 7-45 p.m. in the Village Hall.

A/G Gray
CHAIRMAN

26/4/79

At a Meeting of Begbroke Parish Council
held at the Village Hall on 26th April 1979 at 7-45 p.m.

Present: Mr. A. Gray, Mr. G. Day, Mr. S. Russell, Mr. J. Bart, Mr. A. Parker, Mrs E. J. Slivwa.
The minutes of the meeting held on 29th March 1979 were read by the Clerk and confirmed as a true record.

1. MINUTES

2. MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

- a) Further to minute No (a) under "Correspondence" to the last meeting to record the fact that Parish Councillors will be elected for a period of 4 years at the Parish Council Election on 24th May 1979.
- b) It was reported that details of the tree planting scheme administered by Chesham District Council had been received including a map of the village on which is to be marked the proposed scheme. RESOLVED that a Tree Planting Sub-Committee be created and that the Village Hall Management Committee and the W.I. be invited to nominate members to the Committee.
- c) RESOLVED that the proposed replacement of the seat by the bus-shelter be considered at the next meeting.
- d) RESOLVED that Chesham District Council be chased for a reply in regard

to the check they were making on the width of Footpath No 6.

PLANNING MATTERS (a) RESOLVED to note that planning permission had been granted in respect of the following: -

- (i) Half Acre Fernhill Road Begbroke - Porch Extension
- (ii) 40 Woodstock Road Begbroke - Proposed alterations to the front entrance & kitchen.

(b) RESOLVED to note that planning permission had been refused in respect of the following: -

- (iii) Toll Cottage, 89 Woodstock Road, Begbroke - Conversion and addition to property.

(c) RESOLVED that the following planning applications be commented upon as follows: -

- (iv) Mr. King, 37, Willow Way, Begbroke - Erection of an extension to enlarge existing kitchen and lounge.

No comment except that concern be expressed about the length of the extension and the possible lack of amenities to neighbours who should

(b) have been consulted.

- (v) G. Day & Son Ltd - Revision to existing site layout to provide one 3 bed dwelling and 5 3 bed terraced houses

Approved with no comment.

- (vi) Mrs C. S. Harris - Proposed 3 bed single storey dwelling extension to existing stores with new vehicular access off Fernhill Road

Concern was expressed about this in view of the access onto an already dangerous corner, the inadequate size of the site, the unsightly mix of wooden construction. It was generally considered therefore that the site was unsuitable for the proposed development and that Chesham D.C. be so informed.

- (vii) Mr. B. Humell 40, Woodstock Road, East - Proposed Conservatory.
Approved with no comment.

CORRESPONDENCE (a) RESOLVED to note the contents of County Circular 2/79 for March 1979.

- (b) RESOLVED that County Circular 3/79 be received for April 1979

with particular interest in the item relating to the Parish Council Elections.

- (G) RESOLVED to note the variations in the S.E.B's Public Lighting Tariff.
- (d) RESOLVED to make no comments upon the Oxfordshire County Council's Public Passenger Transport Plan.
- (e) RESOLVED to note the contents of the letter from Cherwell District Council concerning grants towards acquisition and improvement of Village Halls and Recreational Facilities. Copies had already been sent to the Village Hall Management Committee.
- (f) RESOLVED to note the receipt of information concerning the Banbury open-air swimming pool.

FINANCIAL MATTERS RESOLVED to accept the following account for payment: -

Southern Electricity Adjustments to timeswitches - £5.23

ANY OTHER BUSINESS The Rector reported that two grants of £20 each had been paid to the two schools in Woodstock from the Ellis Ashton charity for the benefit of Begbroke children. RESOLVED to note the report and to accept Mr. Parker's offer to find out more about the trust as the Trustees are apparently nominated by the Parish Council.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING This was arranged for Monday 4th June 1979 at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Hall.

DATE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING This was arranged for Wednesday 6th June 1979 at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Hall.

A. J. Gray
CHAIRMAN

4.6.79

At the First Meeting of the New Begbroke Parish Council held at the Village Hall on 4th June 1979 at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr. A. Gray, Mr. G. Day, Mr. R. Perry, Mr. G. Lawrence, Mr. J. Burt, Mrs. E. Shinn

Election of Chairman It was proposed by Mr. Day seconded by Mr. Lawrence that Mr. A. Gray be elected Chairman. As there were no other nominations Mr. Gray was duly elected.

Election of Vice-Chairman It was proposed by Mrs. Shinn seconded by Mr. Burt that Mr. G. Day be elected Vice-Chairman. There being no other nominations Mr. Day was duly elected.

Appointment of Clerk. The chairman proposed and it was unanimously agreed that Mr. D. Brown be re-appointed clerk to the Council.

Minutes of the Last Meeting. The minutes of the meeting held on 26th April 1979 were read by the clerk and confirmed as a true record.

Matters Arising on the Minutes.

- (a) In regard to the proposed tree planting scheme for the village it was agreed to form a small sub-committee of one Parish Councillor, one W.I. and one Village Hall Management Committee Representative, to meet Mr. T. H. Farrar the County Council's Horticultural Adviser. Mr. Perry was duly nominated to represent the Council. It was agreed that the Council's contribution be left fluid depending on the extent of the scheme agreed.
- (b) It was RESOLVED that details of various ^{and costs} seats be obtained in regard to the proposed replacement of the seat by the bus-shelter.

