

At a Meeting of the Begbroke Parish Council held at the Coronation House, Begbroke on the 18th January 1968.

Present.

Mr R W Lemy - Chairman
 Mr J H Everett Mr G Reed
 Mr C. Quantin Mr C P Watkins

Minutes. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th December 1967 were read and were confirmed by the Chairman. The Chairman reported

That the Council's views on a possible application for grant had been mentioned to the Village Hall Committee.

Postal collecting box - That no reply had yet been received from the Post Office. but that a resident had asked for an additional box at the far end of Faulkell Road. It was decided to refer this request to the Head Postmaster and ask for a reply about the collecting box.

That he would report to Ploghley RDC that it was desirable for the Sun Inn to be connected to the new sewerage system immediately.

Footpaths Faulkell Road. The Chairman said he would report to the County Council representative about the state of the footpaths and it was agreed that a further letter be sent to the Divisional Surveyor.

Planning applications.

W. G. Powell Foresters dwelling - Begbroke Wood. No objection.

Mrs. H. M. Partridge - Old Quarry. The Chairman reported on this application which was in a revised form following the dismissal of the Appeal. The Council were of the opinion that the application should be refused on the general grounds of highway safety as set out in the original statement of objections and as outlined in correspondence with N. Martin M.P. and the Ministry of Housing & Local Government. It was also requested that the following points be carefully considered.

1. The nature of the 'fill' being used in the Old Quarry.
2. Detrimental to the amenities - No Schools in the Parish.
3. Surface water drainage - Additional flooding of gardens in Lumbis Road if discharged to Rowel Brook.
4. Detailed plans - if development approved - to be supplied to the Council.

Bigbrooke Lane. The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the County Surveyor setting out the present position and possible proposals for improvement.

St Julianas Convent. It was stated that the additional building proposals had been approved before the Parish Council's observations had been received by the Planning Committee.

Upkeep of Churchyard. Resolved - That the minutes of the last meeting be rescinded and no further action taken until a formal written application, together with a financial statement is received from the Parochial Church Council.

Kidlington - Swimming Pool the Chairman reported the receipt of a letter from Kidlington Parish Council regarding the provision of swimming facilities at Gosford Hill School. It was decided not to attend a meeting about this matter.

Receipt. Resolved - That a precept of £80 be issued to Ploughley R.D.C. (£40 General £40 Street Lighting) for expenses in the forthcoming year.

Resolved. That the following Accounts be paid

Southern Electricity Board	£2-19-1
Do New Bracket to Lamp	10-3-10
	<u>£13-2-11</u>

It was decided that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on the 14th March 1968

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Chairman.

21st May 1968.

At the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting for the Parish of Begbroke held at the Village Hall, Begbroke on the 14th March 1968.

Present.

Mr W Perry - Chairman

Members of the Parish Council & some 35 local
Grant Electors.

Mr Patching County Councillor

Mr. D. Butler Oxfordshire County Council - Surveyor Staff

Minutes The minutes of the last Parish Meeting held on the 9th March 1967 were read and were confirmed by the Chairman.

Chairman's Report. The Chairman reported on the work of the Parish Council during the past year & referred to the following matters

- 5 meetings had been held.
- A34 Improvement completed
- Traffic lanes and arrows
- Sewerage scheme completed
- Springhill road completed pavement to be completed
- Kingsford Lane Funds not available to improve
- Royal Brook - flooding. Surface water drainage
- Stiles on footpaths to Beadon
- Planning - Consent application granted - residents objected
- Partridge Appeal - Refused on access
- Review Application - Granted despite concerted efforts to the contrary.
- Childsm Signs Begbroke Lane not approved
- Best kept village competition
- Springhill road damaged pavements
- Re numbering and naming of streets
- Postbox
- Begbroke Lane - To be made up next year
- Sandhill Road
- Churchyard
- Village Hall - grant - No
- Kidlington swimming pool
- Many meetings with M.P. etc

Mr Butler, gave a talk on Highways and County Council

policy. He explained that the County Council were only agents for the Ministry of Transport for all aspects of trunk roads. He outlined the situation the County were in following the alteration of the grant system relating to highways as from 1/4/68 and how this could affect the rateborne expenditure in the future. He noted the Council's objections for any future large scale planning applications.

