

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Town Hall, Deddington on Wednesday, 15th February, 1995 at 7.30 pm.

Present:- Councillors Clinch (Chairman), Bowen, Mrs Brewer, Clarke, Drake, Mrs Fisher, Flux, Miss Hill, Mrs Lee, Oddy, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Swash and Todd. Cr O'Sullivan in attendance.

**133/94 Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for Absence were received from Cr Colley and County Cr. Matthews.

**134/94 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 18th January, 1995.**

The minutes of the above meeting, which had been circulated previously, were approved as a true record, subject to the addition of District Councillor O'Sullivan as being in attendance, and signed by the Chairman.

**135/94 Any other Urgent Business.**

The Chairman agreed, at the request of Cr Miss Hill, to the showing of photographs and slides of the village at the close of the meeting provided there was time.

**136/94 Coat of Arms Committee.**

Cr Oddy stated that he was endeavouring to produce an account of the Tankards and asked that all monies and unsold Tankards be returned to him. He was intending to have a stall at the Windmill open day on 29th May to sell the balance. He was investigating the costs of erecting signs, incorporating the Coat of Arms, at the 8 entrances to the villages and he estimated the cost to be approx. £4,000.


**137/94 Environmental Committee.**

Cr Mrs Brewer reported that the Deddington/Clifton footpath had now been reinstated with tarmac planings from other jobs and was now in use. However it had become apparent that horseriders were using it and quickly breaking up the new surface. The Clerk was asked to write to the local stables informing them that this, and the Hempton path, should not be used by horses and to investigate the provision of signs to that effect.

It was also agreed to further investigate the extension of the footpath to Tithe Lane possibly on the northern side of the road and in connection with the Circular Walk.

The County Council had cleared blocked gullies and replaced a surface water sewer in the Market Place.

She reported that the advertising company approached were unable to make a contribution to the cost of the Hempton Road Bus Shelters and her Committee recommended the purchase of 2 shelters from Bus Shelters Ltd of Bridgend. It was proposed by Cr Flux, seconded by Cr Mrs Stevens and passed nem con, that a 10 foot and a 15 foot Bus Shelter be purchased from Messrs Bus Shelters Ltd of Bridgend, with one end on each at an approximate

  
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✓ cost of £2,200, such cost to be met from the Grants Budget.

Stagecoach had informed the Council that they had tested turning buses around the Green in the Market Place and had found that, due to parked cars, this was not always possible. They had suggested making the main stopping place in Deddington on the High Street outside the Holcombe Hotel. The Clerk was asked to write to Stagecoach stating that it was anticipated that the parking of cars would be considerably lessened when the development off Hudson Street was completed and contractors vehicles removed, and that the Council would wish buses still

✓ to use the Market Place.

The parking survey would be completed next week and it was recommended that Mr Goddard be requested to speak to the findings at a Council Meeting.

A request had been received for some planting to be undertaken at the Cemetery and it was agreed that a report be made to the next meeting regarding shrub planting at the entrance.

The repairs to the Church Clock had still not been effected and it was hoped that when the parts on order had been received normal service would be resumed.

72 aerial photographs of the village had been taken - see minute 135/94.

Cr Todd presented the street lighting scheme, which had been approved by the County Council, for the upgrading of the lighting in the Market Place and its immediate surrounds. The scheme was approved, with the exception of the lamp on the green, for forwarding to the District Council for grant approval and a report regarding budgetary approval to the next meeting.

The Church floodlighting scheme - 1 on southside, 2 on west and 1 on north - was approved. It had been established that other than a faculty for the plaque, no further consents were necessary. Cr Todd suggested that the current costs may be sponsored by parishioners to commemorate persons or events on possibly a weekly basis. The arrangements as set out were moved by Cr Miss Hill seconded by Cr Mrs Fisher and approved nem con.

The free traffic survey on the Hempton Road had been carried out on Tuesday 31st January and Wednesday 1st February. The survey revealed that of 3931 vehicles travelling in an easterly direction 1869 or 47.5% and of 3899 in a westerly direction 2692 or 69% were exceeding the 30 mph speed limit.

