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WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee, held on Wednesday 29th <sup>May</sup> 1985, at 7.30p.m. at the Merry Bells.

PRESENT: Councillors K.Bannister, C.Dalton, E.Molloy, M.Wake, J.Wilkinson and G.Young.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that M.Wake should be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.
2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that E.Molloy should be elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.
3. MINUTES of the meeting of 17th April 1985, which had previously been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3.1. Matters Arising.

1. Car in Farm Close Land. This had been removed.
  2. Lights. Oxfordshire County Council had given the order for lights to S.E.B. some time ago. Mr. Murphy, from O.C.C. had agreed to meet the Clerk to verify the sites, and she was instructed to ask him about the possibility of placing a light in the S.O.D.C. Car Park whilst he was in the village.
  3. Church Road. 'Just Jobbing' were to carry out repairs to the gate, and the wall if necessary, at Church Road recreation ground, and at the same time would give a quotation for the wall opposite the fire station.
  4. Dogs. The owner of the dog being exercised on the Church Road recreation ground had been approached by P.C.Stock, and there had been some improvement until the morning of the meeting, when he was seen again. If this continues the Clerk is to write to him.
  5. Fence at Church Road recreation ground. Two thirds of the fence was now down. It was felt that this could now be removed as the fence had only been installed as a temporary measure, and the bank it was to protect had now settled.
  6. Staff. Mr.Delaney and Mr.Robinson had been appointed. Mr.Robinson was tending to want to work every evening, which was inconvenient. It was agreed that he would be notified that he was only required at the weekends. It was agreed to prepare the worksheets for use on Saturday, when E.Molloy and the two men would meet in the Parish Council's office with the Clerk.  
It was pointed out that the Farm Close Patio needs attention urgently, and it was agreed to kill all the weeds.  
It was also reported that the drain cover outside the King and Queen is broken.  
Mr.Davis is to take his annual holiday the fortnight beginning 8th July.
  7. Litter Bins. Mr.Davis, S.O.D.C., agreed that the problem of unemptied litter bins was not confined to Wheatley, and was being dealt with.
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It was recommended that a strong letter of complaint should be sent to Mr. Campbell, mentioning also the fact that refuse is left behind after refuse collections, bins were missed, and in some cases refuse appeared to be spilled deliberately.

It was also agreed to point out that lorries are still breaking the kerb in Littleworth Road.

Mr.K.Hanks' lorry is to be available for large rubbish in the S.O.D.C. Car Park on Saturday 15th June, in the morning.

- 8. Rabbits on The Howe. It was pointed out that shooting of animals other than rabbits is taking place, and the terms of the agreement with the Howe Trust were questioned. Only three men have permission to shoot there, but it seems that more are doing so. It was agreed to point this out to the Howe Trust, and also to enquire into the legality of shooting on Sundays.
- 9. Wheelhorse. Mr.Jones had reported that the Wheelhorse should work well for this season and possibly next. It was agreed to begin to enquire into possible replacement machines.
- 10. Equipment. The storage of equipment had been agreed with Mr.Parker.
- 4. JACKIES LANE ALLOTMENTS. The agreement was on the table for signature by the Clerk and Chairman.  
Two allotments had been let, and all previous allottees had been approached by letter to ask if they wished to rent an allotment again. It was agreed to advertise in the Newsletter, and to make the first rent payable from 1 October.
- 5. GRASS CUTTING. Expenditure 1984/85 was reported as follows:
 

D.Jones	£400
Maintenance	
(Turneys)	£411
Petrol and	
oil	£ 88.81
	£900.42
- 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.
  - 6.1. The Minutes of the Parish Council's special forward planning meeting were considered.
    - 1. It was agreed to approach D.Mancey about overseeing the nature reserve at Littleworth.
    - 2. Recreation Grounds. It was agreed to approach Wicksteeds for a free inspection of the equipment, and that a group of councillors should themselves check the walls and gates regularly.  
It was agreed that the swings at Cullum Road must be removed.
    - 3. Bus Shelter. Ruth Dalton had offered to submit a design for a mural for approval, and this was accepted.

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MINUTES of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee, held on Wednesday 17th July 1985.

PRESENT: Councillors M.Wake (in the Chair), C.M.Dalton, E.Molloy, G.S.Young.

APOLOGIES were received from Councillor K.Bannister.

1. MINUTES of the meeting of 29th May 1985, which had previously been circulated, were approved, and signed by the Chairman.