- (c) RESOLVED that a reminder be sent to Cherwell District Council regarding the enquiry about the width of the footpath at the junction of Sandhill Road with Begbroke Lane.

Election of Representative to Village Hall Committee It was proposed by Mr. Day seconded by Mr. Burt that Mr. G. Lawrence be elected as the Council's representative. There being no other nominations Mr. Lawrence was duly nominated.

Election of Representative to C. S. E. RESOLVED that Mr. A. Gray continue as the Council's representative it being noted that any Councillor could attend if interested.

Election of Representative to the Ellis Ashton Charity It was agreed that this be deferred until further details could be obtained from the Rector. Mr. Lawrence agreed to speak to him about this matter.

- Correspondence (a) Details of a letter from the Pambles Association listing footpath and bridleway obstructions in the Parish were discussed. It was agreed that a definitive map be obtained from the County Council and the matter considered at the next meeting.
- (b) The minutes of the last meeting of the C.S.E. Liaison Committee were received. It was RESOLVED that in future C.S.E. be asked to send all correspondence to the Clerk for the Chairmans benefit.

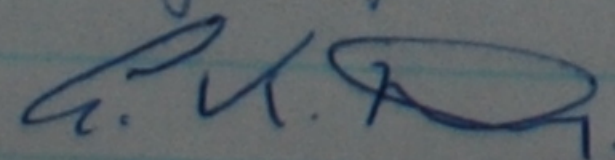
Financial Matters The following accounts were received for payment:-

(a) Southern Electricity	- checking and adjusting timeswitches and lamp damaged by vandalism	£ 6.79
(b) Southern Electricity	checking & adjusting time switches	£ 2.59
(c) M & M Transport	Waste disposal	£ 15.12
(d) Commercial Union Insurance	Employers' Liability insurance	£ 23.00
(e) City of Oxford	Supply of aluminium sign etc	£ 33.65
(f) Clerks salary	Period March to May 1979	£ 50.00

- Any Other Business (a) It was noted that the waste disposal skip had not arrived at the end of May. RESOLVED that this be chased for June 1979 and in the future.
- (b) RESOLVED that Cherwell District Council be asked to state the policy with regard to the procedure of notifying residents affected by planning applications. Also to recommend that all planning applications be advertised in the Oxford Times.
- (c) RESOLVED that the County Surveyor & Engineer be asked about the possibility of double yellow lines being painted on the junction of Fernhill Road with the service road. Also to request that the visibility on the junctions of the A.34 be properly maintained.
- (d) In regard to the overhanging trees in Begbroke Lane it was RESOLVED to accept Mr. Lawrence's offer to speak to Mr. Webster about it.
- (e) It was RESOLVED that details of how the Clerks salary is calculated be raised at the next meeting.

Date of Annual Parish Meeting It was noted this was arranged for Wednesday 6th June 1979 at 7-45pm in the Village Hall

Date of Next Meeting This was arranged for Thursday 28th June at 7-45p.m in the Village Hall



CHAIRMAN

23/6/79

At the Annual Parish Meeting
Held at the Village Hall, Begbroke
on 6th June 1979 at 7-45 p.m.

Present: Mr. A. Gray (Chairman), Mr. G. Day, Mr. G. Lawrence, Mr. J. Burt, Mr. A. Perry and Mrs E. J. Shura. Some 10 Parishioners were present.

Minutes

The Clerk read the minutes of the meeting held on 4th May 1978 and these were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising on the Minutes

- (a) The Chairman reported that some success had been achieved with the Weed Research Organization over planning matters.
- (b) In regard to the difficulties over bus services the Chairman stated that the Council will be discussing the matter in the near future.
- (c) The question of split rating for lit and unlit areas would be taken into account when the new rating assessment is undertaken later this year.

Chairmans Report

- (d) The Clerk was thanked for the work he had undertaken on behalf of the Parish Council during the past year.

In presenting his annual report the Chairman touched on the following subjects:-

- (a) The Council have continued to deal with planning applications and are concerned that a proper planning strategy for the village is implemented by Cherwell District Council particularly with reference to the environment of the older part of the village. They are in consultations with the District Council to ensure that full procedures relating to planning are followed.
- (b) The latest plan for the proposed roundabout scheme on the A.34 shows only one amendment to the original scheme namely that the suggested 'one-way' system would now be 'two-way'. The C.P.O. and Side Road Order would be obtained by the end of the year and construction work commenced by late 1980/81. Care should be exercised when using the central reservation until the scheme is implemented.
- (c) Provision for waste disposal continues to be made. The Council

are still concerned about the volume of rubbish being deposited along Footpath N°6 to Kidlington. A notice will shortly be erected stating that it is an offence and offenders will be liable to prosecution. The Council will take proceedings as necessary against offenders. The waste disposal skip failed to arrive in May but will be available at end of June and thereafter for villagers convenience.