#### 138/94 Recreation Committee.

The Council for the Preservation of Rural England are requesting donations for their Millenium Vision for the English Countryside, a special campaign to promote restoration of the heather moors; undergrounding of power cables; promotion of the English Elm etc. It was proposed by Cr Drake, seconded by Cr Mrs Fisher and approved by 10 votes to 1 that a contribution of £15 be made.

A request to commemorate the founding of the United Nations was deferred to the next meeting in order that the VE and VJ



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commemorations could be finalised.

Cr Clinch presented the costings for the revised scheme for the Tots Play Area in the sum of £23,865 plus VAT and Delivery. It was resolved unanimously that the quotation be accepted and the costs be funded from the grants budget.

### 139/94 Planning and Property Committee.

Cr Miss Hill reported as follows:-

#### Applications

95/123 Unicorn Hotel, Market Place - Covered walkway, internal alterations, repairs to main roof, external alterations to garage and side entrance to rear yard.- No observations.

95/126&127 Heathfield House, High Street - Change of use of single room from shop to residential, demolition of shopfront and rebuild as cottage facade. - No observations.

95/153 1, Chapmans Lane - Two bedroom bungalow with garage to the rear of the existing property - Object on the grounds that this is unsatisfactory backland development and would create a precedent for further such development in this lane.

CHN CA 531/91 Sheltered Housing Scheme, Off Hudson Street - Variation of Condition 13 to allow occupation of a dwelling by a person aged 55 or over together with any spouse, carer or dependant of such a person - Object strongly as such a variation would nullify the reason for the insertion of the condition in the first place - lower traffic generation. It was agreed that copies of the Council's objection be forwarded to each member of the North Area Planning Committee.

#### Approvals:

CHN CA 708/94 Stable End, 1, St Thomas St. - Proposed 2 storey extension & demolition of lean-to porch.

CHN 680/94 Priory Dene, Hudson Street - Change of use of ground floor from residential to Dentist Surgery.

CHN 639/94 College Farm, Hempton - Proposed redevelopment of redundant farmyard to residential development of 3 dwellings with garaging including demolition of redundant outbuildings and Dutch barn. The District Council write stating that having considered this Council's objections they concluded that the proposal was acceptable because it was considered to be an acceptable form of development within this part of the village, producing a significant environmental improvement.

✓ It was agreed that the Town Hall could be used free of charge by Messrs Hunt and Hood for a display of memorabilia.

### 140/94 Windmill Committee.

Cr Flux stated that lettings were improving and the Annual General Meeting of the Management Committee would be held on 26th April at the Centre. The open day on 29th May would consist of sports activities and stalls and hopefully the Tots Play Area would be available. Remedial works to the All Weather Pitch were to commence tomorrow and further works had been undertaken in an endeavour to stop the rain ingress.

The Bowling Green was taken over from the contractor on 10th February subject to a list of items to be attended to at the



contractor's earliest convenience.

Agreements had been completed with the Cricket and Football Clubs and the Tennis Club was expected to sign their agreement following a meeting tonight. A meeting of the Bowls Club was to be held on 1st March to consider their agreement.

#### 141/94 "Short Term Uses of Existing Land and Buildings at RAF Upper Keyford".

This report, prepared by the District Council's Head of Planning and Development, had been circulated to each member of the Council and the following comments were made thereon.

(a) any short term use should not impact upon or delay the long term use of the former base.

(b) long term uses should be determined as soon as possible, planning processes being speeded up in order that the 3 year suggested period may be reduced.

(c) certain intrusions on the landscape e.g the 'hush shelters' should be removed at an early date.

(d) full use should be made of the housing on site to prevent its deterioration.

(e) No new development should take place in the short term.

(f) Much credence should be given to the views of the residents of the immediately adjacent parishes. Agreed that these views be transmitted to the District Council.

#### 142/94 New Oxford Telephone Directory.

The Clerk reported that British Telecom had today confirmed that they would be publishing in 4/6 weeks time a supplementary directory of Deddington subscribers which would be circulated to all persons and businesses in receipt of the original erroneous directory. The Clerk was asked to write to thank Mr I

✓ Sloan for his efforts on behalf of Deddington subscribers and to BT to obtain an assurance that the errors would not be carried forward into the next Yellow Pages and Banbury directories and that a free Directory Enquiry service be available for Deddington numbers at least until the promised supplementary is available.

