

BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON 3.1.84 at 7.30p.m.

PRESENT: Mr R. Perry, Mr E. R. Venn, Mrs E. Sliwa, Mr A. Parker,
Mr P. Morris, Mr J. Burt.

APOLOGIES: These were received from Mr D. Brown.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 6.12.83 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman wished all members of the Parish Council a very Happy New Year.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

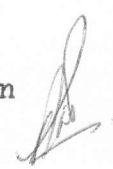
STREET LIGHTING: Councillors agreed that a letter should be sent to the Electricity Board asking that scouting should be stopped from February 1st 1984. The meeting felt that this would make a worthwhile annual saving of approximately £50.
Mrs Venn reported that she had received a phone call from Mr. Stephens of Speedwell House, Oxford, asking for a copy of the letter sent to the County Council concerning the extension of lamp standards in the central reservation in order to light the service road. Mr. Stephens apologised for the loss of the letter but said that O.C.C. would write to the Department of Transport in support of extra lamp standards. A copy of the letter has been sent.
Mr Venn reported that he was still waiting for a quotation concerning the erection of a light on the pole at the northern end of the eastern service road.

TREE PLANTING - STYLE AND GATE: The tree planting sub committee is hoping to plant the replacement trees in the spring.
Phase 2 of the tree planting scheme is dependant upon support from local villagers.
The Community Project Department of Cherwell District Council has installed a gate across the bridlepath at the end of Spring Hill Road. It is not known whether the style has yet been installed.

SECOND LETTER OF COMPLAINT TO BEGBROKE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:
Mr Perry reported that there were not enough people at the last Management Meeting to form a quorum and so the letter from the Parish Council was not discussed and will have to wait until the next meeting. Payment, therefore, continues to be withheld.
A list of dates for Parish Council monthly meetings has been sent to the Booking Secretary.

STEPS IN WILLOW WAY: It was reported that a telephone call had been received from the Area Surveyor's Office just before Christmas saying that the quotation and plan of the steps was in hand but would have to wait until the new year.

MEETING WITH MR CORNLEY CHIEF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER FOR C.D.C.
All Councillors agreed that this had been a very useful and interesting meeting. It was noted that a letter of thanks had been sent to Mr Cornley.



BUS SHELTER - REPLACEMENT GUTTER: It was noted that Mr Day had the work in hand. The cost will be approximately £40.
It was noted that Mr Sperring had received a bottle of whisky from the Parish Council as a gesture of thanks for looking after the bus shelter.

BUS SUBSIDIES: The Parish Council agreed that a letter should be sent to the bus company, asking if it would be possible to negotiate cheap rate, off peak travel, for old age pensioners from Begbroke, between 9.30p.m. and 4.00p.m. to both Oxford and Woodstock on the production of a pension book.

PLANNING MATTERS:

KIDLINGTON AND GOSFORD LOCAL PLAN: These documents are being circulated. They are to be returned to Mrs Venn by January 14th, so that comments and objections can be returned by February 3rd.

OXFORD FRINGE PLAN: These documents are being circulated and returned by January 14th, so that comments and objections can be returned by February 3rd, 1984.

OXFORDSHIRE STRUCTURE PLAN: One copy of this plan has been requested.

It was noted that planning permission had been refused for a first floor extension at 37 Willow Way.

It was noted that Begbroke Parish Council had no objections or observations concerning the planning application made by Weed Research.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Details of the Christmas and New Year refuse collections, 1983, were noted.
- b) A letter from J. T. Services regarding grass cutting services was noted and passed on to the Village Hall Management Committee.
- c) Mrs Venn reported that she had signed and returned a form to C.D.C. from the Manpower Services Commission with regard to work carried out on the stile and gate.
- d) It was noted that a letter had been received from Cherwell District Council stating that the Council's Mode 'B' Y.T.S. Scheme was being wound up as funding had been withdrawn by the Manpower Services Commission.

FINANCIAL MATTERS: The following accounts were passed for payment;

- a) M and M Transport - skip - 2.12.83 £22.43
- b) Contribution towards administrative costs incurred by the A34 Action Group - £5.

The Council asked that a telephone call be made to M and M Transport to verify that a skip had been delivered on 30/31 December 1983.

Other financial matters.

PARISH PRECEPT: The Precept has to be returned by January 17th, 1984. A copy of the estimated expenditure for 1984/1985 is attached to the Minutes. The estimate was fully discussed by all members of the Parish Council. It was agreed that the estimate should be accepted and that Begbroke Parish Council would be issuing a precept for £3,433 in respect of 1984/1985.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) Mr Perry reported on the meeting of the A34 Action Group held on 21.11.83. It was hoped that work would start on the Cassington Roundabout in January 1985. The Group would press for lighting from Sandy Lane to Cassington Roundabout and from Begbroke to Langford Lane. Information was to be sought on the Woodstock by-pass. The Group agreed that the Yarnton Roundabout had further improved conditions.

It was reported that a letter had been sent from Begbroke Parish Council in support of the A34 Action Groups efforts to obtain lighting between Begbroke and Langford Lane.

- b) It was agreed by the meeting that a letter should be sent to Mr Douglas Hurd M. P. asking for more information concerning the change in use of Campsfield Detention Centre.
- c) It was agreed that the Begbroke Churchyard grant should be paid in April 1984.
- d) A vote of thanks was given to Mrs Venn for all her work, in particular with the preparation of the precept.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: All Councillors have been issued with a list of dates for meetings throughout 1984.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday February 7th, 1984 at 7.30p.m. in Begbroke Village Hall.

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE...7th February 1984.....

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON 7.2.84 AT 7.30p.m.

PRESENT Mr R. Perry, Mr E. R. Venn, Mrs E. Sliwa, Mr A. Parker,
Mr P. Morris, Mr J. Burt.
In attendance was:- Mr D. Brown.

APOLOGIES These were received from Mrs M. Hastings.

MINUTES The Minutes of the meeting held on 3.1.84 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

STREET LIGHTING: a) Mr Venn reported that he had met Mr Tapley from the Electricity Board, on site, to discuss the possibility of a light at the northern end of the eastern service road. Mr Tapley had said that it would be possible to install a light and that he would confirm details at a later date, after consultation with Oxfordshire County Council. As a result of this consultation Mr Tapley telephoned Mr Venn to say that the Council would be unlikely to allow one large light but that they would probably accept two smaller lamps. O. C. C. said that they were in consultation with the Department of Transport to try and extend lighting on the dual carriageway northwards. If this were to come about there would be no need for the installation of a light at the end of the service road, therefore, the S. E. B. are unable to give a quotation for the work until consultations have been completed. It was agreed to review the situation in April.

b) Mrs Venn reported that Southern Electricity had no objections to the termination of fortnightly scouting but that this would have to cease from March 31st 1984, and not the end of February 1984, because the quarterly bills ran from January to March 1984. A letter is to be sent asking the Electricity Board to only repair defects which have been reported in writing by the Parish Council on headed paper. A report concerning this matter is to be included in the next issue of The Link.

TREE PLANTING - STYLE a) It was noted that an article and tear off slip requesting helpers had been inserted in The Link. So far only one helper had come forward. It was also reported that grants for tree planting had run out for this year. The situation is to be reviewed at the next meeting.

b) The planting of the replacement trees will be organised by the tree planting sub-committee.

c) It was noted that a swing gate had been erected at the end of Springhill Road, across the bridlepath running towards Bladon. It was agreed that a donation of £20 should be sent to the Community Project Scheme to help cover the cost of the work.

d) It was reported that the Community Project People had the style on Spring Hill in hand, but the installation would have to wait until the ground dries out. The style kit is in Mr Hastings' barn.

LETTER OF COMPLAINT TO THE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

No reply had been received. A heated discussion followed. Mr Venn said that he would be very upset if the outstanding bill was to be paid



in full and this was seconded by Mr Morris. Mr Venn felt that the behaviour in the lounge last September had been disgusting, and that a Councillor had been stopped from entering the Lounge to ask for quiet because of the general feeling that abusive language and behaviour might have resulted. A decision on further action was left to the next meeting.

STEPS IN WILLOW WAY: A letter had been received from Mr Carritt stating that a length of footway 1.8 metres wide to link Willow Way with Begbroke Lane would cost approximately £580. A drawing, showing steps and hand-rail was attached to the letter. It was decided to send a copy of the plan to the Cherwell District Council Solicitor asking for his help with proving ownership of the land. Mr Parker was assured that no definite decision had been taken to build the steps but most Councillors felt that it was essential that ownership of this strip of land should be proved.

BUS SERVICES: a) A reply had been received from Mr Bowler, Manager of the South Midland Witney Depot, concerning the possibility of cheap, off peak fares for Old Age Pensioners from Begbroke to Oxford and Witney. The letter stated that the bus company was unable to enter into any form of cheap fares unless the Parish Council was prepared to pay the difference either in the form of cash or tokens. Mr Venn agreed to visit Mr Bowler to discuss the matter further.

b) It was reported that a few changes had been made to the timing of the X50 Service between Oxford and Birmingham.

c) It was reported that the peak time Worth's Service Bus financially supported by Oxfordshire County Council was to be retained until March 1985.

d) Mr Perry asked for a letter of complaint to be sent to the Manager of the Oxford City Bus Services about the poor operation of the Pear Tree Park and Ride Service. He reported that buses ran very late or appeared in bunches, too many people were crammed onto buses and much of the car park is under water.

CAMPSFIELD DETENTION CENTRE: An acknowledgement had been received to the letter querying the future of the Centre. A full report is awaited.

PLANNING MATTERS: a) Kidlington and Gosford Local Plan - It was reported that comments and objections had been returned on behalf of the Council.

b) Oxford Fringe Plan - It was reported that comments and objections had been returned on behalf of the Council.

