

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting held at the Town Hall, Deddington, on
Wednesday 19 December 2007 at 7.45pm**

Present: Cllrs Squires (Chair), Alton, Anderson, Flux, Ince, Privett, Spencer, Todd and Watts.

In attendance: County Cllr Jelf and District Councillor O'Sullivan

153/07	<p>Apologies Apologies were received from Cllrs Collins, Rollason, Rudge, Westbury and Wood.</p>
154/07	<p>Minutes of the last meeting The following amendments were made to the minutes of 21st November 2007: 146/07 the first line under Correspondence should not have included Dr at the end of line. 151/07 (3) the last sentence should be amended to read 'The Fair parked a van, part of a ride and a caravan on the Village Green so will be asked not to do so in 2008.' Cllr Squires then signed the minutes of as a true record.</p>
155/07	<p>Declaration of Interests 158/07 (3) Cllr Watts declared a personal interest in 158/07 (3) as a Governor of Deddington Primary School. Cllr Alton declared a personal interest in 159/07 (5) - Cricket Club. Cllr Todd declared a personal and prejudicial interest in 159/07 (6) – Tennis Courts. Cllr Spencer declared interest in 161/0707/01764/F</p>
156/07	<p>Matters Arising not referred to later on the Agenda Cllr Spencer was congratulated for this years Christmas Tree.</p>
157/07	<p>10 Minute Open Forum A resident asked whether it was feasible to turn lights off in the Tchure and Stile between the hours of 24:00 – 7:00. It was noted that previously residents of the Tchure had objected. Highways Working Group (HWG) to investigate further.</p>
158/07	<p>Highways Working Group (HWG)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Finger Posts – work was due to start last month. 2) Crossing Points - Cllrs Rudge and Privett to site visit with Darren Mizzen from OCC on Friday 21 December to discuss feasibility and costings of two refuges. One near Hudson Street, specifically for the residents of Grove Court, and another to the South of the village, possibly opposite No. 3 New Street. Taking into account lines of sight. 3) Schools Crossing Person – Cllr Watts advised that the post had been re-advertised. The school governors have requested a meeting with Cllr Privett to discuss safety issues such as a 20 mile speed limit and gates. 4) Post Box – the Clerk will contact Royal Mail for advice. 5) Parking at School for special occasions – Cllr Watts has discussed with the school. Police have advised the School that night parking would pose security problems. The Head is considering use for daytime parking under similar arrangements as with Farmers Market, that a designated person is responsible for specific village events. 6) Road signs for Mill Close and Hempton – should be ready soon (as quoted 6 weeks in mid November) 7) Clifton footpath – Cllrs Watts suggested a similar footpath as from Deddington to Hempton. Cllr Todd asked that the clerk investigate possible grants from SusTrans to improve the path from Clifton to Deddington for cyclists and pedestrians to link up with public transport. 8) Speed of traffic in Hempton – New post-VAS statistics not yet received. Cllr Privett to contact Steve Wood and then options will be reconsidered. 9) Gaveston Gardens – Footpath repair by Accord authorised through Cllr Privett in line with their quote. 10) Lifting manhole cover on corner of Market Place and Chapel Square Cllr Privett to check if it relates to storm or sewage draining. Cllr Flux recommended that previous comments and suggestions regarding the village draining could be viewed in parish records of 2001/2. 11) Parking issues – Earl's Lane parking. Nothing received yet from Surgery re PCT funding. On a broader issue HWG is in possession of previous parking survey and will take this forward in due course. 12) AOB – Cllr Privett moved that the revolving chair of HWG be re-instated in the New Year. Cllr Rudge agreed. 13)

