

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 24TH AUGUST 1988

Present: Councillor Cole (Chairman), Councillors Allen, Fenemore, Fuller, Garrett, Garvey, Gibbs, Hayward, Mrs. Kedge, O'Neill, Stevens, Mrs. Swash and Webber.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Marmion.

1. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 27th July 1988, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

Theatre Workshops A letter of thanks was reported.

Planning application - rear of butcher's shop, Hudson Street It was reported that this application, to which the Council had no objection, had been refused.

Caretaker A letter of thanks was reported from the Caretaker.

Items of correspondence

Bullring/Horsefair A letter from the County Surveyor and Engineer which stated that there was no immediate prospect of a Traffic Regulation order, was reported.

Cherwell in Bloom 1988 A letter of thanks from the District Council was reported.

Late Summer Bank Holiday District Council arrangements were reported.

Play Equipment and Childs Safety Exhibition An invitation was reported.

The Theatre No action was taken on a request for a grant.

The Race Against Time Details of this at Banbury on 11th September were reported.

Collection of Garden Refuse A scheme by the District Council whereby local organisations could purchase bags and sell them at a profit was reported and agreed to publicise.

B4031 A letter from Mr. Berridge stating that the County Council had had objections to the weight restriction proposals and this would delay their implementation was received with regret.

Upper Heyford In response to objections about undue noise from aircraft the matter was referred to the Base initially for their comments.

4. 1987/88 Accounts The Clerk reported the completion of the Audit of the Accounts and presented them to the Council, copies having been previously circulated to all Members and publicised on the notice board. The Council complimented the Clerk on their presentation.
5. Cemetery charges The Clerk stated that the District Auditor had drawn his attention to these charges which had not been raised since 1972. It was agreed that they be considered at the next Meeting when other charges made locally would be available.
6. Cemetery maintenance The Chairman stated that the paths had been sprayed, Councillor Fuller offered to lay some shingle on them and Councillor Fenemore said that he would look at the "laying" of the hedge on the western side.
7. B4031/A423 Crossroads It was agreed that with the increased crossing of these roads by elderly and other pedestrians, the County Council be again asked to insert a pedestrian phase into the sequence of the traffic lights.
8. War Memorial The Vice-chairman reported that there had been very little response to the publicity given to the proposal to move the Memorial, the problem of insurance had been overcome, he was having a site meeting with the County Council shortly and would then discuss the proposals with immediate residents.

9. Castle Grounds (a) Approach road - The Clerk reported that the Church Commissioners were now claiming that they owned this road and he was asking them to explain the discrepancy with their previous advice. (b) English Heritage - A letter, which had been previously circulated, was considered and it was agreed that the revised position of the footpath be formally agreed: it was also agreed that the Forestry Adviser be asked to complete the survey of the area to the north of the gate.
10. Town Hall lease It was agreed that the Chairman and Vice-chairman be authorised to sign the lease, the terms of which had already been agreed.
11. Planning Committee The Chairman reported that the Committee had met and (a) subject to the Planning Authority being satisfied as to the parking provision and to the door to Castle Street being blocked off had no objections to the conversion of Featherton House, Chapel Square to a residential home for the elderly and other minor alterations; (b) maintained the previous objections to the temporary use of agricultural buildings at Leadenporch Farm. The Clerk reported that in the former case an amended plan which increased the parking spaces from six to nine had been submitted, which it was agreed would be an improvement, and in the latter case an amended plan had been submitted which did not appear to materially alter the position.
12. Planning applications No objections were raised to (a) a two-storey extension to Crossways Cottage, Hempton; (b) extension and loft conversion at King's Cottage, High Street; or (c) garage at Mackley Close. Objection was made to a single-storey extension at Deddington Health Centre as parking provision was inadequate and the parking area appeared to encroach on the adjoining plot for a house.
13. Accounts for payment were passed as follows:-

Audit Commission	Audit fee	£115. 86
Andrew L. Barnes	Windmill plg field	567. 78
J. Boss	Grass cutting	35. 00
Mrs. S. J. Kedge	Work for guide	2. 90
J. C. Marmion	Civil Prot. Plan	13. 86
Public Works Loan Board	Loan annuity	106. 98
Southern Electricity	Town Hall energy	15. 34
A. Gardner	Salary and expenses	121. 99

14. Caretaker A letter from Councillor Marmion reported that he had been unsuccessful in his quest for a caretaker but the Chairman stated that he had approached someone who was interested and that the Clerk would be arranging details to report.