1.1. Matters Arising.

2. Kelly's Road Allotments. In view of the reluctance of anyone to take the allotments in their present state, it was agreed to recommend that the Parish Council arrange for them to be rotavated.

3. Trees and Footpaths. It was agreed to enquire which areas the County or District Councils are responsible for. It was also recommended that S.E.B. should be asked if they own the land on Littleworth Road next to the entrance to the Mobile Homes Estate. If so, the Parish Council could offer to clear it for them, for a fee.

3.1. Application for Diversion of Footpath, alongside the River Thame, south of the Bridge Hotel and east of Solo. It was felt that the proposed new route already exists as a footpath, and is a better one. However, it was decided to object to the diversion as no reason is given, and the committee therefore had no means of forming a judgement.

4. Additional local public transport services. The Parish Council had been asked to request additional local services by 9th August. It was agreed to request provision of a bus service on Sunday mornings as the Sunday service is inadequate and does not start early enough. It was also agreed that the Parish Council would advertise such a service to help to increase the numbers using it. It should also be pointed out to the County Council that there is likely to be increased demand for public transport following the opening of the Park Sports Centre.

5. Any other business.

5.1. A petrol sign had been erected outside Turners, London Road. This should have been subject to planning permission.

5.2. The T-junction sign in Roman Road is still down.

*M.Wake*  
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WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee, held on Wednesday 18th September 1985, at 7.30p.m. at the Merry Bells.

PRESENT: Councillors M.A.Wake (Chairman), K.Bannister, E.Molloy, and J.S.Wilkinson.

APOLOGIES were received from Councillor G.Young.

1. MINUTES of the meeting of 17th July 1985, which had previously been circulated, were approved, and signed by the Chairman.

1.1. Matters Arising.

1.1.1. Kelly's Road Allotments. It was agreed that the Parish Council's workforce would trim the land and that a rotovator would then be hired to rotovate the area.

1.1.2. Windows Court. It was agreed to write to Mr.Clayphan, Chief Housing Officer, S.O.D.C., repeating the Parish Council's offer to maintain the grounds if payment could be arranged.

1.1.3. Diversion of footpath. The diversion of the footpath near Solo had now been authorised. The footpath had been diverted because the new route is more picturesque and the old route had become impossible to pass through. It was agreed to include the new route on the Parish Council's definitive map of footpaths, and also to request that S.O.D.C. provide a waymark to show that the route is a public footpath.

2. CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND SAFETY AND DESIGN. Councillor Bannister presented a report of the workshop/seminar organised by SODC and SMP Playgrounds Ltd., held on 8th July 1985 and attended by Mick Wake and Kathy Bannister.

The report recommended that the Parish Council should review its own playgrounds as soon as possible with a view to considering:

- 1. the replacement of all swing seats with rubber tyres.
- 2. the possibility of removing concrete from the bases of equipment.
- 3. the wisdom of continuing to have the high slide in the Church Road Rec..
- 4. a general review of all safety checks.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Open Spaces Committee, which will be held on 16th October, will consider estimates of expenditure for 1986, 87, and that playground equipment should be considered in these. Before that meeting the Clerk undertook to arrange for an inspector from Wicksteeds to carry out a free inspection of the equipment, and also to attempt to obtain some indication from South Oxfordshire District Council about the likely future of the Cullum Road Recreation Ground.

It was also agreed that members of the Open Spaces Committee would meet at the Church Road Recreation Ground on Saturday 28th September to inspect the equipment.

It was also pointed out that grant aid is now available from South Oxfordshire District Council for the installation of safety surfaces under equipment. It was agreed to obtain estimates for the necessary work and apply to SODC for a grant.

It was also agreed to ask Mr.Seddon, SODC, if the District Council employs an officer to carry out safety checks.