159/07	<p>Environment and Recreation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Teen scene – Cllr Squires is hopeful that a grant will be received for the January – April 2008 slot and is keen to book contractors as soon as confirmed 2) Play area bark - It was proposed by Cllr Squires that up to £200 of bark should be purchased as on going maintenance for the play area Cllr Todd seconded and it was agreed. 3) Crypt drop in centre – On 7 January the E&RWG, Vicar and John Wilde from CDC to address the working group about a drop in centre in the church crypt. 4) Windmill Block Paving and new barrier – Cllr Flux stated that the barrier and new surface was good. It was mentioned by Cllr Squires that another sign may be required. This is to be investigated further. 5) Cricket Club – Cllr Spencer stated that as the Cricket Club pavilion has its windows currently boarded up it looks derelict. It was suggested that the cricket club be contacted to see if they could change the appearance with either grills, shutters or paint. 6) Tennis Courts – The leaves on the courts and nearby tree have been removed. 7) Hempton Wooden Bench - Cllr Watts mentioned that the bench is in need of replacing. It is hoped that someone will donate one. 8) Deddington Parish Plan October 2007 – OCC says it will come back with comments in about a month's time. Thanks were given to the committee producing the document. It was agreed that 40 copies are to be kept in the parish office and the remaining copies to go to the library. Some of which to be stamped 'do not remove'
160/07	<p>Finance & General Purposes Working Group</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Cash Flow – The summary cash flow until the end of November was presented. Cllr Todd noted that the cheque for payment to Viking Direct should read 102700. 2) The Grave Markers – Previous minutes need to be checked to see if these have been formally agreed to. If not a provision in next meeting needs to be made for its formal agreement. 3) BT Account – Cllr Todd agreed with the Clerks recommendation that Direct Debit payment be set up for the phone bill for an £18 annual saving. This was seconded by Cllr Alton and agreed. 4) Crossing points on main road – Cllr Privett after meeting with Darren Mizzen to submit a ball park figure for the costings for next years budget. 5) 2008 Budget - Cllr Todd asked that if Cllrs know of items that are ringfenced to come out of the 2008 budget please provide details to F&GP with approval date.
161/07	<p>Planning Group Applications</p> <p>07 / 02420 / F – Home Farm Cottage, Clifton Amendment of previous approved application (07 / 01559 / F) for two storey rear extension, a double garage in the rear garden with bedroom and bathroom with a single storey link between them. The amendment reduces the size of the garage, removing the building above and the single storey link (which will remain approved). No objections.</p> <p>07 / 02629 / TCA – The Mount, St. Thomas St., Deddington To reduce height of Western Red Cedar, Lawson Cypress and Laburnum by 1.5 to 1.8m. No objections.</p> <p>07 / 02508 / F 38 Gaveston Gardens This replaces an earlier withdrawn application (07 / 02085 / F) A first floor extension over the existing garage. No objections.</p> <p>07 / 02237 / F – Ash Cottage, Chapel Close, Clifton – land adjoining (amended) A resubmission of 07 / 01722 / F. Originally no objections offered but attention drawn to absence of a turning facility for forward exit and also asked for a prohibition of further vehicle storage. Amended plan shows development to be sited further back on original site but no action to use available land to create adequate turning nor does setting back appear to be adequate for vehicular access to service new properties without compromising others using public highway. Recommend council's concerns are re-stated.</p> <p>Permissions granted</p> <p>07 / 01764 / F – Land to the rear of Holcombe Hotel, High St., Deddington</p> <p>07 / 01311 / F – Flats 1-27 Grove Court, Deddington</p> <p>07 / 02021 / LB – Plough House, New St., Deddington</p> <p>07 / 01744 / LB – Castle Barns, Castle St., Deddington</p> <p>07 / 02116 / TCA – Stable Cottage, Hempton Road, Deddington</p> <p>07 / 02141 / TCA – Gaslight, Earls Lane, Deddington</p> <p>Withdrawal of application</p> <p>07 / 01416 / LB – Manor Farm, Main St., Clifton</p>

	<p>Refusal 07 / 02029 / F – The Homestead, The Lane, Hempton</p> <p>Appeal decision 07 / 0094 / F – 65 St. Johns Way, Hempton An application for a first floor side extension, to which council offered no objection, was turned down by CDC in March 2007 and an appeal was made. The main reason for CDC's refusal was the overbearing nature of the development and its impact on no. 67 and not the character and appearance of the extension. The Inspector allowed the appeal, concluding that the application would not cause demonstrable harm to the living conditions of neighbouring properties.</p>																								
162/07	<p>Special Projects</p> <p>a) Fire Proof Safe – Cllr Ince recommended that due to the importance and historical value of parish documents that a fire proof safe be purchased. Cllr Ince to submit an application for the finances.</p> <p>b) Cemetery – over 1000 crocus bulbs have been planted. Also every grave will now be marked.</p> <p>c) Cemetery gate – The gate was damaged by a contractor who has agreed to pay for the repairs once actioned. David Gibbard originally made the gate and he is to be contacted to make good.</p> <p>d) Recycling depot – Cllr Ince has stated that letters have been received requesting a move of the recycling units to a more convenient in village location for those without car access. Unfortunately there is no ideal site within the village due to the smell, noise, broken glasses and vehicle access required to make regular pick ups. Cllr Todd suggested that the good neighbour scheme be contacted to see if they are able to help. Cllr Ince to contact Molly Neal.</p> <p>e) Policing & Security The community support officers are near to completion of their training and although thinly spread in the region will make their presence known.</p> <p>f) Security Cameras – Cllr Ince has looked into enhancing/upgrading security cameras. There are portable WiFi applications available in the region of £1,000. A request in the forthcoming budget is to be made so as and when one is required it can be purchased. Cllr Watts says people have said that the current CCTV at the Windmill makes people feel comfortable.</p> <p>g) Notice Boards – Cllr Todd suggested that the “Deddington News” Notice boards be taken down one by one and re-surfaced. The company that replaced them originally had used a faulty material and have agreed to replace them at no charge.</p>																								
163/07	<p>Report upon the Play Areas Max is still in the process of applying preservative paint to the fencing etc at the play areas.</p>																								
164/07	<p>Invoices for Payment The schedule of invoices was presented. Invoices totalling £10,747.08 were tabled and approved for payment.</p>																								
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168/07	<p>Next Meeting The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 16th January 2008 at 7.45pm in the Town Hall.</p>																								