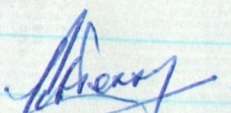
Street lighting. The Chairman explained that it was hoped to build up a fund for additional street lighting. The Begbrook Lane development included street lighting. Lighting of the lane to be considered later.

Planning & future development. The Chairman explained the Parish Council's views why it was fundamentally wrong to allow large scale development. Highway Safety, and surface water drainage and character of the village being specifically mentioned. Concern was also expressed that no notice was being taken of the Parish Council's observations on planning applications.

Best Kept Village. The report of the last competition was read and it was agreed to enter this year's competition.

Gas conversion. It was reported that this would take place shortly.

The Rector moved a vote of thanks for the work of the Chairman and Parish Council which was endorsed by the Meeting.


Chairman
27th March 1969.

At the Annual Meeting of the Begbroke Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Begbroke on the 21st May 1968.

Present

Mr R W Perry Mr G Reed
Mr C Quainton Mr C Watkins
apology. Mr Everett. Mr. HHE Hill Planning Solicitor OCC.
Mr M Robinson Planning Advisor OCC.
Ald G. Keep NE Area Planning Committee.

Election of Chairman. It was proposed by Mr Watkins seconded by Mr Everett and unanimously agreed that Mr R. Perry be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

Election of Vice-Chairman It was unanimously agreed that Mr C Quainton be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th January 1968 were read and were confirmed by the Chairman.

Postal Collecting Box. The Clerk was requested to press the Post Office for a reply to the request for a larger box. The Chairman said he would make enquiries at Kidlington P.O.

Future Planning and development of Begbroke. The Chairman explained that this subject would be open to public discussion. He referred to planning applications generally and the recent outline consent in respect of the Old Quarry and the fact that the County Council did not appear to take notice of the Parish Council's observations on planning applications. He thought it fundamentally wrong to allow any further large scale development in the village having regard to the following points:-

1. Highway Safety A34 junction. Maximum amount of safety requested. School children crossing. Danger from accidents
 2. Surface Water Drainage - Additional run off to Rowel Brook will cause flooding of properties. All surface water from roads and properties must eventually reach brook.
 3. Detrimental to amenities i.e. no Council school in the parish
- The Chairman also referred to his comments at the Annual Parish Meeting.

During a general discussion the following matters were referred to the state of Langford Lane, expansion of the Begbrooks fields which was one of the busiest in the country. Begbrooks Lane and Fenshill road - control of traffic. It was also stated that officials of Ploughley RDC would be satisfied with the state of the quarry before building commenced. The Chairman thanked the County officials for attending the meeting and answering numerous questions.

Resolved - That the County Planning and Highways Committee be informed that the Parish Council will make representations in respect of any future large scale development applications, on the lines indicated above.

Best Kept Village Competition. It was agreed to enter this competition, and that authority be given for surrounds of the bus shelter to be kept clean and sprayed.

Street Lighting. Begbrooks Crescent. The Clerk produced a letter and plan from the County Surveyor outlining the proposed footway lighting system.

Resolved - That the scheme be approved.

Planning Applications

Mr. W. Powell Begbrooks Woods No observations
Mrs Hunt Woodstock Road no observations

Begbrooks Lane. It was agreed that the Chairman should meet Mr. Patching (County Councillor) and a representative of the County Surveyor on the site to discuss the condition and safety aspects in the lane.

Accounts Resolved - That the following Accounts be paid.

Village Hall Committee	Use of Village Hall	£6-0-0
Oxan Association of Parish Councils	Annual Sub etc	£4-5-6
Smiltown Electricity Board	St Lighting	£2-17-4
Royal Insurance		£3-0-0
Commercial Union Compact		£2-16-8
Clerks salary to 22/5/68		£10-0-0
		<u>£28-19-8</u>

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Chairman 16th Aug 57 1968

At the Annual Meeting of the Begbroke Parish Council
held at the Village Hall, Begbroke on the 12th August 1968.

Present.

Mr R W Perry - Chairman
Mr J Reed Mr Everett
Mr C. Quantin Mr C. Watkins

Minutes. The Minutes of the last meeting 21st May 1968 were read and were confirmed by the Chairman
The Chairman reported

On the latest news of the Postal Collecting Box

That a letter had been sent to the County Planning Department and Highways Department about the future planning and development of Begbroke.