3. LABOUR/LABOUR CONTROL. The feeling was expressed that the organisation of labour needs to be centralised. There have been some problems as a result of employing two men as handymen, although their work would finish at the end of September. It was agreed that one man would be retained during the winter months, although the working hours would be reduced. It was also agreed that next season all the workforce would be directed by the Parish Clerk, although Councillor Molloy would continue to check that work had been adequately carried out.
4. TREE TRIMMING. The trees at the Avenue need to be reported to SODC. Mr. Nall, Forestry Officer, SODC, is to check the trees at the Burial Ground. It was agreed to ask a tree surgeon to inspect the willow tree on the Farm Close Patio and to take whatever action is necessary.
5. TOOLS. It was requested that the Clerk should have authority to buy whatever small tools are needed as the need arises. The Clerk was also asked to arrange the demonstration of a small tractor for Saturday 21st September. P.A. Turney Ltd. have a model which has been used for demonstration purposes which they would be prepared to sell to the Parish Council at a reduced rate.
6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.
- 6.1. Litter bins. Four new litter bins have been ordered from SODC.
- 6.2. Seats. Four new seats have been delivered.
- 6.3. 42 Crown Road. The Clerk was asked to write to the owner to ask him to trim the trees and brambles which cover the pavement.
- 6.4. Refuse bags. It was agreed to order 3000 refuse bags from Anker Ltd., as the bags seem to be of a better quality than those supplied by P.J.S. Pritchards and are offered at a reduced price.
- 6.5. Council Chamber. ~~In view of the fact that the Council Chamber is being used for other hirings\*~~ *It was reported that the Council Chamber was being used* it was suggested that the lock to the Chamber should be changed, and all councillors supplied with keys.
- 6.6. Littleworth Mobile Homes Park. During the recent restoration of levels of infilling, trees and shrubs which the original planning permission stipulated should be retained have been destroyed. It was recommended that a strong letter should be sent to the Planning Enforcement Officer.
- 6.8. Church Road Recreation Ground. It was reported that the bank between the Church Road Recreation Ground and houses on Park Hill is proving unstable, and a child has been hurt by a falling stone.
- 6.9. Geraniums. It was agreed to ask the Village Produce Association if they can make arrangements to store some geraniums from the Old Burial Ground through the winter.
- 6.10. Fair. A letter of complaint had been received about the fair at Church Road Recreation Ground, and it was requested that this be discussed by the full Parish Council.

\* without reference to the Parish Council, P.J.S.

WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee, held on Wednesday 16th October 1985, at the Merry Bells.

PRESENT: Councillors M.Wake (Chairman), K.Bannister, C.Dalton, E.Molloy, J.Wilkinson.

1. MINUTES of the meeting of 18th September 1985, which had previously been circulated, were approved, and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendment: Min.6.5. to be amended to read: 'It was reported that the Council Chamber was being used for other hirings without reference to the Parish Council'.

1.1. Matters Arising.

1. Kelly's Road Allotments. It was reported that the workment had been working on the plot, but had found the land too overgrown and the ground too uneven to be able to clear and rotavate the whole area themselves. It was agreed that estimates for the work should be obtained, which should include an indication of how much it would cost to clear one plot so that the Committee could consider clearing the plots as needed.

2. Windows Court. South Oxfordshire District Council had replied to the Parish Council's complaints, saying that the area would be cleared. There had been no indication, though, of the District Council's willingness to allow the Parish Council to undertake the work.

3. Trees. Mr.Nall felt that all the trees on the Old Burial Ground were in reasonable condition.

4. Seats. The new seats had been sited as follows:  
i. At the bottom of Old Road. This had been cemented in place, subsequent to obtaining the agreement of the nearest householder.  
ii. Outside the Primary School. This had, however, been removed, and was now in the school porch. It was agreed to point out to Mr.Hallett that the seat is intended for use outside the school site.  
iii. Littleworth Green. This seat had been chained into place.  
iv. The remaining seat is intended for the toilet block area, but has not yet been positioned. A planning application has now been received for alterations to the toilet block, and it was suggested that the seat should be placed ~~there~~ after these alterations had taken place. It was therefore also agreed to defer major planting there until the spring as there was little point in planting the area whilst people still used the wall as a seat.

2. CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND SAFETY AND POSSIBLE NEW EQUIPMENT. Councillors Bannister and Wilkinson had inspected the equipment. They reported that at Church Road Recreation Ground two of the large swings were missing, and a further one had been removed because the plastic seat was badly broken. The small swings and the climbing frame were in good condition. It was felt that consideration should be given to removing the high slide and the rocking horse, which the Playing Fields Association felt were both dangerous pieces of equipment.

The Clerk reported that she had arranged for the area representative of SMP to visit the recreation grounds on Tuesday 22nd October at 12noon. It was intended to ask mainly for quotations for necessary safety surfaces, but advice concerning replacement equipment would also be sought.

At Farm Close Road Recreation Ground it was recommended that all the swing seats should be replaced with tyres. In addition it was pointed out that the laurel bushes are in need of trimming, and it was recommended that long-handled pruners should be purchased.

At Cullum Road Recreation Ground the slide and <sup>wooden climbing structure</sup> were found to be in good condition, although there was no longer any sand in the pit below the wooden frame. The chains on the swings were extremely worn and should be removed as a matter of priority. The base of the see-saw was still there, but Mr.Harry Johnson had agreed to do this as soon as he had the manpower available.