- (d) The Parish Council would shortly be embarking upon a comprehensive tree planting scheme and the W.I. and Village Hall Management Cttee had been invited to participate in production of the scheme, professional advice was also being obtained and it is intended to apply for a 75% grant towards the cost from Cherwell District Council. The scheme will include 10 oak trees obtained free of charge from the County Council and the work should commence in the Autumn. Any help or advice from residents would be more than welcome.
- (e) Consideration is being given to replacing the seat by the bus shelter, damaged by vandals.
- (f) Action will shortly be taken to try and clear various obstructions to footways and bridleways to include new footpath signs as appropriate.
- (g) Arrangements had been made to open a Building Society Account to obtain an enhanced rate of interest on the Parish's money.

It was agreed that this report be accepted.

Financial Matters A summary of the Council's receipts and payments for the year ending 31st March 1979 was received and accepted. In reply to a question from the floor it was stated that the Building Society account had accrued over a number of years being originally maintained for an improvement to the lighting in the village.

Question Time Questions raised included the following: -

- (a) Car-parking near the Post Office is a problem. It was agreed that this would be taken up with the County Surveyor & Engineer.
- (b) There was a rumour that the field at the end of Rowel Drive was going to be developed. It was agreed that this would be taken up with Cherwell District Council as nothing had yet been heard.

- (c) The light in the car-park of the Royal Sun was very bright. It was stated that the intensity had already been reduced but the matter would be further explored.
- (d) In reply to a question about the churchyard grant it was explained that this would continue as long as it was required.
- (e) The problem of fouling of footpaths was raised. It was agreed that this matter would be raised in 'The Link'.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting adding that all were welcome to attend the monthly meetings of the Council.

A. Gray
14/5/80

At the second Meeting of Begbroke
Parish Council held at the Village
Hall on 28th June 1979 at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr. A. Gray (Chairman) Mr. G. Day, Mr. R. Perry, Mr. G. Lawrence, Mrs E. J. Sliver and Mr. J. Burt. The meeting was opened by Mr. Day as Mr. Gray was unable to be present until later in the meeting for which his apologies were given.

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th June 1979 were read by the Clerk and confirmed as a true record.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

- (a) In regard to the proposed tree planting scheme it was reported that a survey of the village was undertaken on 14th June by Mr. T. H. Farrar the Horticultural Officer of the County Council. It was noted that consultations had commenced with the various service boards etc about pipe and cable runs and once the information had been assimilated then the full draft scheme would be prepared. It was hoped that the plan might be available for discussion at the next meeting. In the meantime the chairman said that he would contact the Agent for Blenheim to ascertain their proposals.

- (b) It was noted that details were still awaited about a replacement seat
RESOLVED to consider the matter at a future meeting.
- (c) It was noted that a copy of the definitive maps of the footpaths and
bridleways in the Parish had been obtained and this was examined
in connection with the views expressed by the Ramblers Association.
RESOLVED that Mr. Day, Mr. Perry and Mr. Lawrence in company
with the clerk undertake a site inspection to carry out as much
work as possible, the inspection to take place on 3rd July at 7.00 p.m.
- (d) It was noted that details were still awaited from Cherwell District
Council in connection with their policy regarding neighbour consultations
RESOLVED to consider at the next meeting.
- (e) It was noted that the waste disposal ship would next be in the
village on 29th/30th June 1979 and the company had been reminded
of the dates that the ship would be required in the future.
- (f) It was reported that Cherwell District Council were investigating the
width of Footpath N° 6 at its junction with Sandhill Road/Begbroke
Lane. By virtue of the Kidlington Inclosure Award the right of way
should be a width of 24 feet.
- (g) Mr. Lawrence reported that the trees and bushes on the piece
of land at the junction of Sandhill Road with Begbroke Lane were
the ones causing the nuisance. It was agreed that arrangements
should be made for these to be trimmed perhaps by the SER as
their wires were being affected.
- (h) It was noted that the County Surveyor and Engineer was
investigating the possibility of double yellow lines being painted at
the top of Fernhill Road but that this was only likely to be of
low priority. It was agreed that the police should be asked to
monitor the parking situation particularly during the morning
and evening periods. There is also the problem of lorries parking near the telephone box.
- (i) It was noted with satisfaction that the visibility of the junctions
on the A.34 had been improved.
- (j) In regard to the Ellis Ashton Charity it was noted that the Parish Council
appointed two Trustees, but have no control over the money. RESOLVED
that if possible a copy of the scheme be obtained.

PLANNING MATTERS The dates of the Area Planning Sub-Committees were noted.

- CORRESPONDENCE (a) Various literature from the County Council was received
and distributed as required.
- (b) The County Circular for June 1979 was received from the
Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils. In considering its
future participation in the affairs of this Association it was
RESOLVED that the Parish Council should dis-affiliate and
that O.A.L.C. be notified accordingly.
- (c) It was noted that as from 1.10.79. the Public Lighting Maintenance
charges would increase by an average of 14%.
- (d) Copies of the statutory declaration of acceptance of office
for Parish Councillors were distributed for completion and
retention in the Parish Records.