15. Windmill Community Centre

New playing field The Chairman reported that the cricket square was ready and that the turf laying would soon be commenced: he had discussed the cost of the extras with the consultant and how the scheme was proceeding with the advice being given, inter alia, that the performance bond should be for £30000. Hempton Members asked that the watering of the new field be out of peak periods as it appeared to be affecting water pressure there.

Possible Parish Meeting The Council received a letter from six local government electors asking the Clerk if he agreed to a Parish Meeting in connection with Phase II together with the reply from the Clerk, copies of both letters having been previously circulated to all Members. The Chairman stated that as those persons had proceeded to call their own meeting without awaiting a reply from the Council it would be pointless to pursue the request any further. The Chairman then referred to correspondence he had had with one or more of the signatories of the letter and commented thereon, when he refuted certain allegations made in the letters sent to him. He said that there had been lots of criticism and no other firm proposal and the Council had at no time withheld information which residents were entitled to see.

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Possible Parish Meeting (Continued) The Chairman also stated that he had discussed the legality of the contract with Rockwell Developments Limited, which had been exchanged last December, with the solicitor who had confirmed that there was no question that the contract was legally binding. After some discussion, unanimously RESOLVED that the Council accept the advice of the solicitor that the contract is legally binding and proceed to completion, but that, if the advice is faulty and the contract is found not to be legally binding and is annulled by the Courts, Members then resign to enable objectors to proceed with their proposals. Councillor Hayward declared an interest in this matter and did not take any part in the discussion nor vote thereon. It was agreed that the Chairman prepare a statement for circulation to all residents.

The Meeting closed at 9 p.m.



Chairman

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk:
Alan Gardner
LLB., ACIS
Barrister

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12th October 1988

Dear Sirs,

On the suggestion of the District Auditor, the Council has decided to increase the charges for the Cemetery, which have remained unaltered since 1972, from 1st November 1988, as follows:-

Part 1 - Interments

1. For interment in any grave
 - (i) of the body of a still-born child or of a child whose age at the time of death did not exceed one month £3. 00
 - (ii) of the body of a child whose age at the time of death exceeded one month but did not exceed twelve years 6. 00
 - (iii) of the body of a person whose age at the time of death exceeded twelve years 15. 00 -
2. For any interment in a vault or walled grave 10. 00
3. For the interment of cremated remains in a grave in respect of which exclusive right of burial has been granted 5. 00
4. For turfing a grave after interment 3. 00

Part 2 - Exclusive Rights of Burial in Earthen Graves

1. For the grant of an exclusive right of burial in perpetuity in an earthen grave 7 feet by 3 feet 10. 00 -
2. For the grant of an exclusive right of burial in perpetuity of cremated remains in an earthen grave 2 feet by 2 feet 3. 00

Part 3 - Walled Graves and Vaults

For the grant of a right to construct and of burial in perpetuity in a walled grave or vault

- (a) 7 feet by 3 feet 40. 00
- (b) 7 feet by 7 feet 60. 00

The fees payments and sums stated above in Parts 1, 2 and 3 do not include the cost of digging or construction and those in Parts 2 and 3 do not include the cost of the Deed of Grant for which an additional charge of £2.00 is payable plus stamp duty.