The Clerk reported that she had been in touch with the District Council to try to

obtain some indication as to the future of the Cullum Road recreation ground. There has been a long delay in receiving a reply because the situation has become complicated. The District Valuer is unable to alter a valuation and the District Council is unable to lease the land, officially designated housing land, at less than the market price without the special permission of the Secretary of State. The Clerk has asked for all this to be put into a letter for consideration by the Parish Council.

In the meantime, it was decided to proceed with plans to improve the recreation ground at Cullum Road, and suggested that a letter should be sent to the Chairman of the Recreation Committee outlining the situation and asking his advice. A copy should also be sent to the Playing Fields Association.

3. NEW TRACTOR. Turneys Ltd. is to arrange a training session on delivery of the tractor, but this cannot take place for another week because of other commitments. It was agreed to ask that the training session take place at the Farm Close Recreation Ground in order to make sure that the machine can get through the entrance there.

4. ESTIMATES 1986/87. See separate sheet.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

5.1. It was suggested that wallflowers should be obtained for the Farm Close Road patio to replace the geraniums. Councillor Bannister agreed to obtain 60 from Mr. Woodcock.

5.2. Councillor Wilkinson circulated a copy of a letter from Mr. Hart concerning the proposed purchase of a scoreboard for the new Sports Centre. This is to be discussed by the Parish Council on 4th November 1985.

5.3. Councillor Wake reported that the bank at Church Road Recreation Ground had been checked and found to be clear of any more loose stones.

5.4. Councillor Bannister reported that the seat in Old Road needs a plank replacing.

5.5. Councillor Wilkinson reported that he had received further complaints from Mr. J. Fox about his neighbours blocking his access and parking on the verge outside his house. It was felt that the Parish Council could do no more about the matter as it had already approached South Oxfordshire District Council on Mr. Fox's behalf. Councillor Wilkinson, as District Councillor, agreed to investigate the matter further.

5.6. Councillor Molloy asked that an item be placed in the Newsletter about the continuing vandalism at Window's Court.

5.7. A complaint had been received about the state of the footpath from the High Street to Farm Close Road, beside the Cornfield Bakers. It was confirmed that this is cleaned each day along its whole length.

5.8. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Open Spaces Committee would be held on Wednesday 18th December 1985, unless urgent business made a meeting in November necessary.

WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCILOPEN SPACES COMMITTEE ESTIMATES, 1986/87.

	<u>Expenditure 1984/85</u>	<u>Estimate 1985/86</u>	<u>Expenditure to 30.9.85</u>	<u>Estimate 1986/87</u>
Repair and Renewal	£567.91	£250	_____	£1,600.00
Rental, Callum Road	0.50	20	£0.50	20.00
Allotments, Jackies Lane	_____	120	_____	120.00
Wages	1825.37	1500	1322.77	2,100.00
Grass cutting	400.00	550	480	650.00
Petrol and oil	118.11	130	46.84	30.00
Water	26.34	40	_____	40.00
Lorry/Skip	81.10	100	_____	100.00
Paint	_____	50	18.76	50.00
Plants	16.50	50	33.78	200.00
Insurance	10.00	10	10.00	10.00
Christmas Tree	43.12	120	_____	(120.00)
Christmas tree lights	56.57		_____	
Refuse Sacks	115.00	_____	_____	100.00
Gravel, Church Road	108.59	_____	_____	100.00
Garage rental	136.50	_____	63.00	136.50
Small tools	28.10	_____	4.13	50.00
Playground Equipment				1,500.00
<u>New tractor</u> £1,000 included in the Repair and Renewal estimate.				6,926.50
Overall balance, 31.3.85	<u>£9,000</u>			_____

MINUTES of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee, held on Wednesday 20th. November 1985, at the Merry Bells.

PRESENT: Councillors M. Wake (Chairman), J. Wilkinson, E. Molloy, C. Dalton.

1. MINUTES of the meeting of 16th. October 1985, which had been previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1.1. Matters Arising.

1. Kelly's Road Allotments. The availability of allotments in this area should be advertised in the Jan/Feb issue of the News Letter, other wise if no more were required the area could be developed as a pleasant natural place. There is to be a similar notice in the same issue about the Jackie's Lane allotments, i.e. to try to find new users, so the two items could be put together.