FINANCIAL MATTERS The following accounts were received for payment:-

Southern Electricity	Lighting Maintenance	£ 23.93
" "	Energy Consumption	£ 41.09
" "	Adjusting timeswitches	£ 2.09

In regard to three copy invoices received from the S.E.B. it
was RESOLVED that these be queried.

- ANY OTHER BUSINESS (a) It was noted the date fixed for the audit was 28th August
1979 at 1500 hours. As both the chairman and the clerk
would be away during that week it was agreed that an
alternative date be arranged. If possible for 24th August.
- (b) In regard to the clerk's salary details of how this is
calculated were reported. In considering the matter it was
RESOLVED that the salary be increased from £200 to £250
forthwith and that the salary should be reviewed annually.
- (c) Mr. Perry made reference to the report in the local press
by the Oxford Preservation Trust suggesting that Kidlington
Traffic be diverted to the A.34. It was agreed that the
Council's disquiet about this be made known to them.
- (d) Mr. Gray said that he would take up with C.S.E. the
problem of planes taking off over the village and the noise involved.

- (F) Mr. Perry drew attention to the irregularity of the City of Oxford Bus Services and it was agreed that other Parish Councils notably Yorton, Bladon, Hemsington, Woodstock and Earstree be consulted with a view to making representations to the Bus Company.

DATE OF NEXT
MEETING

This was arranged for Thursday 26th July 1979 at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall.

A. J. Gray

CHAIRMAN

26. 7. 79

At a Meeting of Begbroke Parish Council held at the Village Hall on 26th July 1979 at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr. A. Gray (Chairman) Mr. G. Day, Mr. G. Laurence, Mr. J. Burt, Mr. R. J. Slinwa, Mr. R. Perry.

MINUTES OF THE LAST
MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th June 1979 were read by the Clerk and confirmed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING ON
THE MINUTES.

- (a) It was reported that details had been received from the various service boards indicating the position of their pipes, cables etc which might be affected by the tree planting proposals. The plan of the scheme was in course of preparation and would be available soon. The Land Agent of Blenheim Estate had given details of their own plans for tree planting and others consulted included Mr. Hartings and Weed Research Organisation. The Chairman promised to speak to Miss Robertson.
- RESOLVED that a special meeting of the Tree Planting Sub-Committee be convened when the draft plan was available.
- (b) In regard to the proposed replacement of the seat by the bus-shelter it was RESOLVED that the clerk arrange for an appropriate seat to be provided at the earliest opportunity, preferably a seat as vandal-proof as possible.
- (c) RESOLVED to note that Cherwell District Council were still investigating the ~~alleged~~ alleged encroachment onto Bridleway N°6.
- d. It was reported that in connection with the problem of parking in the areas of the junctions of Fernhill Road and Begbroke Lane with the

service road the County Surveyor and Engineer was arranging for the matter to be considered by the Traffic and Works Sub-Committee in September. It had only been accorded a low priority. Thames Valley Police had also been requested to look into the matter. RESOLVED that it be pointed out restrictions were required in Fernhill Road and on the Begbroke Lane not on the service road. Also to request that it be accorded a higher priority in view of the existing dangerous situation. In addition to ask the police if the matter could be dealt with at a local level rather than Banbury.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS RESOLVED to note that the District Auditor had agreed to change the date of the audit to Friday 24th August 1979 at 1600 hours.

PLANNING. (i) RESOLVED that the following applications be approved with no objections with the observation that in regard to (a) it was hoped the neighbours had been consulted.

- (a) 3, Rowel Drive, Begbroke - Addition of carport & cover over rear door
- (b) 8A Woodstock Road - Alteration and extension to existing cottage
- (c) Weed Research Organisation - Erection of garage for laboratory equipment
- (d) To note planning permission had been granted in respect of the following:-
 - 40, Woodstock Road - Erection of Conservatory
 - Begbroke Crescent - Alterations to site layout.

(ii) The contents of a letter from Cherwell District Council were considered in relationship to their procedure over consulting neighbours in regard to planning applications. They had stated that consultations were non-statutory and informal and undertaken at the discretion of the Planning Officer dealing with the application for development. There were occasions when neighbours may be unaware of adjacent development particularly if it was exempt from the need for planning permission (permitted development) by virtue of the provision of the General Development Order. RESOLVED that a reply be sent noting this but suggesting that in this Parish neighbours be consulted as a matter of course.

(iii) RESOLVED to note that in regard to the land adjacent to Rowel Drive there is no existing planning permission or current application for permission relating to this land.

CORRESPONDENCE (a) Information was given about Cherwell District Council's proposals to launch a local letter. It was agreed that this be passed onto the V. H. M. C.

- (b) RESOLVED to note that consultations had taken place with C.S.E. over the apparent change in flight path from the airport, but that little action could be taken.
- (c) It was noted that the new John Radcliffe Hospital would now deal with all emergencies and accidents.