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Deddington Cemetery Charges

Part 4 - Monuments, Gravestone, Tablets
and Monumental Inscriptions

1.	A flat stone not exceeding 7 feet by 3 feet	£5. 00
2.	A flat stone exceeding either or both those dimensions	10. 00
3.	A head stone not exceeding 4 feet in height	11. 00
4.	A tablet or monument in the shape of a vase not exceeding 2 feet in height at the head of the grave	11. 00

The fees indicated for the various heads of this part include the first inscription. For each inscription after the first a fee of £2.00 is payable.

The fees payments and sums set out above apply where the person to be interred or in respect of whom the right is granted is or immediately before his death was an inhabitant of The Parish of Deddington or in the case of a still born child where the parents or one of them were such inhabitants. For the purpose of this Table the term inhabitant shall include any person who has resided in the Parish for a minimum of five years within three years of his decease or who was born in the Parish or was born in a place of confinement outside the Parish of a mother who was resident in the Parish immediately before going to the place of such confinement. In all other cases fees payments and sums will be doubled except that those set out in Parts 1 and 4 will not be doubled where the exclusive rights of burial in the grave in question or of constructing the grave or vault was acquired at a single fee as set out in Parts 2 or 3.

Yours faithfully,

To Undertakers and Stonemasons

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Accounts for Financial Year 1987/88
as audited by District Auditor

Receipts	General Account		Payments
Balance brought forward	£ 622.21		
Castle Grounds and open spaces			
Rents	£120.00	Grass cutting	£ 346.96
Seat contributions	524.58	Mole clearing	65.00
		Forestry advice	50.00
		Seats	612.76
	<u>644.58</u>	Trees	<u>85.79</u>
			£1160.51
Town Hall			
Lettings	5.00	Rates	71.13
		Lighting and heating	137.56
		Rent	75.00
		Repairs	16.10
		External dec.	377.20
	<u>5.00</u>	Cleaning	<u>26.00</u>
			702.99
Windmill Community Centre		Annuity payments	5316.64
Public lighting			
		Energy	996.00
		Maintenance	1297.11
		Repairs	101.20
		New lamp	<u>211.29</u>
			2605.60
General administration			
Deposit account int.	27.93	Grants	95.00
Litter bin conts.	<u>330.00</u>	Transport scheme	73.49
		Insurance	272.22
		Audit	104.65
		Litter bins	562.12
	357.93	General	<u>1089.46</u>
			2196.94
V. A. T. refund 86/87	262.25	Cemetery deficit (see below)	340.96
Rate income	10630.00	Balance carried forward	198.33
	<u>£12521.97</u>		<u>£12521.97</u>

Note: V. A. T. not collected at 31st March 1988 - £440.52

Cemetery			
Interment fees	127.50	Grass cutting and hedging	270.00
Memorial fees	38.50	Rates	23.00
Deficit transferred above	340.96	Annuity payments	213.96
	<u>506.96</u>		<u>506.96</u>

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Accounts for Financial Year 1987/88
Continued

Receipts	Allotments		Payments
Balance brought forward	£177.26	Rent paid	£125.00
Rents paid	122.50	Balance carried forward	174.76
	<u>299.76</u>		<u>299.76</u>

There were no tenants' arrears outstanding

Windmill Community Centre Capital

Balance brought forward	2420.35	Quantity Surveyors' fees	150.00
Interest received	224.41	Opening expenses	55.60
V. A. T. refund 86/87	576.19	Balance carried forward	3015.35
	<u>3220.95</u>		<u>3220.95</u>

V. A. T. not collected at 31st March 1988 - £155.17

Loans outstanding at 31st March 1988

Cemetery - £ 2449.37
Windmill Community Centre - £30988.94

Balance Sheet

Balances at bank		Fund surpluses	
General	487.50	General	198.33
Stone Pit Fund	550.84	Allotments	174.76
Pavilion Fund	<u>2350.10</u>	Windmill Com. C. Cap.	<u>3015.35</u>
	<u>3388.44</u>		3388.44
	<u>£3388.44</u>		<u>£3388.44</u>