2. Windows Court. This situation has not been resolved partly due to the fact that a new man has taken over at S.O.D.C. who is busy re-organising. The matter also involves Cullum House and Robins Row. The Parish Council would be willing to do the work if some financial help came from the District Council.

3. Seats. The broken seat up Old Road was thought by Councillor Molloy to be impossible to mend in situ. He proposed bringing it down to the village for the purpose.

4. New Tractor. The Clerk was asked to find out why the arrangements for the demonstration of the tractor on delivery on November 1st. were changed so that Councillors never had a chance to see it and by whom. The Clerk to ring Mr. Miller at P.A.Turney and speak to Don Jones. Furthermore, estimates for regular servicing should be obtained from John Bark. Councillor Molloy wanted estimates for the grass mowing to be sought once more.

5. Parking outside Mr. J. Fox's house, (Matters Arising 5.5.5.) Councillor Wilkinson has passed this matter on to Derek Turrall at ~~S.O.D.C.~~ for action.

6. Estimates. These were revised. See attached sheet.

O.C.C. Highways.  
P.J.S.

2. NEW GATES FOR CHURCH ROAD RECREATION GROUND. The Committee, when all the available and most recent information was made known about this messy situation agreed that all courses of action would involve compromise. In essence, although there was a letter authorising Mr. Smith to remove the gates and mend and refix them, he had taken them straight to Mr. Ovenden who had started to mend them but had realised that they were past saving and had told Mr. Smith this. Mr. Smith had refused to take this as an answer and had gone back to Ovendens repeatedly to try to get the gates done. It was for these trips that the Council was now being billed. The Clerk was asked to write again to Mr. Smith offering to pay for the removal of the gates and one trip to see Mrs. Harris plus V.A.T. but pointing out that part of this money would be needed to pay off Mr. Ovenden to cover the work he had started to do and cancelling the whole contract due to the bad condition of the gates.

3. CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, REPORT AND ORDERING OF NEW ARTICLES. The report by Mr. Harries of S.M.P. was shown to the Committee and its most urgent recommendations picked out, i.e. removal of dangerous equipment and provision of safer substitutes where the removal left a recreation ground to bereft of apparatus.

1. Church Road. Remove large swings and slide. Bring up to standard the smaller swings by fitting new chains and seats.

2. Cullum Road. Here the large swings have already been removed. The Clerk has written to S.O.D.C. accepting the new rent for the Ground but asking if any financial help could be made available for new equipment, fencing etc. The report suggested that two pairs of junior swings, one pair fitted with ordinary safety seats and one pair with cradle seats would be a good replacement for the old ones. With V.A.T. and carriage the price would be around £600. Councillor Molloy said that he would see Ken Watts about the removal of the old see-saw base and also if he could obtain and install a couple of hefty tree trunks for scrambling on.

Councillor Wilkinson suggested that the Youth Training Scheme be approached to see if they could design and build a slide using the bank at the back of the Rec. and some of S.M.P.'s Contour slide .

4. GRASS CUTTING, COST, INSURANCE FOR NEW TRACTOR AND GARAGING SAME. The Clerk said that Don Jones's cost per cut next year would stay at £30. The new cutter is only inches wider than the old one and not twice the width. See Minute 1.1.4. for action on servicing as Mr. Jones did not want to have anything to do with the diesel side of servicing. Also, an outside estimate of cost would indicate that £30 is very reasonable. The insurance premium on the new vehicle is about £40 as it is so much more expensive and powerful than the wheelhorse. The Clerk was directed to insure the tractor for two authorised drivers so that in the case of Mr. Jones's incapacity at any time the Parish wouldn't be submerged in long grass. Mr. Delaney should be asked to submit an estimate of cost per cut also so that we could get some idea of the possibility of his taking over the job if Mr. Jones did not want to share the use of the tractor. The vehicle is garaged at Mulberry Court, the Council could negotiate its own arrangement with Mr. Brown at this address if necessary.

5. JACKIES LANE ALLOTMENTS.

5.1. Mrs. Butcher has received her letter of notice to quit which falls due on 13th. November 1986. She accepted it regretfully, wished to thank whoever had thought of applying to the Care Scheme but didn't want to take up the suggestion.

5.2. A last ditch effort to get these allotments used should be made in the next news letter (see Minute 1.1.1.).

6. LABOUR FROM END OF NOVEMBER UNTIL THE SPRING. Now that the 'good' weather is over Mr. Delaney will not be needed on the regular £24 per week basis. The Clerk was asked to write to him thanking him for all his work this year and hoping he will be ready to take on the new season's work when the Spring comes. There may, however, be various jobs arising in the slack months. In this case Mr. Molloy will contact Mr. Delaney.