FINANCIAL MATTERS (a) The Following accounts were presented for payment: -

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| (i) | Village Hall Management Committee - Hire of Hall | period 26/4/79 to 28/6/79 | £19.50 |
| (ii) | M & M Transport - Waste Disposal | | £16.10 |
| (iii) | Southern Electricity - Replace time switch with photo electric cell | | £24.15 |
| (iv) | Southern Electricity - " " " | | £24.15 |

- (b) It was noted that the current account stood at £155.91 at the end of June 1979 but outstanding cheques and those set out above totalled £222.78. The Building Society Account at the end of June stood at £1600.81 inclusive of interest and it was agreed therefore that £250 be withdrawn and paid into the current account to meet these expenses.
- (c) RESOLVED that the contribution of £75 towards the upkeep of the churchyard be paid to the Rector as soon as the financial position had been sorted out.
- (d) In regard to the agreed contribution of £70 towards the cost of the ring provided by the V.H.M.C. it was agreed that if possible a way be found for the Parish Council to pay for it so that the VAT element could be re-claimed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS (a) It was noted that it was hoped the Area Surveyor would soon be taking action to trim the overhanging trees and shrubs at the corner of Sandhill Road with Begbroke Lane.

- (b) It was noted that the Senior Citizens Club were short of funds but although the Council felt sympathetic towards them, felt unable to offer them any financial assistance.
- (c) The problem of the poor bus services was briefly discussed and the suggestion made that if possible the Manager be persuaded to

attend a public meeting to discuss the matter.

- (d) Mr. Lawrence agreed to ask the refuse operators to empty the waste bins by the bus-stop.
- (e) It was suggested that the Area Surveyor be asked to renovate the road signs in the village, particularly Fernhill Road signs as these had not been maintained for many years.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This was arranged for Thursday 27th September 1979 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

A.J. Gray
CHAIRMAN

27/9/79

At a Meeting of Begbroke Parish Council
held at the Village Hall on 27th September 1979 at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr. A. Gray (Chairman), Mr. G. Day, Mr. R. Perry, Mr. J. Burt
Mrs E. J. Skirwa. Also Mr. D. Long Cherwell District Councillor.

MINUTES OF

THE LAST MEETING

MATTERS ARISING

ON THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th July 1979 were read by the clerk and confirmed as a true record.

- (a) RESOLVED to ask the Oxford Preservation Trust for a reply to the letter concerning the traffic diversion onto the A.34.

(b) Tree Planting Scheme

It was reported that the draft scheme had been prepared by Mr T. H. Farrer in consultation with the clerk. The scheme had taken longer than anticipated to produce owing to the many cables and pipes running through the village. RESOLVED that the draft scheme be approved in principle and that the details be agreed by the Tree-Planting Sub-Committee. It was agreed that a contribution of £250 per annum be made towards the scheme over the next five years making a total budget provision of £1250.

(c) Replacement of Public Seat

RESOLVED to note that a new seat had been ordered from En-tout-Coeur at a cost of £85 plus VAT inclusive of carriage. Delivery was expected in 10 to 12 weeks.

(d) Encroachment onto Footpath N° 6

RESOLVED to note that there was no further news from Cherwell District Council on this matter.

(e) Parking at the junctions of Fernhill Road and Begbroke Lane with the Service Road

A report was presented from the Thames Valley Police Force which indicated that very little parking took place at these junctions during critical periods. The police would not support further action but would continue to monitor the situation and a further report issued if the parking became worse. RESOLVED that this be noted but as 2 to 3 vehicles are constantly parked at the Fernhill Road junction a letter be sent to Mr. Mitchell asking if vehicles could be repaired off the road in view of the known hazards.

(f) RESOLVED to note that the annual audit of the Council's accounts and financial affairs was undertaken by the District Auditor on 24/8/79. His only comment had been in relation to the investment account where he felt a higher rate of interest could be obtained by acquiring a local government bond. He had however accepted the fact that access was required to the fund to finance the schemes being considered at the moment.

(g) Contribution to Village Hall Management Committee

It was reported that the method of paying the £70 contribution had been discussed with the District Auditor. He felt that if the Council had paid the total invoice and then be reimbursed by the V.H.M.C. less the £70 plus V.A.T. then the V.A.T. element could have been reclaimed for them. A check was being made with the V.A.T. office but it was noted this was unlikely.

(h) It was noted that the Manager of the Oxford South Midland Bus Company had been invited to attend a public meeting in the village to discuss the irregularity of the bus service. RESOLVED that if this can be achieved it be given maximum publicity with other Parish Councils etc and on Radio Oxford.

(i) RESOLVED to note that The Area Surveyor had been asked to renovate the road signs in the village and to expedite the pruning of the bushes near to the junction of Begbroke Lane with Sandhill Road. It was agreed that if inattention to the pruning continues this be done on a self-help

CONSTITUTION OF
PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING

(a) Approval was given to the following:-

51, Begbroke Crescent - Extension to create extra bedroom toilet and larger living room.

(b) To note that Planning Permission had been granted in respect of the following:-

(i) Weed Research Organization - Provision of garage for use as a laboratory.

(ii) 3, Rowel Drive - Addition of car port and cover over door

(iii) 849 Begbroke Crescent - Additional bedrooms

(c) To note that Planning Permission had been refused on the following:-

Fernhill Road Stores - Proposed extension and vehicular access

Refused on the grounds that the proposal represented an overdevelopment of the site which is inadequate to accommodate a small dwelling without detriment to the amenities of the inhabitants of the adjoining bungalows to the east and to the visual amenities of the area.