All comments to these plans had been based on a discussion between Mr Venn, Mr Perry and Mrs Venn along with written comments from other Councillors.

c) Oxfordshire Structure Plan - The Council considered that no comments or objections were required.

Planning Permission - Granted for Mr T Saxton, 10 Fernhill Road, for the demolition of an existing garage, kitchen extension and W.C.

Planning Application - Mr J Dodd of St Mary's, Spring Hill Road has applied to erect a porch. No observations or objections put forward.

CORRESPONDENCE: a) Community Health Council for Oxfordshire - a public meeting entitled, "How Good is Your Health Service?" This letter was noted.

b) Oxfordshire County Council - a letter explaining Bridges on Footpaths and Bridleways, "Do-it-yourself" Footbridge Packs. This letter was noted.

c) Cherwell Event Sheet noted. To be posted on Parish Notice Board.

d) Ley Community - "Yarnton Spring Fun Run". It was agreed that a reply

should be sent saying that the Parish Council would send copies of the letter to all organisations in Begbroke, with the hope that some people might join in.

FINANCIAL MATTERS: The following accounts were passed for payment:-

- a) M & M Transport skip for 30.12.83 - £22.43
- b) M & M Transport skip for 31.1.84 - £22.43
- c) Street lighting - energy - 30.9.83 to 31.12.84 - £98.43
- d) Street lighting - maintenance - 30.9.83 to 31.12.84 - £102.54
- e) Hire of Village Hall quarter ended 31.12.84
3 meetings 7.30 - 9.30p.m. at £4.40 per hour - £26.40
- f) Clerks salary - November to January - £100
- g) Clerks expenses - December to January - £8.79
- h) Contribution for swing gate at end of Spring Hill Road - £20

- ANY OTHER BUSINESS: a) Reorganisation of the Mobile Library Services. It was reported that as from March 26th, 1984 the Mobile Library Van would call at Begbroke on Mondays between the following times:-
Convent 11.30 - 11.45a.m.
Village Hall Car Park 11.50 - 12.20p.m.
A notice to this effect had been entered in The Link. Posters are to be put in the Village Hall and the Post Office showing the new stopping times.
- b) A new list of dates for the delivery of skips in 1984 is to be sent to M & M Transport.
 - c) Mr Perry reported on news from the A34 Action Group. He said that a letter from the Department of the Environment stated that it was hoped that the Cassington Lane Roundabout would commence in mid 1984 and that lighting would be installed between Cassington Lane and Sandy Lane Roundabouts. The Woodstock Bypass could not be justified as a trunk road scheme, as it was expected that the A34 north of Oxford would no longer be a trunk road after the construction of the M40. However, O. C. C. have included the bypass in their 1984/85 Major Capital Programme with a proposed start of work in 1993.
 - d) A letter concerning the Principal Area Boundary Review: City of Oxford/Cherwell/South Oxfordshire/Vale of the White Horse, was noted.
 - e) Mr Venn reported that holes had appeared on the edge of the cycle track on the north bound side of the A34. It was agreed that a phone call should be made to Mr Carritt, Area Surveyor, asking if they could be repaired.
 - f) Mr Perry reported that the A34 from the Grapes at Yarnton to Campsfield is now classed as an urban roadway and so is entitled to grass cutting four times a year.
 - g) The Council requested that a phone call be made to Mr Cornley concerning the down grading of Begbroke Lane from a bridlepath to a footpath.
 - h) A letter is to be sent to the County Surveyor requesting the removal of the temporary petrol sign just south of Langford Lane and to investigate whether or not bollards are to be erected on the service road.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Tuesday March 6th, 1984 at 7.30p.m. in Begbroke Village Hall.

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE..... 6th March 1984.....

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON 6.3.84 AT 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT Mr R. Perry, Mr E. R. Venn, Mrs E. Sliwa, Mr A. Parker,
Mr J. Burt.

In attendance were:- Mr Sperring, Mrs M. Hastings and Mr G. Day (for the latter part of the meeting).

APOLOGIES These were received from Mr P. Morris and Mr D. Brown.

MINUTES The Minutes of the meeting held on 7.2.84 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

STREET LIGHTING:

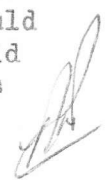
- a) Letters had been received from Mrs Gabriel, Mr Chalk and Mr and Mrs Hampson requesting a street lamp at the dual carriageway end of Begbroke Lane. These people were also concerned about vandalism within the village and they considered that a street light might act as a form of deterrent. The Parish Council discussed the matter thoroughly but stuck by its policy decision that no light could be erected in the area at the present time. Councillors considered that whilst the area was only dimly lit it was possible to see from the village hall entrance to the main road. In fact this was tested during the meeting by Mrs Hastings who agreed that it was possible to see from end to end, but also pointed out that Mrs Gabriel's house was in a darker spot. With regard to the vandalism the Parish Council will write to the Police asking them to be aware of this problem in Begbroke, although the Council considered this to be a national problem with Begbroke being no worse than other rural areas of the country. It was agreed that Mr Perry should visit Mrs Gabriel and that letters should be sent to Mrs Gabriel, Mr Chalk and Mr and Mrs Hampson.
- b) It was agreed that an article should be inserted in The Link explaining about the ending of scouting by the S. E. B. Asking villagers to notify Mrs Venn of any faults with street lights.

TREE PLANTING

- a) The tree planting sub committee reported that replacement trees are available from Yarnton Nurseries with a 20% discount. The sub committee is to go ahead with the ordering and planting of these trees.
- b) Offers of help for Phase 2 of the tree planting scheme had been received from two families. A letter had been received from the Priory stating their pleasure at the possibility of Phase 2 going ahead and offering help with planting from a Community Service Group. Mrs Venn is to acknowledge the letter and pass it on to Mr Parker. The sub committee will then investigate further this offer of help and will report back to the next meeting.

LETTER OF COMPLAINT TO THE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A reply had been received from the Village Hall Management Committee stating that the committee had again decided that no reduction should be made. However it had been decided that something positive should be done and so the relatively small amount was to be written off as



a bad debt. Mr Venn felt that the use of the words "bad debt" was rather offensive terminology. The Council decided to send a letter of thanks to the Village Hall Management Committee regretting the unfortunate choice of words.

STEPS IN WILLOW WAY

It was reported that the Solicitor for Cherwell District Council was unable to help in identifying the owners of the land in question. It was agreed that Mr Venn and Mr Perry would discuss ownership and the possibility of steps with the householders on either side of the strip of land in question.

BUS SHELTER

It was reported that work on this was in hand.

BUS SERVICES

Replies to the letter of complaint concerning the Park and Ride services were noted. Mr Venn will endeavour to visit Mr Bowler concerning concessionary bus fares as soon as possible.

CAMPSFIELD DETENTION CENTRE

A reply had been received to the letter asking for information about the future use of the centre. This letter was noted. Possible contact with the centre was left open until the next meeting.

A34 STORES

A letter from Mr Cornley of Cherwell District Council concerning unauthorised activities at the A34 Stores was noted. Mr Cornley asked for any evidence regarding unauthorised activities on the site to be forwarded to him.

BEGBROKE SERVICE ROAD

A letter had been received from Mr Hunt of Tralee House, Woodstock Road, Begbroke complaining about a) H. G. V.'s using the service road, b) the severe damage to verges and kerbstones near the Post Office, c) long term parking in the lay-by near the A34 Stores. A phone call had also been received from P. C. Williams, patrol man for Begbroke, asking what action had been taken about the verges. A letter was sent to Oxfordshire County Council reminding them of the possibility of bollards outside the Post Office and asking for help with the other problems. Copies of this and previous letters on these subjects were sent to Mr Hunt. A letter was also sent to the Police Traffic Division at Witney and also to P. C. Williams telling of the action taken and replies received by the Parish Council.

PLANNING MATTERS

- a) It was noted that planning permission had been granted to Weed Research for a covered area.
 - b) Planning Application by Mr Andrews A34 Stores for the erection of a caravan for use as living accommodation whilst going ahead with the original planning permission. Mr Venn, Mr Perry and Mr Parker are to visit Mr Andrews in order to discover his exact intentions. A letter is to be sent to Cherwell District Council saying that objections will be following with regard to the above application but evidence for these will take a little longer than 14 days to accumulate. Cherwell District Council will be requested to take no action on this matter until the Parish Council's letter is received.
 - c) Planning Application by Mr Perkins, 18 Begbroke Crescent, to demolish boundary wall to rear of garden and rebuild in revised position. No objections.
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- d) Planning Application for 5 houses on land owned by St Juliana's Convent has gone to appeal. A letter is awaited.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) A pamphlet entitled "Practical Conservation" was noted.
- b) Information about the Best Kept Village Competition was noted.
- c) An appeal by the Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association was noted.
- d) The Minutes of the last meeting at C. S. E. Aviation were noted.
- e) A letter had been received from Begbroke Playgroup requesting a grant towards their running costs. The Parish Council considered that it was unable to give a grant but suggested that the Playgroup applies to the Chairman of the Recreation and Amenities Committee of Cherwell District Council and the Oxfordshire Rural Community Association for grants.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Receipt received from Mr Perry for £5 contribution to A34 Action Group.
- b) Receipt received from Cherwell District Council for £20 contribution towards cost of swing gate.
- c) Agreement on Village Hall repayments is now in the possession of the Parish Council. It was confirmed, after reading the Agreement, that the payment made last December was, in fact, the 10th out of 15 and NOT the 11th out of 14 as was previously thought.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) A letter is to be sent to Mr Carritt, Area Surveyor, requesting that repair work be carried out to the hole in Willow Way and the holes in the kerb outside the Post Office.
- b) It was reported that a Parish Service was proposed for Sunday May 20th at 10 a.m. to which the Parish Council is invited. Mrs Hastings kindly offered to do a flower arrangement for the occasion.
- c) The Parish Walk was arranged for Sunday April 8th at 2.00 p.m. - leaving from the Village Hall.
- d) It was agreed to investigate the possibility of a Parish Dinner for Friday April 27th, 1984 with the possibility of hiring a mini-bus for the occasion.
- e) Mr Perry announced that this year sees the Golden Jubilee of Begbroke Cricket Club and that a whole range of celebrations were being organised for the week of the 18th - 24th June.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday April 3rd, 1984 in Begbroke Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN.....*[Signature]*.....