7. ENCROACHMENT ONTO WESTFIELD ROAD. The Clerk was asked to write to the house-holder concerned saying that while the Council appreciated the attempt to tidy up the area it hoped that the person would bear in mind the fact that it was part of the highway.

8. TAP AT OLD BURIAL GROUND. Councillor Molloy said that the pipe-work was to be enclosed and the supply made functional, the work was in hand.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

1. Burial Ground. The width of the gate should be measured, it has to be widened to permit access by the new tractor and cutter. The state of the wall at the front of the Burial Ground was said to be poor and the side wall behind Mrs. Allen's property also to be bad. The Clerk was asked to get an estimate from the man recommended by Mr. Ovenden to do the widening and the front wall and to look at the side wall.

2. Church Road Recreation Ground Wall. The gaping hole in this wall needed urgent attention. Councillor Molloy would get the address of the Mr. Hanks who lived near The King's Arms so that he could be approached with a view to doing the job.

3. A letter had been found in the files asking if 'a small family circus' could come to the village in the Summer of 1986. The Clerk was asked to find out what had been done about this as there was the impression that it had already been discussed and recommended. The Clerk would liaise with Mrs. Harris, and bring the matter to the attention of the Parish Council.

4. LIGHT. The failure of light number 5 on High Street was reported.

PLEASE NOTE: THE MEETING IN DECEMBER IS CANCELLED UNLESS SOMETHING UNTOWARD TURNS UP.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.32p.m.



WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCILOPEN SPACES COMMITTEE ESTIMATES, 1986/87. (Revised P.S.S).

	<u>Expenditure 1984/85</u>	<u>Estimate 1985/86</u>	<u>Expenditure to 30.9.85</u>	<u>Estimate 1986/87</u>
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Allotments, Jackies Lane	—	120	—	120.00
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Grass cutting	400.00	550	480	650.00
Petrol and oil	118.11	130	46.84	100.00
Water	26.34	40	—	40.00
Lorry/Skip	81.10	100	—	100.00
Paint	—	50	18.76	50.00
Plants	18.50	50	33.78	200.00
Insurance	10.00	10	10.00	40.00
Christmas Tree	43.12	120	—	—
Christmas tree lights	56.57	—	—	—
Refuse Sacks	115.00	—	—	100.00
Gravel, Church Road	108.59	—	—	—
Garage rental	136.50	—	63.00	136.50
Small tools	28.10	—	4.13	25.00
Play-Ground Equipment				<u>£1,500.00</u>
<u>New tractor</u>	£1,000 included in the repair and renewal estimate.			£7,011.50
Overall balance, 31.3.85				

MINUTES of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held at the Merry Bells on Wednesday 22nd. January 1986.

PRESENT: Councillors M. Wake (Chairman), E. Molloy, C. M. Dalton.

APOLOGIES: Councillors J. Wilkinson and G. Young

1. MINUTES of the meeting of 20th. November 1985, which had been previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendment;

1.1.5. should read; ...Derek Turrill at O.C.C. Highways...

1.1. Matters Arising.

- 1.1.1.1. Kelly's Road Allotments . The Clerk had received indications of interest from three new allotment holders so far.

- 1.1.1.4. New Tractor. Mr. Bark's quotation for servicing the vehicle was scrutinised. "The labour charge would be £29 per service + 15% V.A.T. and parts." The Committee recommended that we accept this for this year. The Clerk is to check with Mr. Miller at P. A. Turney on how often the tractor will need servicing.

The Committee resolved to recommend that the grass on the Recreation Grounds should be cut only at intervals of ten days or greater unless some special need arises in which case the grass be cut at the request of the Clerk.

- 1.1.3.1. CHILDRENS' PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, REPORT & ORDERING OF NEW ARTICLES. Church Road.

An estimate had been requested for clearing the final remains of the defunct equipment and for laying a concrete screed for hopscotch and marbles, also for the removal of the old see-saw base at Cullum Road.

2. CHILDRENS' PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, FINALISATION OF WHAT IS TO BE ORDERED.

The Clerk is awaiting a report from Mr. Harries at SMP as to the suitability and compatibility of new chains and seat inserts on our existing equipment. If there is difficulty then the order is to be cancelled forthwith and the chains bought elsewhere.

The Clerk is to go ahead and order the two sets of junior swings (each have two seats, one set has toddler seats) for Cullum Road.