A.34 IMPROVEMENTS

It was noted that The Minister of Transport proposed to make the Side Roads Order 197 in respect of the roundabout scheme. The Parish Council's observations were sought but as the scheme accorded with previously expressed views the information was merely noted.

CORRESPONDENCE

(a) It was noted that details had been received from the Rector about the appointment of trustees to the Ellis Ashton charity. It was agreed that this matter be discussed when a copy of the scheme had been obtained from the charity commissioners.

(b) RESOLVED to note that the letting charge for the Village Hall with effect from 1.9.79 would be as follows:-

Lounge only £3.50 per meeting

Hall only £6.00 " "

Hall & lounge £8.50 " "

basis.

The resignation of Mr. G. Lawrence was accepted and it was noted that Cherwell District Council had been notified accordingly. As this created a vacancy on the Village Hall Management Committee nominations were invited. As no nomination was forthcoming the chairman required 48 hours to consider the matter. As a result the chairman decided to represent the Council for the coming year. In regard to the vacancy it was agreed that this be publicised on the notice board, in the Post Office and in the "Link".

- (c) RESOLVED that a letter about surplus portable buildings from Cherwell District Council be referred to the Village Hall Management Committee.
- (d) RESOLVED that a letter about the safety of children's play equipment be referred to the Village Hall Management Committee.
- (e) RESOLVED to note the variations in the public lighting tariff received from S.E.B.

FINANCIAL MATTERS (a) ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were received for payment:-

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| 1. Village Hall Management Committee | Rent of Hall for July 1979 | £5.00 |
| 2. M & M Transport | Waste Disposal June & July 1979 | £32.20 |
| 3. Department of the Environment | Audit Fee Year Ended 3.7.79 | £27.60 |
| 4. Southern Electricity | Lighting Maintenance | £25.48 |
| 5. Southern Electricity | Energy Consumption | £41.65 |
| 6. Clerk's Salary | June - August 1979 | £62.50 |

- (b) It was noted that the rate of interest payable on the building society account was increased from 6.5% to 7.25% from 1.8.79.
- (c) It was noted that following the audit a claim for V.A.T. refund of £21.94 had been requested from the V.A.T. office.
- (a) It was agreed that the notice board be repaired as necessary following damage through water penetration.
- (b) It was noted that the bus shelter was in need of sweeping out.
- (c) In regard to the encroachment on the footpath at Village End it was agreed that if possible the back history about this be looked into and the matter discussed at a later meeting.
- (d) It was noted that additional footpath signs were required and it was agreed that this matter be pursued.
- (e) The increase in airfield activity was noted although it was appreciated little could be done about it.
- (f) A report from Douglas Hurd on various matters was circulated.
- (g) It was noted that the Rector would shortly be leaving and the Parish Council agreed that some form of permanent acknowledgement of his tremendous contribution to the village be considered. The Parish Council would be willing to discuss the matter with other organisations to ascertain the best way of handling this.
- The Chairman thanked Mr. Long for attending the meeting

ANY OTHER
BUSINESS.

and the date of the next meeting was arranged for 25th October 1979.

A. J. Gray
CHAIRMAN 25/10/79

At a Meeting of Begbroke Parish
Council held at the Village Hall
on 25th October 1979 at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr. A. Gray (Chairman), Mr. G. Day, Mr. J. Burt, Mrs E. J. Shinn, Mr. R. Perry. Mrs E. Ratcliffe County Councillor for the area was also present together with three residents.

MINUTES OF

THE LAST MEETING

MATTERS ARISING

ON THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th September were read by the clerk and confirmed as a true record.

- (a) Tree Planting Scheme - It was reported that the Tree sub-Committee had arranged a Public Meeting on 11th October to try and gauge the extent of interest in the village. 27 residents attended this meeting and some 18 of these offered assistance with planting and other offers of help had been received. It had been agreed the scheme should be phased over several years with the first phase being in the field adjacent to Footpath N°6 which involved 76 trees. It was noted that the amount of grant available had decreased from 75% to 60% as directed by the Countryside Committee. Approval was being sought from the various landowners and the scheme had been publicised on Radio Oxford by Mr. Perry. RESOLVED that the Tree sub-Committee be authorised to proceed to a satisfactory conclusion on the scheme.

- (b) Replacement of Public Seat - RESOLVED that a cheque for £97 inclusive of VAT be sent in advance to En-tout-cas for the new seat.

- (c) Transport - The contents of a letter from the Traffic Manager of the City of Oxford Motor Services concerning the Council's remarks about the poor and irregular bus services was discussed. The Council could not accept that the service was adequate and satisfactory as indicated in the letter and RESOLVED that copies of this letter be sent to Yarnton, Bladon, Woodstock and Harborough Parish Councils seeking their support for a public meeting with the Traffic Manager to discuss the problems.