DATE.....*3rd April 1984*.....

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PRESENT: Mr R. Perry, Mr E. R. Venn, Mr A. Parker, Mr P. Morris, Mr J. Burt.
In attendance were:- Mr Sperring, Mrs Read, Mrs M Hastings,
Mr G. Day.

APOLOGIES: These were received from Mrs E. Sliwa and Mr D. Brown.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 6.3.84 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

STREET LIGHTING:

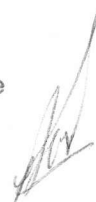
- a) It was noted that replies had been sent to letters received from Mrs Gabriel, Mr Chalk and Mr and Mrs Hampson stating once again the Council's street lighting policy. Mr Perry had also visited Mrs Gabriel and he stated that the Council had made its decision concerning street lighting and that it would not change; with regard to the question of vandalism Mrs Gabriel must contact the police over this matter. Mrs Hastings reported a telephone call from Mrs Gabriel during which she had reiterated the Council's policy and stated that vandalism was a police matter. Mrs Hastings had also told Mrs Gabriel to ring Mr Perry or the police if she had any further problems. Mr Perry objected strongly to this, stating that he had visited Mrs Gabriel and that the matter was now closed for the present.
- b) It was reported that Inspector White from Woodstock Police Station had visited Mr Perry and Mr Venn to discuss vandalism within the village. The police asked that villagers should report all acts of vandalism, no matter how trivial, as this was the only way in which a pattern could be built up, thus giving hope of apprehending the offenders.
- c) Mrs Venn reminded Councillors that scouting by the S.E.B. had now ended. She asked that faulty lights should be notified at or just after a meeting and halfway between meetings.

TREE PLANTING:

Mr Day, Mr Morris, Mr Brown and Mr Parker had planted 12 trees in the lane to replace those which had died from phase 1 of the tree planting scheme. It was reported that 2 more trees still had to be planted. Mr Parker proposed that this should be the end of the tree planting schemes. Mr Morris seconded this proposal. This decision was taken due to lack of support. Only two slips, which had been incorporated in The Link, had been returned and so it was impossible to proceed further. This was passed by the meeting.
Mr Parker thanked Mr Day for all his hard work connected with the tree planting; this was endorsed by the whole Council.
It was agreed that a notice should be inserted in The Link explaining the situation.

STEPS IN WILLOW WAY:

Nothing further to report. Mr Perry and Mr Venn are to visit the householders on either side of the land in question.



BEGBROKE SERVICE ROAD:

Replies had been received from Oxfordshire County Council concerning H. G. V's, bollards and parking in the lay-by. The reply from Mr Collis stated that no more could be done to stop lorries using the service road and that the problem of the verges was an amenity one and so the letter had been passed to the area surveyor. The reply also said that no parking restrictions could be put on the lay-by and that the words BUS STOP would be painted on the road in the lay-by on the north bound carriageway of the A34.

Mr Venn reported a rather heated meeting with Mr Collis and Mr Wheat when they were inspecting the site.

A reply had also been received from the Area Surveyor stating that bollards were expensive, unsightly and would soon be knocked down therefore they would not be installed. The only alternative was the even more costly installation of concrete blocks which could only be considered if the Parish Council consented to pay half of the cost. The Council agreed unanimously that it could not enter into any agreement which involved paying part of the cost of highway maintenance. The Council also agreed that everything had now been done concerning subjects raised under Begbroke Service Road and any further complaints would be referred to the Police and the County Council.

It was reported that potholes outside the Post Office had been filled in.

BUS SERVICES:

- a) Mr Venn proposed that no more action could be taken over reduced fares for old age pensioners as he felt the situation was hopeless unless financial agreement was entered into. This was agreed by the Council.
- b) A letter from Mr S. Day was read asking the Parish Council to help in his fight to retain the late night bus. The Council felt that it had already made representation over the loss or change of services and that it could do no more.

BUS SHELTER:

It was reported that the guttering and down pipe had been replaced and that painting was in hand.

CAMPSFIELD DETENTION CENTRE:

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the Governor asking if representatives of the Council could meet him in order to discuss the future use of the Centre.

PLANNING MATTERS

- a) A34 Stores. It was reported that planning permission had been granted for a caravan to be on site for 12 months. Mr Venn reported a stormy meeting with Mr Andrews. Mr Judd also visited Mr Venn with worries about a 7ft fence proposed by Mr Andrews. Mr Perry stated that the Council had done everything that it should have done and that the matter was now closed. If any further complaints were received they would be referred straight to Cherwell District Council. This was agreed by the meeting.
- b) St Juliana's Convent. A letter of opposition had been sent to the Appeal Committee at Bristol for the application to erect five houses on the orchard of St Juliana's Convent. Private letters of objection had also been sent by Mrs Hastings, Mr Perry and Mr Venn.
- c) Planning application by Mr Morgan, Woodstock Road to alter house internally and build an extension. No objections.
- d) Planning application by Mr Kernan, 2 Begbroke Crescent for an additional bedroom. Mr Parker and Mr Morris to visit the site.
- e) Planning permission granted for a porch at St Mary's, Spring Hill Road.
- f) County Dairies planning application for a new mineral plant. A letter objecting to the proposals has been sent to Cherwell District Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Dates of Area Planning Sub-Committees 1984-5. Noted.
- b) Liaison with Parish Authorities. Meeting to be held Thursday 6th September, 1984. Noted.
- c) Oxford Airport Consultative Committee meeting May 1st, 1984 at 6p.m. To be attended by Mr Morris and Mrs Venn.
- d) Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils circulars. Noted.
- e) Information concerning grants towards the improvement of village halls and recreational facilities. Noted.
- f) Annual Report of Cherwell District Council 1982-3. Noted.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following accounts were presented for payment:-

- a) M & M Transport - skip for 2-3rd March 1984 - £22.43
 - b) S.E.B. - Maintenance - 31.12.83 - 31.3.84 - £102.54
 - c) S.E.B. - Energy - 31.12.83 - 31.3.84 - £98.43
 - d) Yarnton Nurseries - £146.35
 - e) Flower Shop Woodstock - wreath - £12.50
 - f) Grant towards upkeep of churchyard - £100
- Other financial matters:-
- a) Cheque number 715685 written on 9th February, 1984 to M & M Transport for skips delivered on 30/31 December 1983 and 27/28 January 1984 for £44.86 had been stopped. The cheque had never been received by M & M Transport and the cheque had never been cashed at the bank.. These bills were paid again with cheque number 715689 on 21st March, 1984.
 - b) A wreath had been sent to Mr Watkin's funeral at which Mrs Perry had kindly represented the Parish Council. A letter of thanks had been received from Mrs Watkins.
 - c) The meeting agreed to transfer £400 from the deposit to the current account.
- Balance at 19.3.84 C/A £445.18 D/A £2832.23

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) It was noted that a questionnaire concerning recreational facilities had been returned to C. D. C.
- b) Mr Perry showed the Kidlington Parish Magazine in which their Council supported the downgrading of Begbroke Lane.
- c) The dates of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting were left to Mrs Venn in consultation with other Councillors. It was decided to invite Mr Cornley or Inspector White and P. C. Williams to talk at the Parish Meeting.
- d) Rev D. Parker had asked to be allowed to speak at the Parish Meeting in order to thank people for their help with the Church Roof Appeal and also to explain the working of The Link. This was agreed by the meeting.
- e) Parish Dinner was agreed for 4th May, 1984 at the Duke of Marlborough Woodleys.
- f) Parish Walk - Sunday April 8th, 1984.
- g) Mr Perry urged Councillors to put written comments on letters which were circulated between meetings, in order to help Mrs Venn to formulate letters on their behalf.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday May 1st, 1984 in Begbroke Village Hall at 7.30p.m.

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE.....1st May 1984.....

BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON 1.5.84 AT 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr R. Perry, Mr E. R. Venn, Mr A. Parker, Mr P. Morris, Mr J. Burt,
Mrs E. Sliwa.

In attendance were:- Mr Sperring, Mr & Mrs Day, Miss Burt.

APOLOGIES: These were received from Mrs M. Hastings.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:

It was proposed by Mr P. Morris and seconded by Mr A. Parker that
Mr R. Perry be elected Chairman for the following year.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:

It was proposed by Mr A. Parker and seconded by Mr E. R. Venn that
Mr P. Morris be elected Vice-Chairman for the following year.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 3.4.84 were confirmed as a true
record and were signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

TREE PLANTING:

This has now been completed with the planting of 3 further trees.
One of these, a chestnut, was donated by Mr Skipp. It was agreed
that a letter should be sent to the original tree suppliers asking
if £9.485 owing, in the form of credit, from the original tree
purchase, could be refunded in cash.

STEPS IN WILLOW WAY:

Nothing further to report. Visits to householders still have to
be made.

BUS SHELTER:

The repairs are now complete. The bill is awaited.