Mr. Molloy is organising two designs for a new slide, both with a tubular steel frame but one having a log cladding to give a fort effect on the top.

3. MR. BARK'S QUOTATION FOR SERVICING THE NEW TRACTOR. Dealt with under Matters Arising 1.1.1.4. see above.

4. SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC PATH (WHEATLEY NO. 6) DIVERSION ORDER 198 Confirmation of the order. NOTED.

5. CIRCUS DE RESZKE CORRESPONDENCE. The Committee recommends that the circus be given a date preferably early in July with Cullum Road as the first choice of venue and Church Road as second choice, (Recreation Grounds).

6. POSSIBLE NEW BYE-LAWS FOR CULLUM ROAD RECREATION GROUND. In view of the complex nature of the Model Bye-laws for Parish Councils sent to us from S.O.D.C. if we wish to change them, the Committee recommends that we keep our own simple ones. The procedure for changing them has changed and nothing needs to go on the new lease. The Clerk is to take advice to make sure all will be in order. Miss P. Marks at S.O.D.C. has offered advice.

1727. CHURCH ROAD RECREATION GROUND Fairs? Correspondence on the subject.

In view of certain objections received a compromise was recommended.

1. The Fair should be allowed only once a year, not in the school holidays, and the
2. rent raised to a realistic level £30 per day instead of £30 for the whole stay.
3. The Council should insist that dogs are kept well tethered.
4. This year we should accept the June dates rather than the September ones.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- 8.1. The area by the old railway tunnel is being used by some people for rough shooting. A paragraph deploring this in the Newsletter was suggested.
- 8.2. The seat at the corner of Park Hill/Holloway could be moved to the hard standing by the bus-stop.
- 8.3. A letter from Councillor Molloy had been received asking for a definition of the role of the Open Spaces Committee regarding outside work and contracts, with the knowledge that financial advice would come from the F. and G.P. Committee."

PLEASE NOTE: THE COMMITTEE WILL MEET BI-MONTHLY UNLESS SPECIAL NEEDS ARISE.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.



MINUTES of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held at the Merry Bells on Wednesday 26 February 1986.

PRESENT: Councillors M. A. Wake (Chairman), E. Molloy, C. M. Dalton.

APOLOGIES: Councillors J. Wilkinson, K. Bannister and G. Young.

1. MINUTES of the meeting of 22 nd. January 1986, which had been circulated previously were approved and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendment;

2 CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, FINALISATION OF WHAT IS TO BE ORDERED.

To the second paragraph add:- and the safety surface to go beneath the new swings with tyre seats.

1.1 Matters Arising.

1.1.1.1 Kellys Road Allotments. The Clerk was asked to arrange a site meeting with prospective new allotmentees and Councillors to decide exactly what land should be got ready for use. This meeting is to take place on a Saturday morning in March.

ACTION:  
P. J. S.

8.2 Seat at the corner of Park Hill/The Holloway.  
RECOMMEND that this seat be moved to the hard standing by the bus-stop.

2. Replacement seats for Church Road and Farm Close Road Recreation Ground swings.  
RECOMMEND that the complete seat assemblies which include safety seats be bought and fitted.

P. J. S.

3. Councillor Molloy's plans for a new slide.  
Costing, design and materials are still being worked out.

E. M.

4. Letter from S.O.D.C. notifying the Council that its application for grant aid towards the provision of a safety surface for the new swings in Cullum Road has been successful, the grant being made being £200. NOTED.

5. Jackies Lane Allotments.  
The Clerk is investigating the correct procedure for allowing the land to revert back to Mr. Greaves's use, there having been no response at all to the Clerk's notice in the Newsletter.

6. Any Other Business.

E. M.

1 Ken Watts may be able to supply logs for scrambling on for Church Road and Cullum Road Recreation Grounds.

2 Roy Duckmanton could be approached about the plastic barrels used at Morland House are there any spares or where could we obtain them?

3 Mr. Davis has been given the go ahead to buy a new brush.

4 In view of the quality of his work and the fact that he does it fair weather or foul Mr. Davis deserves a payrise to £2.15 per hour. This would cost an extra £97.20 per annum.

E. M.

5 There are three new litter bins in Councillor Molloy's garage. One is to be sited near the paper shop and another by the Co-op.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35p.m.

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23/4/86

MINUTES of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on Wednesday 23 April 1986 in the Merry Bells.

PRESENT: Councillors M.A. Wake, Chairman, K. Bannister, C.M. Dalton, J.S. Wilkinson, G.S. Young.

APOLOGIES: E. Molloy.