- (d) Highway Matters - RESOLVED to note that the overhanging bushes in the vicinity of the junction of Sandhill Road with Begbroke Lane had been pruned by Mr. Perry and Mr. Cox. It was agreed that Mr. Cox should be thanked for his help in the matter.
- (e) RESOLVED - to note that the request for the renovation of the street nameplates in the Parish had been referred to Cherwell District Council.
- (f) Constitution of the Parish Council - RESOLVED to note that no nominations had been made for the vacancy and to defer the question of co-option to the next meeting.
- (g) A.34 ROAD SAFETY Deep concern was expressed about the census carried out by Kidlington Parish Council which drew the conclusion that heavy lorries should be diverted from the A423 to the A.34 by way of the A4095-Bladon Roundabout. Considerable alarm was felt about this possibility and the increased dangers which would be presented to residents particularly pedestrians ^{including} school children and old age pensioners who have no alternative but to cross this road. It was RESOLVED to emphatically to oppose such a proposal and the following course of action was agreed:-
- (i) An attempt to be made to try and form an Action Committee with the support of the following if possible:- Combe, Charlbury, Woodstock, Bladon, Harborough, Freeland, Stonerfield and the schools in Woodstock and Tanton including St. Julianas Covent School.
 - (ii) To appoint a Sub-Committee to deal with this Action Committee. Mr. Gray and Mr. Perry to be the Parish Council's Representatives.
 - (iii) To report the situation in 'The Link' and to request residents to write independently to the Members of the Environmental Committee, Mrs Ratcliffe and the County Surveyor. Addresses to be published in the 'Link'.
 - (iv) To try and arrange a phone-in on Radio Oxford.
 - (v) To arrange for a report to be made in the Oxford Mail and Oxford Times.
 - (vi) To warn the County Surveyor of the action being taken and the protest that will be made and to seek his opinion on the matter.
 - (vii) To request the County Surveyor for a temporary speed limit to be imposed on the road including 'Drive Carefully' signs on the outskirts of the village.
- It was further reported that the attention of the Department of the

Environment had been drawn to the fatality which occurred on 11th October 1979 seeking details of the arrangements for pedestrians in the Roundabout scheme and the likely implementation of the work.

- (h) Ellis Ashken Charity - RESOLVED that the Chairman try and obtain further details from the Rector.

PLANNING

- (a) The contents of a letter from Cherwell District Council on planning procedure were reported. RESOLVED that this be taken up with the Planning Committee to try and get the policy changed.
- (b) RESOLVED that the following applications be approved:-
- (i) 30, Begbroke Crescent — Extension to enlarge bedroom and provision of dining area.
 - (ii) Mr C.S. Harris - Fernhill Stables - Demolition of existing shop and replacement with new shop and two storey dwelling (outline)

CORRESPONDENCE (c) RESOLVED to note that Mr & Mrs Hornblow of the Post Office Stores had applied for the transfer of the licence for the sale of intoxicating liquor from Mr. G. Lawrence.

- (b) Details of a report from the County Secretary concerning the proposed review of County Electoral Divisions were discussed. RESOLVED that the County Secretary be consulted on whether the time was ripe for an application to be made to the Boundary Commission ~~for~~ about the possibility of transferring to West Oxfordshire District Council. Mrs Ratcliffe and Douglas Hurd to be kept informed of the situation.

(c) Copies of the preliminary draft of the revised Public Passenger Transport Plan for 1980/85 were given to Mr. Day and Mr. Burt. RESOLVED to note that comments if any had to be made by 31.12.79.

- (d) It was noted that a letter from the Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association ~~about~~ on the availability of grant for sport and recreation from the Sports Council had been given to the Village Hall Management Committee.

FINANCIAL MATTERS (a) RESOLVED that the following accounts be accepted for payment:-

Clerks Expenses (printing of 300 letters)	£6.67 incl VAT
H&M Transport Waste Disposal for August & Sept	£32.20 incl VAT

- (b) It was noted that a payment of £21.94 had been paid into the Parish Council's Account in respect of VAT which had been reclaimed.
- (c) It was noted that the Parish Precept had been claimed from Cherwell District Council in the sum of £2087 for 1979/80 due on 1.11.79.
- (d) It was noted that the current account stood at £218.73 as at 1.10.79.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS (b) Details of the Agenda for the meeting of the Oxford Airport Consultative Committee were discussed. RESOLVED that Mr. Day attend in the chairman's absence and to clarify the question of the circuit height.

- (b) The Rector's thanks for the churchyard grant were conveyed to the Council. It was noted that the question of his retirement would be raised at the next Parochial Church Council meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING This was fixed for 29th November 1979 at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Hall.

J. Gray

CHAIRMAN

29.11.79

At a Meeting of Begbroke Parish Council held at the Village Hall

on 29th November 1979 at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr. A. Gray (Chairman), Mr. A. Perry, Mr. G. Day, Mr. J. Burt, Mrs E. J. Sluwa.

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th October 1979 were read by the Clerk and confirmed as a true record.

MINUTES OF THE
LAST MEETING

MATTERS ARISING
ON THE MINUTES

a) Constitution of the Parish Council

It was noted that no enquiries had been made about the vacancy. In considering the possibility of co-option it was suggested that another lady would be beneficial and the names of Mrs Aldiss, Miss Morgan and Mrs Hill were put forward. It was RESOLVED that it be left to the clerk to try and fill the vacancy and if unsuccessful then no further action would be taken on the matter.

b) Tree-Planting Scheme

It was noted that the application for grant-aid had been made and the outcome was awaited. It was further noted that Blenheim Palace Estate

had given approval in principle to the scheme and also Merton College who had donated £20 towards the cost of the project. It was RESOLVED that they be thanked for this kind offer. The availability of trees was being checked with the Nursery and once the grant position had been clarified then a firm order would be placed. It was agreed that this be followed up as required.