CAMPSFIELD DETENTION CENTRE:

Mr Perry is to find out the name of the Governor so that contact
can be made with a view to a possible visit.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:

This has been arranged for 15th May at 7.30p.m. in Begbroke Village
Hall. The speakers will be Rev D. Parker, Inspector White and
P. C. Williams. The agenda was agreed as follows:-

- a) Apologies.
- b) To read and confirm the minutes of the last meeting.
- c) Chairman's report.
- d) Speakers:- Rev D. Parker,
Inspector White,
P. C. Williams.
- e) Any other notified business - all such business to be
notified to the Clerk by Thursday 10th May.

PLANNING MATTERS:

Permission granted to demolish boundary wall and rebuild in revised

position:- Mr Perkins, 18 Begbroke Crescent.

- b) Planning application by Solid State Logic Ltd to use St Juliana's Convent for training, research and development of high technology consoles. This application was returned with no objections but it appears that the Company was unsuccessful in its bid for the property.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Refuse collection - Easter, May Day and Spring Bank Holiday. Noted.
- b) S.E.B. revised public lighting tariff. Noted.
- c) A letter from the Village Hall Management Committee, stating that if accounts were not settled within one calendar month of issue a 10% surcharge would be imposed, was noted.
- d) Parish Boundary Review. Noted.
- e) Oxfordshire County Council Public Transport Plan 1984-89. To be passed around for comments. A reply must be sent by the end of August.
- f) Cherwell event sheet. Noted.
- g) Oxford Polytechnic. A questionnaire on public transport needs. Mr Morris agreed to organise some bus users to fill in the form.
- h) Two posters about the forthcoming E.E.C. Elections to be held on Thursday, 14th June, 1984. Noted.
- i) Pamphlet detailing forthcoming walks in the Cherwell Countryside. Noted.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

- a) M & M Transport - skip for 30/31 March, 1984 - £22.43
 - b) Village Hall Rental - 3.1.84, 7.2.84, 6.3.84 - £26.40
 - c) Commercial Union Insurance - £88.61
 - d) Clerks salary - February/April - £100
 - e) Clerks expenses - January/April - £13.14
- Balance as at 31.3.84
C/A £445.18 D/A £2832.23

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) A letter had been received from Rev D. Parker accepting the invitation to speak at the Parish Meeting, thanking the Parish Council for the Churchyard grant of £100 and asking if this could be increased. The meeting agreed to investigate further the maintenance of the churchyard before reaching any decision.
- b) Mrs Venn and Mr Morris attended the Oxford Airport Consultative Committee Meeting held at the Airport on 1st May, 1984 at 6p.m. Mr Morris reported that flight movements had increased by half on last year but this was still only half the recorded movements for 1980. The position of students from Libya was explained. It was stated that the long term aim was to do basic training in Florida leaving Oxford Airport free to do more twin engined flying.
- c) The Parish Dinner had been arranged for Friday 4th May at the Duke of Marlborough, Woodleys. Fourteen people hope to attend.
- d) Several complaints had been received about the very early departure of the skip on Friday 27th April. The meeting agreed that a letter of complaint should be sent to Mr Lock of M & M Transport and that no payment should be made for this skip.
- e) The Parish Walk on Sunday April 8th had been most enjoyable. It was noted that one marker post needed moving and one sign needed attaching to a post. Mr Day agreed to investigate the possibility of placing two railway sleepers across the stream by Daltons Lane in order to make walking easier.
- f) Mrs Day reported that two new styles had been installed on Spring Hill.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday June 5th, 1984
in Begbroke Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Tuesday May 15th, 1984 in
Begbroke Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE.....

5th June 1984

BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 7th JUNE 1983 AT 7.30p.m. IN THE Village Hall

Present: Mr R Perry (Chairman) Mr P Morris Mr A Parker Mr E Venn Mrs E Sliwa
and Mrs M Hastings (District Councillor). Ten members of the
Electorate were in attendance. There were no apologies.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 11th May 1982 were read by
the Clerk, Mr D Brown, and confirmed by the Meeting as a true record. The
minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

2. MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

- a) The need for attention to the vegetation along the footpath of the
A34 South was raised. It was agreed that this matter be referred to the
Area Surveyor Mr C Carritt.

3. GUEST SPEAKERS

The Chairman welcomed Mr D Taylor, Traffic Manager of the City of Oxford Motor
Services Ltd and Mr Morris Area Superintendant to the meeting and invited
them to speak on the subject of revisions to Local Bus Services. Mr Taylor
explained that the Bus Company being a commercial operation must break even by
statute. The Bus Company seek to achieve viability but still had to make
application to the County Council for a Rate Support Grant in order to
maintain bus services at the present level. Unfortunately the County
Council were unable to make the desired level of grant available and this
meant that it became necessary to revise local bus services to make the
Company operate economically. It was pointed out that the cost of the peak
time buses was expensive and that is why changes were proposed at peak times
because that is where the cost is.

Mr Taylor was thanked for his report and the Chairman invited questions from
the assembly upon it.

- a) It was noted that Worthy's Motor Services operated two services stopping in
Begbroke at 8.10am and 8.37am. The Oxford Motor Services service at
8.23am had been advanced because of congestion in the services. It was
pointed out however that the Worthy's service at 8.10am often did not stop!
- b) Mr Taylor agreed to investigate the possibility of rescheduling the 1804
to 1815 so that people finishing work at 1800 could actually catch it!
- c) It was agreed by everyone that the bus timetable needs to be in larger
print.
- d) It was felt that the 1304 should be rescheduled to 1315 but Mr Taylor
remarked that between 1304 and 1404 there was a bus at 1337 provided
by Worthy's Motor Services.
- e) The Chairman and Mr Venn supported the need for a reduction in fares on
off-peak buses and noted that an investigation and trial was to be looked
at by the Bus Company.
- f) It was stated by Mr Taylor that the bus stop sign on the northern
carriageway of the A34 was the responsibility of the County Council
although he would try and persuade them to provide it. Also he would
provide a timetable and plate similar to the southern carriageway.

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The Chairman thanked Mr Taylor and Mr Morris for coming to the meeting which had been most appreciated.

A letter of thanks would be sent to the Bus Company.

4. CHAIRMANS REPORT FOR 1982/83

The Chairman presented his report for 1982/83 a copy of which is appended to these minutes. In addition the Chairman mentioned that Mr D T Brown Clerk to the Council had tendered his resignation with effect from 31st ~~August~~ ^{July} 1983. Mr Brown was thanked for the past work he had undertaken on behalf of the Parish Council.

P.E. Venn

5. CURATE'S REPORT

The Reverend David Parker had asked the Chairman to report on the Appeal for restoration of the Church roof. The target was £27,314 and there was still a shortfall of £10,500. He hoped that the Community would respond in a positive way to try and find the balance required.

The Chairman was thanked for his informative and interesting report.

6. QUESTIONTIME

- a) Mr Mitchell reported that car sales and car maintenance was being carried out at the A34 Stores and that there was a jumble of old cars etc being parked in the layby opposite the garage. In reply it was stated that this was in contravention of Planning Permission and that this had already been taken up with Cherwell District Council. Mr Mitchell was advised to write to the District Council on the matter. Mrs Hastings also promised to consult her colleague Mr Davey, a member of the Area Planning Sub⁴Committee on the matter.
- b) Mr Mitchell expressed concern about the Planning Application for the garage at No 4 Woodstock Road. It was agreed that Mr Perry and Mr Venn would arrange a date to see Mr Mitchell and then include it on the Agenda for discussion at the next Parish Council Meeting on 14th June 1983.
- c) Concern about the closure of the Village Shop was expressed by a number of residents. It was suggested that the Parish Council could rent space in the shop for a deep freeze for the benefit of Senior Citizens. It was agreed that this be discussed at the next meeting of the Council.
- d) It was reported that cars and lorries were still parking on the verges and pavements of the service road particularly opposite the Post Office. In reply it was stated that notices prohibiting the use of the service road by heavy vehicles had been ordered by the County Surveyor and Engineer and in addition bollards had been promised to prevent the grassed verges being used for parking. He would be pressed to deal with these requirements swiftly.
- e) In response to a question by Mr Roff it was agreed to ask the Area Surveyor why the hedge along the A34 between the dual carriageway and service road had been cut so low. If it could be kept higher it would help prevent glare from oncoming vehicles particularly during Wintertime.
- f) Mrs Hastings asked if local residents could stick to footways and bridlepaths crossing farmland to minimise unnecessary damage. Also that extra wood was required to some of the new stiles to prevent cows getting their heads stuck! It was agreed that this would be done.

LOCAL COUNCILLORS REPORT

Mrs Hastings reported that she was always available for consultation and advice, and was a member of the District Council's Recreation and Amenity Committee and Mr Davey a member of the Southern Area Planning Committee. Mrs Hastings gave a summary of the various things she was concerned with.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm and the Chairman thanked everyone for their support.

CHAIRMAN



13.4 May 1984

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 15th MAY, 1984.

The Parish Council has considered several important planning applications during the last year. These included the future working of the Blue Circle Cement Works at Shipton on Cherwell the results of which should be known early next year; the new drainage scheme for County Dairies which has already been implemented; the planning appeal by Mr G Day and Son which was refused; a planning appeal concerning the construction of five houses on the orchard belonging to the Convent, the result of which is awaited and an application by County Dairies for a new mineral plant on their site at Langford Lane, again the result is, as yet, unknown. The Parish Council wishes to preserve the character of the old village and therefore opposes any further development in this area. The Council has also considered the Kidlington and Gosford Local Plan, The Oxford Fringe Plan and the Oxfordshire Structure Plan.

The Council has continued to make sure that footpaths and bridleways are marked and that styles are kept in reasonable repair. Two new styles have just been erected on Spring Hill. The County Council is in the process of considering the down-grading of Begbroke Lane from a bridleway to a footpath.