#### 143/94 Accounts for Payment.

Accounts totalling £1,656.57, in accordance with the appended schedule, which was circulated at the meeting, were approved for payment.

#### 144/94 Investment of the Council's Funds.

The balances at the close of business on 14th February, 1995 were as follows:-

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450,000.00	at 7.4% variable for 2 years expiring on 27.4.95 subject to the rate being not less than 4.5% above the base rate on the Bradford & Bingley Building Society Timesaver Account.
150,000.00	at 6.0625% fixed to 3rd March, 1995.
26,709.91	at 5.25% subject to 14 days notice.
5,281.48	overnight.
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#### 145/94 Correspondence.

(a) Advice from the District Council that a booklet, 'Useful Tips for Senior Citizens' is being issued through Old Peoples Clubs, Post Offices etc as part of its ongoing Safer Communities initiatives.

(b) The Display Board showing the names of former Parish Council Chairmen, to be donated to the village by the family of the late Ken Garrett, has now been completed. The Chairman has agreed that a small ceremony at which Mrs Garrett would hand over the Display Board would take place at 7.15 pm prior to the Council Meeting on Wednesday, 15th March, 1995.

(c) Notification from the County Council that they are the Waste Regulation Authority and that in future they would be consulting this Council regarding any applications for Waste Licences in this Parish.

(d) Letter from Mrs J Ward regarding the Bus Shelters stating that she hopes they will soon be in position without the "accretions of advertising". (See Min. 137/94)

(e) Application for the transfer of licence - The Blacksmith's Forge, Market Place to Gordon Bruce McCLEOD and Sarah Jane FARR.

(f) Letter from Mr & Mrs G Spenceley criticising the District Council's plan for a Linear Park along the Oxford Canal. They are anxious to learn when the promised consultations will take place, when the results of the ecological survey will be available and are concerned at the considerable cost proposed to be expended on the scheme when other local government services are known to be starved of finance. The Clerk to obtain further information and report back.

(g) Notification of a Circular Bike Ride in aid of The Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust on Sunday, 25th June, 1995.

(h) Quotation from Cornhill Insurance regarding the addition of the Holly Tree Club to the Council's insurance policy. The additional premium is £147.70 and will be recharged to the Club, considerably cheaper than the quotation from the Club's present insurers. Agreed that the increased premium be paid and subsequently recharged.

(i) Letter from the Deddington and District Youth Club regarding the possible employment of a qualified youth leader. Currently the club are awaiting replies to a questionnaire which has been sent to all senior members of the Club and it

  
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was agreed that before the Council considered this matter in detail the results of the questionnaire should be available.

146/94 Time did not enable the photographs etc to be shown.

147/94 Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at the Town Hall, Deddington on Wednesday, 15th March, 1995 commencing at 7.15 pm.

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Mrs Collins  
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Will Members please return unsold Tankards and Cash Receipts to Cr Oddy as soon as possible.

Thankyou.

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Accounts for Payment - February, 1995

<u>Creditor</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Amount</u> £
J Spencer	Holly Tree Gates, Christmas Tree Removal etc.	169.20
Public Works Loan Board	Half Year Repayment - Cemetery Loan	106.98
Southern Electric	Electricity - Town Hall	3.33
Harrison Electrical	Christmas Tree Lighting	364.25
DPC Imprest Account	Reimbursement	762.01
D H Blakey	Salary and Expenses - February, 95	250.80
		<u>1,656.57</u>

Makeup of Imprest Account Reimbursement

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D Freeman	Wages 21/1, 28/1, 4/2, 11/2/95	638.06
Windmill Stores	Postage	7.60
Thames Water Utilities		
	Water - Sports Field	19.16
L B Upham	Bowling Green Report	30.00
Cherwell D c	Litter Sacks	19.98
Centrepont	Photocopying	47.21
		<u>762.01</u>