1 Minutes of the meeting of 26 February 1986, which had been circulated previously, were approved and signed as correct by the Chairman.

1.1 Matters Arising.

- 1 Replacement seats for Church Road and Farm Close Recreation Ground Swings. These are all ready <sup>to be fitted</sup> as are the new swings for Church Road and Cullum Road but the weather has held up the work. As soon as conditions improve then all replacements will be fitted and the new equipment will be erected.
- 2 Logs for Church Road and Cullum Road Recs. We are still waiting for suitable logs but the wood for the slide/fort has arrived.
- 3 New Litter Bins. The erection of these will take place when better weather ~~comes as this would mean an increase in the workforce.~~ <sup>P.J.S.</sup>
- 4 Kelly's Road Allotments. Mr. Carter, who is contracted to burn off the top growth and chemically kill the emergent weeds on the 'new' section, has estimated around £60 - £65 for the job. Since the site meeting Mrs. Davies, 11 Kelly's Road has indicated that she would like to have the plot at the bottom of her garden. As the plots will not be productive this growing season rent will be payable from Sept. - Sept. in line with other allotments.

ACT. P.J.S.

- 2 Willow trees at the end of Farm Close Road, in response to an approach to the Clerk by Mrs. J. Willcock. She is worried about the condition of these trees one of which shed an enormous branch in the recent stormy weather. Mr. Nall is to be consulted.

ACT:

P.J.S.

- 3 Circus de Reszke Venue & change in arrangements. In view of the 'grave reservations' felt by the Chief Housing Officer about the use of Cullum Road Recreation Ground for the Circus the Committee requested that the Clerk finalise matters with Mr. Lawson with Church Road as the venue. The Scouts might be able to help with the electricity supply. Mr. Lawson had written to say that he could not manage to give a performance on the Saturday night (June 28th.) as he had 'been contracted to present a Circus show in Colchester' on that day.

ACT:

P.J.S.

- 4 Resiting of Bus-<sup>shelter</sup> ~~stop~~ - London Road - by 'Sunnyside'. On Wednesday 30 <sup>April</sup> ~~June~~ at 2.30p.m there will be a site meeting at this bus-stop. Representatives of the bus company, the County Council and the developers will meet with the Clerk and Parish Council

175 representatives. Open Spaces RECOMMEND That the shelter if it has to be moved is moved nearer the bus-stop. This will eliminate the crossing of too many roads at speed to catch the buses. This stop is used by considerable numbers of school children P.J.S. in the mornings.

5 Any other business.

1 The new cutter will not go into Farm Close Rec. Councillor Molloy had prepared a diagram for the committee showing how a little judicious cutting back could solve the problem.

2 A letter had been received by Councillor Dalton from the manufacturers of the tractor pointing out that it was recommended that it should be fitted with roll-bars, approx. cost £200. Clerk to consult with Don Jones for his opinion and also consult Municipal Mutual Insurance. Mr. Jones is to be asked to measure the width of the new cutter.

3 The new gates for the Old Burial Ground will soon be needed. Clerk to contact Mr. Ovenden and see if they are ready and also to see if the man who was invited to quote for preparing the openings and repairing various stretches of the boundaries had decided not to tender for the job.

4 Clerk to make sure that Don Jones knows that the Old Burial Ground is part of the grass cutting contract.

5 Councillor Molloy had also prepared a plan of Cullum Road Recreation Ground indicating where the new junior swings were to be erected on 26.4.86 weather permitting.

6 Councillor Dalton reported that the Gleditschia Triacanthus on the Old Burial Ground was too large to move. In view of the large thorns at eye level on the tree it was thought to be a potential hazard. The Clerk was asked to refer the matter to Mr. Nall.

7 There is a tree down on the footpath between Littleworth and the windmill.

8 There is rubble dumped at the top of the Mobile Home footpath from the windmill.

9 The plank on the seat up Old Road will be fixed a.s.a.p.

10 The seat outside the Primary School needs rebedding more deeply.

11 Could the seat on Littleworth Green be concreted in? It looks very odd chained up.

12 Although the District Council seems about to insist on their £49.50 in arrears for Cullum Road Councillor Wilkinson pointed out that at the O.B.C. F. & G.P. meeting of 22.4.86 Thame Town Council were allowed to pay £12 in a similar case 'because it is Housing Authority land which, if the Town Council were not caring for it, would be the responsibility of the District Council'

13 What about the geraniums under Councillor Molloy's bed?

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.29p.m.

M. Hall  
20th May 1986