Efforts have been made to get the street lighting extended on the A34 up to the Langford Lane junction. This would be beneficial to motorists and people living on the northern service road. A decision on this is awaited from the Department of Transport. Until some form of lighting is installed in this area it was agreed that further street lighting within the village could not be undertaken. A decision was taken by the Council to end scouting by the S.E.B. within the village. This means a financial saving throughout the year. Faulty lamps are now reported, via the Parish Council, to the S.E.B.

Throughout the year the Council has been aware of the vandalism within the village and has been in contact with the local police in order to discuss the problem.

Unfortunately it was considered necessary for a decision to be taken by the Council to end the tree planting scheme at the present time. This was for two main reasons, firstly the lack of support for planting and subsequent after-care of the trees and secondly the fact that the grant by Cherwell District Council had already been used up for this year. However 14 trees have been planted to replace those that had not survived from phase 1 of the scheme.

The Parish Council has been very aware of cuts in the local bus services during the past year and has opposed any alterations to services affecting Begbroke.

A skip continues to be delivered to the village once a month. However recent complaints are forcing the Council to think again about the frequency and general operation of this service.

The Parish Council will continue to meet on the first Tuesday of every month, except August, throughout the year. The dates of these meetings are posted on your Parish Notice Board at the bus stop and all meetings are open to the public.

THE LINK, BEGBROKE

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Statement of accounts for the year 1983

Income

Subscriptions	72.05
Interest	<u>26.34</u>
	98.39

Expenditure

Paper, stencils & ink	48.18
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Excess of income over expenditure for the year 50.21

Balances at 1.1.83

Post Office	195.99
Cash in hand	<u>5.98</u>
	201.97

Balances at 31.12.83

Post Office	228.20
Cash in hand	<u>23.98</u>
	252.18

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON 5.6.84 AT 7.30p.m.

PRESENT: Mr R. Perry, Mr P. Morris, Mr A. Parker, Mr J. Burt, Mr E. R. Venn
Mrs E. Sliwa.
In attendance were;- Mrs M. Hastings, Mr Sperring, Mr Day, Miss Burt.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 1.5.84 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

STEPS IN WILLOW WAY:
Nothing further to report.

CAMPSFIELD DETENTION CENTRE:
Governor's name still required.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:
Minutes of this meeting had been distributed to Council members.
No further discussion was considered necessary. Councillors felt that it had been a good meeting.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT:
The Oxfordshire County Council Public Transport Plan is still circulating. Timetables showing the proposed revisions to bus services affecting Begbroke were received and any comments concerning these timetables were to be returned within two weeks. The Council felt that the time period for replies was too short and a letter was to be sent to this effect. All Councillors took a copy of the revised timetables and comments were to be sent to the Clerk within two weeks.

OXFORD POLYTECHNIC QUESTIONNAIRE ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT PLAN:
This document had been filled in with the help of members of the public and had been returned to the Polytechnic.

M & M TRANSPORT - THE SKIP:
It was decided to leave the skip deliveries at one a month for the present time but the matter would be kept under review.

CHURCHYARD GRANT:
Mr Venn reported that the money given by the Parish Council for the Churchyard grant was used by the Church to pay the person who looked after the Churchyard. It was decided not to increase the grant this year but to review it when the budgets are prepared for next year.

PLANNING MATTERS:

- a) Mr Morgan, 38 Woodstock Road East, side extension and internal alterations - permission granted.
- b) Mr Kernan, 2 Begbroke Crescent, extension to provide an additional bedroom - permission granted.
- c) A letter concerning the Oxford Fringe Plan and Kidlington and Gosford Local Plan was noted.



- d) Mr Perry reported that Solid State Logic was again making an offer for the Convent. The Council unanimously hoped that the bid would be successful and agreed that a letter should be sent to Mr Davey asking him to support the application for change of use on their behalf when it came before Cherwell District Council.
- e) Mrs Venn reported that the car port erected at Orchard House, St Michael's Lane did require planning permission and an application would be received in due course.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) E.E.C. election posters. Noted.
- b) Community Rights Project Ltd - Local Government Bill 1984. Noted.
- c) Lead publicity. Noted.
- d) Minutes of the last meeting at Oxford Airport. Noted.
- e) Visual Artists Week. Noted.
- f) Airshow at Upper Heyford. Noted.
- g) Circulars from the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils. Noted.
- h) S.E.B. faulty lamps reported;- 2 & 3 Fernhill Road, 8 Begbroke Crescent.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- a) M & M Transport - skip for 27/28 April, 1984 £22.43 account paid, approval having been given by the Parish Council between meetings.
- b) Roseland Nurseries cheque received for £9.85 outstanding credit owing to the Council.
- c) The following account was passed for payment:-
M & M Transport - skip for 25/26 May - £22.43
- d) It was agreed that the payment of £13 for S.E.B. repairs should be withheld until it was certain whether lamp 2 in Fernhill Road was working or not.
Balance as at 10.5.84 C/A £278.53 D/A ~~£2832.23~~ ^{£2432.23}
It was agreed that £500 should be transferred from the deposit to the current account.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) Boundaries in Begbroke Lane. The Minutes of a meeting held with Mr Wagg approximately two years ago are to be read. Mr Venn and Mr Perry are to walk Begbroke Lane in order to view all the boundaries with the possibility of visiting Mr Wagg if he has not complied with the requested change of boundary.
- b) It was noted that resurfacing work had taken place in Spring Hill Road. A telephone call is to be made to Mr Carritt asking that a hole in the pavement outside 43 Fernhill Road be repaired as soon as possible.
- c) A letter was passed on to the Council Meeting by the Rev D. Parker, it asked for help with the compilation of a schedule of listed buildings for Begbroke. The Council considered that the following buildings should be included:- The Church, Orchard House, The Rectory, The Priory and The Royal Sun. The letter is to be passed back to the Rev D. Parker.
- d) Mrs Hastings made some observations concerning the Playgroup. They considered that the rental they are paying is too high and wondered if a reduction could be made. They asked for the Parish Council's reaction to a portakabin type building being erected near the swings. The Council considered that a planning application needed to be put in for the building and this would then be discussed in the future. The rental, Mr Perry explained, had already been discussed at the Management Committee Meeting, and as they were already paying one of the lowest rentals, no further reduction could be given. It was also stated that the Parish Council cannot fund any educational organisation within the village. Mr Venn asked to see the letting rates and brought

- in a list from the Village Hall Notice Board. He asked why rates were not the same for everyone. Mr Perry and other Council members said that this would put up rates for the Playgroup. Mr Venn said that he was not thinking about the playgroup at that time, he was merely stating that anyone in the village who rented the hall should pay the same rent. A very heated discussion followed during which Mr Perry proposed that Mr Venn should become the Council's representative on the Village Hall Management Committee. Mr Venn refused. Mr Morris felt that the Management Committee should organise its own financial affairs. Mr Day, from the floor, pointed out that every organisation had its own representative on the Management Committee and therefore they should put their own points of view. Mr Perry asked for a vote on Mr Venn's proposition that all village hall letting rates should be equal. The result was as follows:- against - Mr Parker, ~~Mr Perry~~, Mr Morris, Mrs Sliwa, Mr Burt. The proposition was therefore defeated and Mr Perry said that he would not put it before the Management Committee. Mr Morris felt that the matter should not have been discussed at a Parish Council Meeting.
- e) Mr Parker asked for an investigation into two new manholes in Begbroke Lane, neither of which were satisfactorily covered. It was agreed that Mr Golby of Cherwell District Council should be contacted.
 - f) Mr Parker reported that the Unsuitable for Motors sign at the entrance to Begbroke Lane had been reversed. He agreed to right it.
 - g) Mrs Hastings is on the following District Council Committees for this year: - Housing Services, Housing Management, Local Lotteries, Land and Buildings.
- Mr Davey is on the following Committees: - Environmental Services, Development Services, South Area Planning.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd July, 1984 in Begbroke Village Hall at 7.30p.m.

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE.....*3rd July 1984*.....

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON 3.7.84 AT 7.30p.m.

PRESENT: Mr R. Perry, Mr A. Parker, Mrs E. Sliwa, Mr E. R. Venn.

APOLOGIES: These were received from Mr P. Morris, Mr J. Burt and Mrs M. Hastings

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 5.6.84 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
The Clerk apologised for the fact that the amount in the Deposit Account had been shown incorrectly in the Minutes for May, the amount should have read £2432.23 because £400 had been transferred, as minuted in May.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

STEPS IN WILLOW WAY:
Nothing further to report.

CAMPSFIELD DETENTION CENTRE:
A letter is to be sent to Mr Owen, the Governor, asking about the changes scheduled to take place at the Centre and also asking if Councillors could visit the Centre in the Autumn.

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC TRANSPORT PLAN:
All Councillors had read the document but no comments were considered necessary.

BOUNDARIES IN BEGBROKE LANE:
Mr Perry is to contact the County Solicitor to ascertain the width of the Lane. Mr Perry and Mr Venn are to walk down the lane to see whether residents have encroached upon the roadway.

PLANNING MATTERS:

- a) Mr McLean, Orchard House - application to erect a car port. Application returned with no comment - carport already built.
- b) Texaco Oil UK Ltd for Halfway Service Station - application to erect a new pole sign and sign panels. Councillors felt that the new sign should be erected in the same place as the old sign.
- c) Two applications from Weed Research for the retention of two existing prefabricated buildings. No comment.
- d) It was noted that Solid State Logic had been granted change of use at St Juliana's Convent from school and Convent to training and research centre.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Straw and stubble burning byelaws were noted. Mr Perry is to get the document photocopied and will circulate a copy to each Councillor.
- b) Letter concerning night flying at the Airport. Noted.
- c) Letter from Clyde Petroleum concerning exploration for oil and natural gas within Oxfordshire. Noted.



FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The following accounts were presented for payment.

- a) S E B - Street lighting maintenance - 31.3.84 - 30.6.84 £95.87
 - b) S E B - Street lighting energy - 31.3.84 - 30.6.84 £99.95
 - c) Mr G. Day - repair to guttering on the bus shelter - £56.93
 - d) M & M Transport skip for 29/30 June, 1984 - £22.43
 - e) It was noted that £13 had been paid to the S E B for repairs to lamp 2 in Fernhill Road as it was found to be working after the last meeting.
- C/A £506.48 D/A £2005.32

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) Councillors asked that a warning be inserted in The Link concerning the speed of traffic on village roads, also reminding people not to dump rubbish in Begbroke Lane.
- b) A phone call is to be made to Mr Carrit asking for the grass to be cut on the roundabout and at the intersections.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday September 4th, 1984 in Begbroke Village Hall at 7.30p.m.

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE..... 4th September 1984

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON 4.9.84 AT 7.30p.m.

PRESENT: Mr R. Perry, Mr A. Parker, Mr E. R. Venn, Mrs E. Sliwa, Mr J. Burt.
In attendance were:- Mrs M. Hastings, Miss Sirett and Mr Arthur.

APOLOGIES: These were received from Mr P. Morris.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 3.7.84 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

STEPS IN WILLOW WAY:

The Council felt that it was not possible to take any further action over this matter. Mr A. Parker proposed that it should be removed from the agenda this was seconded by Mr E. Venn and agreed by the meeting.

CAMPSFIELD DETENTION CENTRE:

The Clerk reported that Mr Owen, the Governor of the Centre, had asked if he could attend a Council Meeting in order to explain the current situation and then he would be happy to arrange a visit for any members wishing to look around the Detention Centre. The Councillors agreed to invite Mr Owen to the next meeting on 2.10.84.

BOUNDARIES IN BEGBROKE LANE:

Mr Perry had contacted the County Solicitor who had said that the legal width of the Lane was 24 feet. Mr Venn and Mr Perry had walked down the Lane to view the encroachment that had taken place. Considerable discussion followed concerning the difficulties of enforcement of the 24 foot width and also the tidying up of the Lane. Eventually Mr Venn proposed that a letter be sent to the appropriate officer of Oxfordshire County Council asking for their thoughts on the matter, also asking for the Officer to meet Council members on site to view the situation. This was agreed by the meeting.

Mr Arthur then queried vehicular access down Begbroke Lane. Mr Perry explained that the Lane is classified as a road at the present time and so the Police have no powers to stop vehicles from using the track. However if Mr Arthur was worried by motor bikes using it without number plates, tax discs etc he was to phone Witney Police Station and they would deal with the problem.

The Council asked for an entry to be inserted into The Link regarding motor cycles using the Lane.

A letter is to be sent to Oxfordshire County Council asking about the possible downgrading of the Lane from a road to a bridlepath.

PLANNING MATTERS:

- a) Mr McLean, Orchard House, St Michael's Lane - permission granted for carport. (retrospective)
- b) Texaco Oil UK Ltd for Halfway Service Station - permission granted to erect new pole and sign panels.
- c) Amended plan for 10 Fernhill Road to be filed.
- d) Appeal by Ganter and Kershaw on behalf of the Servite Community for permission to erect 5 detached houses on the orchard adjacent to the

Convent. Appeal dismissed although the implication in the letter was that if fewer houses had been involved the appeal might have been granted. Councillors reiterated their policy that no further development should take place in the old village.

- e) Mr Hamilton, 22 Begbroke Crescent - permission granted for a garage and utility room.
- f) Weed Research Organisation - permission granted to retain a prefabricated building for use as a Medical Research Building.
- g) Weed Research Organisation - permission granted to retain additional laboratory accommodation linked to the existing laboratory.
- h) Planning application by Mr and Mrs Williams of the Post Office to erect a detached garage with new access. Returned with no comment. Mr Perry viewed the application.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Change of address of District Audit Office. Noted.
- b) Letter from Queensbury re bus shelter leasing. Noted.
- c) Oxon Association of Local Councils meetings. Noted.
- d) Cherwell District Council Bank Holiday arrangements. Noted.
- e) A 34 trunk road lighting - letter from the County Surveyor. The County Council is pressing the Department of Transport for additional lights to overcome the lack of lighting at the northern entrance to the service road. Mr Perry read a further letter which he had received from the County Council, on behalf of the A 34 Action Group. This letter stated that owing to financial constraints the Department of Transport could not approve the lights at present, but it was hoped that money would become available fairly soon and that the lights would be installed in the reasonably near future.
- f) Liaison with Parish Authorities - notice of meeting on 6.9.84 to be attended by Mrs Sliwa and Mrs Hastings. Councillors asked Mrs Sliwa to support a complete ban on stubble burning if this came up for discussion.
- g) Structure Plan for Oxfordshire - proposed alterations. It was noted that the time had passed when objections could be put forward but a copy of the alterations is to be requested.
- h) Application for transfer of Licence concerning the sales of wines and spirits at the Post Office. Noted
- i) It was reported that two letters had been received concerning an evening bus from Oxford. Most Councils had asked for a journey at 10.30p.m. Oxfordshire County Council are now in the process of finding out whether or not the bus company can operate this bus for the £4,680 a year already agreed. If more money is required the matter will be considered again by the County Council. Notification of the outcome will be sent in due course.
- j) General Report of the Best Kept Village Competition, 1984. Noted.
- k) Oxfordshire Village Ventures Competition. Noted.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- a) Yarnton Nurseries - £17.20 bill for two beech trees which did not arrive with the original order. Mr Parker reported that the trees had never been received. He took the bill in order to see somebody at the Nursery so that the matter can be rectified.
The following accounts were presented for payment:-
- a) SEB repair of lamp 3 Fernhill Road - £13
- b) M & M Transport - skip 27/28 July - £22.43
- c) M & M Transport - skip 17/18 August - extra skip delivered in error but filled by villagers - £22.43 Letter to be included asking that this should not happen again.
- d) Clerks salary - May/July - £100
- e) Clerks expenses - May/July - £6.90
- f) Precept to be claimed £3,433 agreed in January 1984.
- g) Village Hall Rental for 4 meetings - 3.4.84, 1.5.84, 15.5.84, 5.6.84

Paid £35.20 after consultation with Chairman.

Balance as at 29.8.84

C/A £196.10 D/A £2005.32

It was agreed that £500 be transferred from the Deposit to the Current Account.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Mr Perry reported that the outside of the Village Hall is to be painted.
- b) Mr R Perry agreed to continue as Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Management Committee. Proposed by Mr A Parker seconded by Mrs E Sliwa.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Begbroke Parish Council will be on Tuesday 2nd October, 1984 in Begbroke Village Hall at 7.30p.m.

CHAIRMAN.....*[Signature]*.....

DATE.....*2nd October 1984*.....

BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON 2.10.84 AT 7.30p.m.

PRESENT: Mr R. Perry, Mr A. Parker, Mr P. Morris, Mr J. Burt, Mr E. R. Venn.
In attendance were:- Mr K. Owen, Mr G. Day.

APOLOGIES: These were received from Mrs E. Sliwa.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 4.9.84 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

VISIT BY MR K. OWEN, GOVERNOR, CAMPSFIELD HOUSE, H M DETENTION CENTRE:

Mr Perry welcomed Mr Owen to the meeting. Mr Owen gave an extremely interesting talk. He told the history of the Centre and then explained how, through recent legislation, numbers at the Centre had fallen, thus making it very expensive to operate. These facts have led to the Centre being changed into a Youth Custody Centre with a possible conversion time of early next year. The conversion will involve a new 17 foot perimeter fence, to be started on 15.10.84 and subsequent up-dating and renovation of the existing buildings. The new Youth Custody Centre will take youths from 15 to 21 years of age, which is slightly older than the present inmates. The youths will all serve sentences of between 6 and 12 months, which is longer than at present and they will all be of a low risk status. Mr Owen welcomed the changes. He said that he hoped the boys would be able to take part in community projects within the area as well as joining in local sporting activities. He extended an open invitation for Councillors to visit the Centre but the general feeling of the meeting was that Begbroke should try and help to integrate the boys back into the community by inviting them into our village. Mr Perry and the other Councillors thanked Mr Owen very much for his most informative talk and they expressed a wish to help whenever possible in the future.

BEGBROKE LANE - DOWN GRADING AND ENCROACHMENT:

It was reported that a letter received from Oxfordshire County Council stated that, due to pressure of other work, no further progress had been made with the down grading of Begbroke Lane.

A letter received from the County Solicitor concerning encroachment stated that there might be cause for concern. The letter had been passed to Mr Page, the Rights of Way Officer, and he would make contact with the Parish Council in order to arrange an on site meeting. No further information had been received.

STRUCTURE PLAN FOR OXFORDSHIRE:

A copy of the Modifications proposed by Oxfordshire County Council to the proposed alterations to the structure plan for Oxfordshire is to be circulated.