Begbroke Lane. That he was asking a representative of the County Surveyors dept to meet him to discuss this matter again in view of further complaints.

Rowel Brook - Surface Water Drainage. The Council considered a letter sent by Mrs Hill of 94. Fambill Road to N. Martin and others complaining that nine houses were flooded on the 10th July. 1968 to a depth of 5 to 18 inches. The Chairman reviewed the action taken by the Parish Council with regard to Rowel Brook and surface water drainage over the past four years, all of which had been reported to the County authorities. It had also been pointed out that consideration should be given to the question of taking surface water away from Rowel Brook.

Resolved - That Mr N. Martin M.P. be informed that the Parish Council fully support Mrs Hill's petition and that the County Council and other authorities informed accordingly.

Planning Applications

N. Stacey	Bungalows garage	Orchard Farm	no observations
B.S. Kershaw	Addition to 1st floor	Springhill Rd	do
Mr Holmes	Additional garage		do
J.T. Houghton	Extensions	Begbroke Lane	do
Chewin Garage	Additional	Service Bay	do.

Review of Public footpaths and rights of way. The Chairman reported that the County Council were carrying out a review of the footpaths in the Parish and wished to know if any amendment to the Definitive Map was required.

Resolved - That no change be made in the map Commons Registration Act. The Clerk produced notices which the County Council had asked should be displayed in the Parish.

Femhill Road, The Chairman stated that lorries were using Femhill Road under the impression that it was a through road and were breaking up the pavement where they had to turn at the end.

Resolved - That the County Council be requested to erect 'no through road' signs at the entrance to Femhill Road Old Quarry. The Council were informed that complaints had been made about offensive smells coming from the fill dumped in the quarry.

The Chairman said he would have a word with Ploughley R.D.C. Public Health Department.

Accounts Resolved - That the following accounts be paid:

Smetham Electricity Board	£2-14-9
Mr. A. Cook repairs to footpaths	£1-10-0
	<u>£4-4-9</u>

Next meeting back commencing 18 Nov

Merry

Chairman.

26th November 1968

Beauty

OXFORD MAIL, Wednesday, May 29, 1968—3

and the beast



Village curses speed-trap

By ROBIN THOMPSON

IMAGINE a quiet Oxfordshire village with an ancient priory set in beautiful ground alongside a meandering brook.

Then slice the village in two with a fast dual carriageway trunk road which passes within a stone's throw of the village hall and pleasant bowling greens.

This is just the position at Begbroke, which straddles the A34 between Oxford and Woodstock.

Most of the 400 people who live there look upon the road as a curse. In the past five years it has claimed the lives of seven people.

Of these, one was a three-year-old Begbroke child, another a 19-year-old youth born and raised in the village, and another a popular

and respected Begbroke woman.

Mrs. Kittie Cope, killed crossing the road at night, was captain of the Begbroke women's bowls team, a member of the W.I., a Sports Club committee member and helped many charities, including collections for spastic children.

Other Begbroke people have been seriously injured in accidents on the A34 and are lucky to be alive today. Mr. Tom Hastings, of Hall Farm, and 14-year-old Martin Ownsworth are among them.

But Begbroke has to live with the road and daily face its problems and dangers. You just can't move a village over half a mile or by-pass what is one of the

straightest stretches of dual carriageway in the district.

Mr. Ron Perry, chairman of Begbroke Parish Council, has been campaigning for more safety precautions on the road and against any future large scale development in the village.

He and his council have succeeded in having slowing-down lanes cut out near the village crossroads and in having some of the shrubs in the centre islands either pruned or moved.

He says: "This has eased the situation a little, but a speed limit would help as well. Unfortunately, we have been told that it is against Ministry policy to introduce speed limits on trunk roads, especially on dual carriageways."

The speed of traffic along the A34 is often well in the sixties.

Mr. Perry says that they tend to "let off steam" once they reach the dual carriageway, after travelling through miles of traffic restrictions and speed limits.

Every morning many children cross the road on foot to the St. Juliana's Convent School and others are taken there by car.