- c) It was noted the replacement public seat would be dispatched about 31.12.79.

d) Transport

It was noted that none of the other Councils approached in regard to the problems with bus services had received any complaints. RESOLVED that the matter be reviewed from time to time.

e) A.34 Road Safety

The following was reported:-

- (i) A copy of a letter from the County Surveyor and Engineer had been circulated with the Agenda together with a copy of the question raised by Mrs Ratcliffe at the County Council meeting on 13th November 1979 and the reply given by Mr. Hook chairman of the Environmental Committee. It was noted with satisfaction that the Environmental Committee have no plans at present for the designation of the A.34 north of Oxford as a Lorry Route.
- (ii) Copies of a report from Kidlington Parish Council entitled "Traffic in Kidlington" were circulated with the Agenda. It was noted that Kidlington would be prepared to help form a North Oxford Action Group for the provision of the M40x.
- (iii) Of the Councils approached about the A.34 Safety Committee, Woodstock, Yarnton and Bladon had supported the proposal but Harborough and Stonesfield had declined to participate. Other replies were awaited from Mr. Farrant, Mr. Hook & Miss Spokes who had also been approached. It was RESOLVED that all further action on this matter be dealt with by the A.34 Safety Committee who were acting for the Parish Council. The clerk to continue with the action in regard to the roundabouts scheme.

(f) Public Transport Passenger Plan

The Council had no comments to offer on this report.

(G) Review of County Electoral Divisions

Noted that the County Secretary had been asked for advice on whether this was the appropriate time to apply to the Boundary Commission for a change of area.

PLANNING MATTERS (A) RESOLVED that the following applications be approved:—

73, Fernhill Road Proposed lounge, Bathroom and Bedroom extension

5 Sandhills Road Extension and roof conversion

(b) To note that permission had been granted for the following:—

89, Woodstock Road Alterations and extensions to cottage

30, Begbroke Crescent Extensions to bedroom and dining area

51, Begbroke Crescent Extension to provide bedroom.

CORRESPONDENCE (A) A copy of the letter from Cherwell District Council on the Parish Review was circulated with the Agenda. RESOLVED that they be informed Begbroke would be pressing for transfer to West Oxfordshire when the time was ripe. It was agreed that further discussion on the report be deferred to the next meeting.

(b) A copy of the letter from Mr. Mitchell about the problems of car-parking at the junction of Fernhill Road with the service road was circulated. His remarks were noted and would be borne in mind when the matter is reviewed. It was agreed that he be thanked for sending such a full reply which had been carefully considered.

(c) It was reported that the Editors ~~had~~ of the Link had requested that the Parish Council's contribution be restricted to about $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ of a page for future issues. RESOLVED to go along with the request for the next edition but to suggest that a joint meeting between the Link Committee and the Parish Council be arranged if possible.

(d) It was noted with no comment that Worths Motor Services had applied to suspend their Sunday Service during the period 30/11/79 to 1/3/80.

(e) The contents of a letter from the County Surveyor and Engineer concerning the treatment of Oxfordshire Roads in winter 1979/80 were

considered. RESOLVED that a summary appear in the next edition of the Link and be displayed on the notice-board.

(f) RESOLVED to note that Cherwell District Council were investigating the matter of renovating street nameplates in Begbroke and would be taken appropriate action.

(g) RESOLVED to note the contents of a letter from Cherwell District Council about the launching of the Cherwell District Lottery.

(h) The personal appeal made by the chairman of Cherwell District Council about the tragedy in Cambodia was noted but it was decided to take no action.

(i) A report was circulated in connection with the Oxford Airport Consultative Committee meeting held on 30.10.79 and it was agreed that this be considered at the next meeting.

The following accounts were accepted for payment:—

(a) M & M Transport	Waste Disposal for October	£ 16.10.
(b) Clerks Salary	Period September / November 1979	£ 62.50

It was agreed that £750 be transferred from the current account to the Building Society forthwith.

It was noted that the Village Hall Management Committee had given their thanks for the donation of £70 towards the cost of the new swings erected on the children's play area.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS (A) Mr. Perry raised the question of the need for rating reform and it was agreed that Mr. D. Hurd be ~~asked~~ informed of the Council's concern about the present rating system and to enquire what sort of system he feels should be investigated for the future.

(b) In regard to the Ellis Ashton charity it was noted that the Rector was gathering information together.

(c) The question of the Rector's retirement was discussed it being noted that it would be discussed by the P.C.C. on 31/12/79.

(d) It was RESOLVED that no publicity about Parish Affairs be given to Radio Oxford or the Press at the present time. ^{From the Village Hall} It was agreed the Annual Parish Walk should take place on 30/12/79 at 10.00 a.m. This was fixed for January 3rd 1980 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A. G. G. CHAIRMAN

31/1/80