PLANNING MATTERS:

- a) Mr and Mrs Williams, The Post Office, Begbroke, planning permission granted for a detached garage and new access.
- b) Halfway Service Station. New sign appears to be installed on the grass

island in front of the garage. The Clerk made telephone calls to Cherwell District Council and Oxfordshire County Council, on behalf of Halfway Service Station, neither of whom claimed ownership of this piece of land. The sign was originally to have been installed on the northern boundary of the forecourt but staff at the garage pointed out that it would have been hidden from motorists.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils notification of meetings. Noted.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- The following accounts were passed for payment:-
- a) Southern Electricity - Energy - 30.6.84 to 30.9.84 - £99.95
 - b) Southern Electricity - Maintenance - 30.6.84 to 30.9.84 - £95.87
 - c) M & M Transport - skip - 31 August/1 September - £22.43
- Yarnton Nurseries - £17.20 for two trees delivered after the main order. Mr Parker and Mr Morris investigated the bill and agreed that the trees had been delivered but no payment had been made for them. The bill has now been paid.
- Balance as at 26.9.84 C/A £530.09 D/A £1505.32
- Notification was received the following day that the precept for 1984/85 for £3,433 had been paid into the current account.
- The meeting agreed to transfer £3200 from the current account to the deposit account.
- The Clerk reported that the V. A. T. for the financial year 1982/83 had been applied for but no reply had been received.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) Mr Perry is to telephone Solid State Logic to arrange a meeting, at the Convent, between them and the Parish Council on Friday October 12th at 7.30p.m. in order to view their plans for the future of the site. Solid State Logic became owners of the site on 1st September, 1984.
- b) It had come to the attention of Councillors that Kidlington Parish Council was again pressing for the A34 dual carriageway to be designated a lorry route as a by-pass for Kidlington. The Councillors unanimously agreed that this should be opposed as strongly as possible. Letters of opposition are to be sent to Cherwell District Council, Oxfordshire County Council and the Department of Transport with copies being sent to Mr Davey and Mrs Hastings.
- c) It was reported that the W.I. had hoped to plant bulbs on the roundabout at Begbroke in order to mark their fiftieth birthday next year but they felt that the condition of the roundabout was so unkempt that it would be a waste of money. A letter is to be sent to Mr Carritt asking if the roundabout and surrounding verges could be tidied up.
- d) A report on the Parish Council Liaison Meeting has been postponed until next month.
- e) A report had been received that Rowel Brook had been dammed, probably by children, and that the water level was rising. A letter is to be sent to Thames Water informing them of the situation.
- f) Mr Perry had read an article in a local paper stating that Cherwell District Council had been in favour of a complete ban on stubble burning which would be phased in over a five year period. The Clerk was requested to telephone the Council in order to verify the information and then to send a letter on behalf of the Parish Council fully agreeing with the actions.
- g) Mr Morris reported that, on holiday, he had seen large boulders of natural rock placed along a road in order to stop lorries mounting the kerb. The Council noted the idea.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of Begbroke Parish Council will take place on
Tuesday 6th November, 1984, in Begbroke Village Hall at 7.30p.m.

CHAIRMAN

DATE..... 1st November 1984

BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON 6.11.84 AT 7.30p.m.

PRESENT: Mr R. Perry, Mr P. Morris, Mr E. R. Venn, Mr J. Burt, Mrs E. Sliwa.
In attendance were:- Mr Sperring, Miss Sirrett, Mr Arthur and
Mrs M. Hastings.

APOLOGIES: These were received from Mr A. Parker.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 2.10.84 were confirmed as a true
record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

BEGBROKE LANE - ENCROACHMENT:

Mrs Venn reported that a letter had been received from the Assistant
County Surveyor explaining that Begbroke Parish Council had made
similar enquiries about Begbroke Lane in the mid 1970's but that no
further action had been taken by either Council. However, Mr Boyd,
from Oxfordshire County Council, would be pleased to meet a member
of the Parish Council, on site. The Council agreed that a meeting
should be arranged.

A34 - ROUTING OF HEAVY VEHICLES:

It was reported that all letters of objection had been sent, as
requested at the last meeting. As a result of this replies had been
received from the Rt. Hon. Douglas Hurd M.P., the Department of Transport
and Oxfordshire County Council. All three letters were opposed to
the A34 being used as a lorry route. The Parish Council had also
urged that the decisions on the M40 extension should be speeded up
but the Department of Transport stated that no final decision would
be made until the period between 1985 and 1987. Mr Perry said that
he would put an article in the Oxford Times publicising these replies.
It was noted that seven lamp standards had been left on the verge
of the A34, presumably ready to light the dual carriageway northwards
to the end of the service road.

BEGBROKE ROUNDABOUT - STATE OF VERGES AND BULBS:

It was reported that the roundabout and verges had been tidied up.
A letter received from the County Council gave the impression that
they would be likely to allow the planting of bulbs on the roundabout.
A copy of this letter is to be handed over to the W.I. for them to
make a decision over this matter.

REPORT ON THE PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON MEETING:

Mrs Sliwa reported that, unfortunately, at the last minute, she had
been unable to attend. However Mrs Hastings gave a brief report on
the proceedings. The meeting had been well attended. Above all she
felt that a talk given by Mr Cornley about planning matters had been
most useful. A copy of this talk is to photocopied by Mr Venn and
circulated to all Council members. Minutes of this meeting have
yet to be received.

ROWEL BROOK:

It was reported that no letter had been sent to Thames Conservancy

concerning blockages as a similar letter had been sent several years ago and the reply had stated that they were not responsible for cleaning the Brook. It was also said that the Brook was reasonably clear and so no action is to be taken at the present time. It was noted that the footpath sign was missing where the path goes from the A34 to Begbroke Pumping Station.

PLANNING MATTERS:

- a) Planning application by Solid State Logic. This was circulated to all Councillors. No objections were made concerning the structural alterations but more information was requested concerning car parking.
- c) Planning application - A34, closure of gaps in central reservation at Yarnton and Begbroke. This had been circulated to all Councillors. No objections. Gaps used by farm traffic will remain but will be unmarked and will be for agricultural use only. Councillors expressed concern that no alterations were included for the Langford Lane junction.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Museums in Oxfordshire. Pamphlets distributed. One posted on the Parish Notice Board.
- b) Parish Council Precepts 1985/6. Reminder that the Precept should be sent by mid January 1985.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- The following accounts were presented for payment:-
- a) M & M Transport skip for 28/29 September - £28.75
 - b) Begbroke Village Hall Management Committee hire of Village Hall 3.7.84 and 4.9.84 - £17.60. The Management Committee has no treasurer at present so the cheque will be held until a new one is appointed.
 - c) S.E.B. street light repairs - £15.53
 - d) Clerks salary August-October - £100
 - e) Clerks expenses August-October - £8.41
- V.A.T. for 1982/83 £99.00 received and paid into Current Account.
Balance as at 2.11.84
C/A £626.64 D/A £4705.32

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) The skip. It was reported that the bill for the skip was higher than usual because the driver had returned with a second empty skip in order to pick up all the rubbish that had over-flowed. A discussion followed about how to resolve the problem.. Mr Venn proposed that there should be two skips per month from Easter to October. Mr Perry considered that Cherwell District Council should be responsible for all rubbish disposal and that two skips would be filled and overflow just as one does at the moment. Mr Burt thought that the skip should be retained and Mr Morris felt that a trial month with two skips might help. Mr Arthur, from the floor, said that, although he had been very pleased to make use of the skip, he felt that people abused it by relying on it and not disposing of rubbish in other ways. Also it was not a very pleasant sight in summer. It was decided that Councillors should give the matter some thought and that it would be discussed again at the next meeting.
- b) It was noted that lamp 7 Begbroke Crescent was a new lamp and, as yet, was unconnected to the electricity supply.
- c) All Councillors had read the letter concerning the Annual Review of Bus Services financially supported by the County Council, but no action is to be taken.
- d) Stubble burning. Cherwell District Council has made recommendations to various bodies that stubble burning should be phased out over a five year period.

e) Rev. D. Parker is to be contacted with a view to having the St. Michael's Church sign re-erected near the roundabout.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of Begbroke Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 4th December, 1984 in Begbroke Village Hall at 7.30p.m.

DATE... 4th December 1984

CHAIRMAN.....



BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON 4.12.84 AT 7.30p.m.

PRESENT: Mr R. Perry, Mr P. Morris, Mr A. Parker, Mrs E. Sliwa,
Mr E. R. Venn.
In attendance was Mr Sperring.

APOLOGIES: These were received from Mr J. Burt.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 6.11.84 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

BEGBROKE LANE - ENCROACHMENT: No reply had been received from Mr Boyd concerning an on site meeting between Mr Perry and Mr Boyd. Mr Perry agreed to make a telephone call to the County Council in order to arrange a meeting.

THE SKIP: Considerable discussion took place over how to resolve the problem of the overflowing skip. The general feeling of the meeting was that Councillors would like to see the continuance of one skip per month but most people felt that the introduction of a second skip would not solve the problem and that it could lead to the number of skips getting out of hand. Mr Morris, who, at the last meeting, had been in favour of two skips over a trial period, had also changed his mind and was only in favour of one skip per month. The meeting decided that the problem lay in the fact that the skip was being filled with garden rubbish and rubble. The skip was not originally intended for either of these items. Mr Venn proposed that a letter should be sent to every household explaining the situation over the skip. Councillors agreed with this idea and asked that the letter should also contain notes about car parking on village roads, the speed of cars within the village, the use of motor bikes on Begbroke Lane and dogs fouling footpaths. The letter is to be duplicated and circulated before Christmas. Councillors agreed to help with the distribution. As a result of this letter the skip will be monitored until the end of March in the hope that villagers will make more sensible use of this amenity.

PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON MEETING - MINUTES AND MR CORNLEY'S TALK: Both these items had been circulated for Councillors to read. This was noted.

PLANNING MATTERS:

CLOSURE OF GAPS IN THE CENTRAL RESERVATION OF THE A34: It was noted that although the County Council has proposals to light the junction at Langford Lane there are no proposals for altering the layout of the junction.