Mr. Perry says that this is particularly worrying, but adds: "Who would want a job as a lollipop man under those road conditions?"

The Ministry of Housing and Local Government has recently approved a planning application for permission to build up to 40 new houses in the village.

The village's population

will probably increase by about a quarter and so there will be another 120 people to face the dangers of the road.

Sister Mechtilde, of St. Juliana's Convent School, says that a "large number" of children have to cross the road on foot every day.

There are about 300 girls at the school, of which 70 are boarders. The rest travel in every day and school buses from Kidlington and Woodstock drop them on the far side of the main road.

On the homeward journey children from the Oxford area have to cross the road to board their bus. "It is very worrying. We have no lollipop man, but the Sisters go down to the road with the children," she said.

At a meeting of the Bigbrooke Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Bigbrooke on the 20th November 1968

Present

Mr W Perry - Chairman
Mr Everett Mrs G Reed
Mr B Quamrin Mr C. Watkins

Minutes. The minutes of the last meeting 12th August 1968 were read and were confirmed by the Chairman.

Bigbrooke Lane. The Chairman reported that Mr Rutter did not come out again, but certain repairs had now been carried out.

Rosel Brook & surface water drainage. The Chairman states no action had been taken on the points raised about Rosel Brook. After further discussion it was agreed to write to the County Surveyor expressing extreme concern that no action appeared to have been taken and that the Council did not want a repetition of the flooding, and to enquire what action had been taken. It was also agreed to ask for the clippings to be swept up in Fernhill Road before they block the drains.

Footpaths The Chairman stated that the owner of Orchard Farm wished to repair a footpath adjoining his property and had enquired to whom the path belonged. It was agreed to raise no objection to the repair of the path provided the right of way was not obstructed and to state that there was no information regarding the ownership of the path.

Planning Applications

Garage replacement	26 Fernhill Road	no observations
Mr. Powell	Implement shed - woods	"
Briny	Re building Kitchen	"
Chewm	Garage - new greasing bay	"

Increased flying Oxford Airport. The Clerk stated a letter had been received from Shipton Parish Council about a proposal of the Parish Councils Association to call a meeting to discuss

this matter. It was agreed that a representative would attend the proposed meeting.

Swimming Pool - Kidlington. The Chairman reported the receipt of a letter from Kidlington Parish Council asking the Council support in a project to build a £30,000 swimming pool on the Gosford Hill site. The Council were informed that similar pools were proposed at Clipping Norton, Woodstock and Biceston (already commenced). They were of the opinion that this rural area could not support 4 pools especially having regard to the present financial climate. It was decided to inform the Ministry of Housing and Local Government accordingly.

Best Kept Village Competition. The Chairman stated Begbroke came third in its class this year.

Oxon Association of Parish Councils. Papers received over the past quarter were produced to the meeting.

Midland Bank Ltd. The Clerk stated that the Council's bankers had stated that the work of the Summertown Branch would be handled by computer in the near future. This account would be numbered 00 149055.

Hamble Road. The Council considered a letter from the County Surveyor stating that 'no through road' signs could not be justified. It was agreed to ask for re-consideration of this decision & to put forward once again the arguments in favour of the signs.

Old Quarry. The Chairman reported that spot checks had been taken at this dump and the only smells came from kitchen waste from the bungalows complaining. A complaint was received about the fires on the pit and it was decided to report these to the fire service and Kington R.D.C.

Street Lighting. The Chairman stated he had asked the SEB for early morning street lighting.

A34 Dual Carriageway. It was stated that vision was obstructed by the higher hedges on the eastern carriageway.

Resolved - That the County Surveyor be asked to give the matter immediate attention
Spronghill Road. The question of the turn in at the old Orchard was discussed and Mr Everett said he would raise the matter at a Teachers/Parent Assn meeting
Bus Shelter. Complaints were made about the fording of the bus shelter. A discussion ensued as to what could be done and it was decided to ask the Police to help.

Accounts

Resolved - That the following accounts be paid

Smiths Electricity Board 11 lighting	£2-15-8
Clubs salary to 22/11/68	£10-0-0
	<u>£12-15-8</u>

Meeting (Annual Assembly)
 Week Comm 24 March 1969

Chairman

24th March 1969