SOLID STATE LOGIC: Planning permission has been granted for building alterations at Solid State Logic. Cherwell District Council had noted the Parish Council's worries about car parking and access to the Convent

and they said that they, themselves, were keeping a careful watch on developments. A separate planning application for car parking is expected in the near future.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) The Minutes of a meeting held on November 6th, 1984 at Oxford Airport were noted. No Councillors had attended as no prior notification had been received. A letter had been sent reminding them of the Clerk's address for future correspondence.
- b) Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association. Noted.
- c) Oxfordshire roads in Winter. Noted. The map and notes had been posted on the Parish Notice Board.
- d) Holiday refuse collection. Notices to be posted. 'Clean-up Weekend 1985'. Regretfully Councillors felt that very little support would be forthcoming from the village and so it was decided not to participate.
- e) Cherwell District Council Abstract of Accounts - 1983/84. It was noted that Begbroke was overdrawn by £65 on that financial year because the precept requested did not quite match the money raised from the rates and there were sundry expenses from an uncontested election.
- f) Booklet entitled 'Public Rights of Way in Oxfordshire'. To be circulated.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

- a) Hire of village hall for October, November, December - £26.40
It was agreed that these bills should be paid three monthly in advance. Mr Perry will mention this at the next Management Meeting.
- b) Street light repairs - £29.03
- c) Street lighting maintenance 30.9.84 - 31.12.84 £95.87
- d) Street lighting energy 30.9.84 - 31.12.84 £99.95
- e) Skip for 26/27 October - £28.75
- f) 11th instalment of Village Hall loan - £933.00
It was agreed that £1300 should be transferred from D/A to C/A.
Balance as at 22.11.84
C/A £473.95 D/A £4705.32

Other financial matters:-

- a) It was noted that all account books had to be placed with the Auditor on January 8th 1985. A notice had already been posted on the Parish Notice Board announcing times of access to the account books.
- b) A sheet showing the Estimated Expenditure for 1984/85 was distributed. All estimates were discussed item by item. See attached sheet. It was agreed to include in the estimate the cost of twelve skips at £28.75 per month - £345.00. It was also agreed to finish the street lighting scheme within the village which would consist of 3 lamps in the old village, one at the end of Fernhill Road and one at the end of Begbroke Lane. Mr Venn is to contact Mr Tapley of the S.E.B. to get estimates for the work. The cost of the installation and running for the first year will hopefully come from money already in the bank. Mrs Venn is to telephone Solid State Logic to find out whether their car park will be permanently lit, as this would reduce the need for one street light. It was also agreed that a card index be drawn up for all street lights in order to keep a record of repairs to each lamp.

The precept for 1985/86 was provisionally set at £3563, to be finally confirmed at the next meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) It was noted that a request had been sent to Oxfordshire County Council for the re-erection of the St Michael's Church sign at the roundabout end of Spring Hill Road.

b) It was noted that the dates for Council Meetings in 1985 had been distributed.

c) It was reported that the seat by the bus shelter needed repainting again. An estimate is to be obtained by Mr Parker from Mr Day.

It was agreed that Mr Day should go ahead with the work as soon as possible. It is hoped that the money may be re-claimed on the insurance policy.

d) A complaint had been received concerning the parking of an electricity van on the double bend at the end of Fernhill Road. Although no sensible parking of vehicles in the letter to be circulated.

e) Mr Parker reported, with concern, about the flooding which had taken place at the end of Spring Hill Road. He had contacted Withney and Woodstock over the matter and some-one had come out but he was unable to do anything about the situation. Councillors felt that no action should be taken at present because this had been an exceptional occasion. The problem is to be monitored.

f) Mr Perry reported that Kidlington Parish Council is trying to get traffic lights installed on the canal bridge in Sandy Lane. He asked that the Parish Council should write to Mr Reverel-Cooper in support of this move with copies being sent to the Chairman of the Environmental Committee, Rt. Hon. Douglas Hurd M.P. and Kidlington Parish Council.

g) It was agreed that a bottle of whisky should be given to Mr Sperring in thanks for his work in keeping the bus shelter clean throughout the year.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of Begbroke Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 8th January, 1985 in Begbroke Village Hall at 7.30p.m.

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE..... 8th January, 1985.....

BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL - ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE 1985/86

Penny rate product - £945 (approx)

	<u>Estimate</u> <u>1984/85</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u> <u>Actual to</u> <u>31.12.84</u>	<u>1984/85</u> <u>Estimated</u> <u>to 31.3.85</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Estimate</u> <u>1985/86</u>
Village Hall - 11th instalment of loan.(see note a)	£933.00	£933.00	-	£933.00	£933.00
Insurance.	£115.00	£88.61	-	£88.61	£115
Clerk's Salary.	£400.00	£300.00	£100.00	£400.00	£400.00
Hire of Village Hall	£145.00	£79.20	£26.40	£105.60	£145.00
Audit Fee.	£70.00	-	£80.00	£80.00	£80.00
Street lighting - maintenance and energy.	£845.00	£587.46	£195.82	£783.28	£900.00
Street lighting - repairs.	£300.00	£70.56	£25.00	£95.56	£300.00
Street Lighting - extension.	-	-	-	-	-
Waste Disposal.	£300.00	£249.58	£67.29	£316.87	£345.00 (see note b)
Churchyard Grant.	£100.00	£100.00	-	£100.00	£120.00
Tree Planting - Replacement.	-	£163.55	-	£163.55	-
Tree Planting - Phase II	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses.	£75.00	£20.31	£9.00	£29.31	£75.00
Contingencies.	£150.00	£69.43	-	£69.43	£150.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£3433</u>	<u>£2661.70</u>	<u>£503.51</u>	<u>£3165.21</u>	<u>£3563</u>

NOTES:-

- a) 11th instalment of loan; 3 more instalments to pay at £933.00 each and one more at £938.00. The loan therefore has 4 more years to run.
- b) Cost of 12 skips at £22.43 - £269.16
Cost of an additional 7 skips at £22.43 - £157.01
Cost of 12 skips at £28.75 - £345.00
Cost of an additional 7 skips at £28.75 - £201.25

Current Account as at 22.11.84 -	£473.95
Deposit Account as at 22.11.84 -	<u>£4705.32</u>
TOTAL of both accounts -	£5179.27

Estimated expenditure between 22.11.84 and 31.3.85

Hire of Village Hall October - March	£52.80
Street Light repairs	£54.03
Street Light Maintenance	£191.74
Street Light Energy	£199.90
Skip October - March	£140.90
Repayment Village Hall Loan	£933.00
Audit Fee	£80.00
Clerk's Salary	£100.00
Clerk's Expenses	<u>£9.00</u>
TOTAL	£1761.37

Outstanding balance of Current and Deposit Accounts at 31.3.85 is estimated to be £3417.90

The above figures do not take into account bank charges or interest which may have been added.

BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

At the December meeting of Begbroke Parish Council it was agreed that a letter should be circulated to all households within the Parish outlining some of the problems facing the Council at the present time. It is hoped that this letter will not be put aside at this point and that everyone will read on!

USE OF VILLAGE ROADS

Car parking is always a problem, especially now that there are more two car families. When it is necessary to park on the road side please make sure that the vehicle is in a safe place, so that other motorists can see the vehicle in plenty of time and have ample forward visibility in order to overtake in safety.

Although Begbroke has no official speed restriction it is hoped that motorists will have enough common sense to realise that there are many old and young people in the village and thus keep speeds down to a low level on all village roads.

Councillors wish to remind all motor cyclists that Begbroke Lane is officially classified as a public road and so all laws concerning the riding of motor bikes need to be observed when riding on the Lane i.e. insurance, helmet, lights and no under age riders. This Lane is well used by pedestrians and so the speed of a motor bike needs to be kept very low when riding here.

Cyclists are requested to ensure that they are clearly seen at night and at any time when visibility is reduced. Lights are a necessity, as motorists find it difficult to pick out poorly lit bicycles.

PUBLIC FOOTPATHS AND THE PLAYING FIELD

It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that the public is suffering as a result of dogs fouling pavements, footpaths and the playing field. Not only is the resultant mess unsightly, but it is a health hazard - especially for unsuspecting children. It will be appreciated if all dog owners can ensure that all public areas are kept clean.

THE SKIP

This is a service offered to villagers but it is beginning to get out of hand. The skip is delivered once a month, either on a Friday evening or a Saturday morning. The driver returns a few hours later and if the skip is full it is removed. The Council contract for this service does not include the cleaning up of any litter or overflow which has been left behind. The Council is having to pay extra money to have this area tidied up. The purpose of the skip is to remove large unwanted household items e.g. chairs, fridges etc. or small broken items which the dustmen will not take. It is not for garden refuse or rubble resulting from building work.

These latter items often fill the skip thus preventing other people from disposing of larger items. Councillors ask for your help in this matter by using the skip sensibly; if it is full please take your rubbish back home. There is a tip at North Leigh and Cherwell District Council will also collect many large items if requested. Councillors are monitoring the use of the skip over the next few months in the hope that, with careful usage, it will remain a service provided within the village, but if the service is abused then it may have to cease.



LITTER

Most of the village is very well kept and tidy. However there are some areas where litter and rubbish have been deposited and left. Every effort to avoid the ugly eyesore of dumped litter and rubbish will be appreciated, especially as Cherwell District Council is mounting a campaign in 1985 to clean up towns and villages.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Parish Council normally meets every first Tuesday in the month; this will be the case in 1985 except for January and November, when meetings will take place on the second Tuesday of the month. Members of the public are invited to be in attendance to observe the proceedings. Any items for discussion at meetings should be addressed to the Clerk beforehand.

In conclusion, on behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to wish all villagers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

P. E. Venn (Mrs)
Clerk to the Council

