

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 26TH OCTOBER 1988

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

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs. Swash and Webber.

1. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 28th September 1988, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

Cemetery maintenance Councillor Fenemore stated that Mr. A. Parish of Hinton-in-the-Hedges would undertake this work for £30 a chain and RESOLVED that he be employed to lay the hedge on the western and southern sides with the rubbish being burnt well away from the graves on site.

Castle Grounds signs The Clerk reported that instructions had been given for this work to be carried out.

Bus services The Clerk reported that it was now only proposed to withdraw the 1720 service from Banbury.

Skip service The Clerk reported that this service was now operating and that the next collection would be on 19th November.

War Memorial Three further letters objecting to the removal were reported and Councillor Fenemore stated that the Parochial Church Council had cast some doubts on the ownership of the present site. RESOLVED that the matter be deferred until all questions have been sorted out.

Proposed playing field at Clifton Details of the offer from Mr. Welford were read and RESOLVED that these be accepted with a view to early completion and Messrs. Johnson and Gaunt be instructed accordingly.

A423/B4031 crossroads A letter complaining about the state of this part of the highway was reported and RESOLVED that a copy be sent to the County Council with a request for early action, together with a reminder that the unauthorised trees are also still in situ.

Planning decision It was reported that Planning permission had been given to the change of use to an office of Coniston House, New Street, on which the Council had objected on lack of car parking space.

3. Councillor Garrett The resignation was reported, because of ill-health, of Councillor Garrett who had been a Member of the Council since 1968 and had been Chairman for two years. Councillor Garrett also resigned his governorship of the School. RESOLVED that the resignation be received with regret and that appreciation of Councillor Garrett's long and valuable service be placed on record. It was agreed that the vacant School governorship be filled at the next Meeting. The Clerk stated that the vacancy had been advertised but the statutory period during which an Election could be required had not yet expired.

4. Items of correspondence

Maunds Farmhouse The Clerk reported that the District Council had given the owner six weeks in which to close the unauthorised access and that it appeared that this had been done.

Unicorn Notice for Full Transfer of the Licence was reported.

Liaison Meeting with Parishes Receipt of the Minutes was reported.

Layby at Clifton Placing by the County Council with a Medium Priority rating was noted.

Fire-fighters A letter from the Chief Fire Officer on the need for more retained (part-time) firefighters was noted with the request that Deddington News might publicise this.

Alcohol and Drugs Awareness Week was noted.

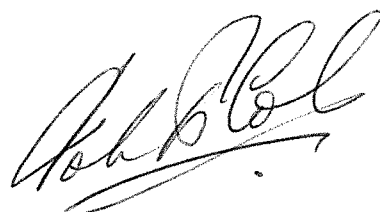
4. Items of correspondence (continued)

Halifax Building Society Detail of an investment scheme was noted.  
Trade Fair This fair, to be held at Didcot on 29th October, was noted.  
Bus shelters The Queensbury Range was noted.  
Street lighting The offer of the District Council of grants was noted.

5. Bus tokens Further consideration was given to this matter but RESOLVED that until the threat of certain ratepayers to approach the Attorney-General on the receipt of certain moneys is removed the question cannot be considered in detail, although the Council is generally sympathetic to the idea.
6. Tree planting programme The suggestion of the Forestry Adviser to plant some trees to fill in gaps in the extension to The Grove did not find favour and RESOLVED that he be asked to look at the proposed Clifton playing field.
7. Windmill Community Centre: (a) The Chairman reported that the land exchange had taken place and that the money was on deposit at the Bank. RESOLVED that the Chairman discuss with the Bank where the best possible return can be obtained. The Clerk explained the public liability position concerning the existing and proposed playing fields. No action was taken on the letter from Deddington Cricket Club owing to the threat referred to in item 5 above. (b) The result of the poll was discussed when it was noted that less than thirty per centum of the electorate were interested enough to vote, the ambiguity of the question was referred to and the public meeting held was referred to. (c) RESOLVED that this item be now removed from agenda unless anything further is available for discussion.
8. Planning applications (a) No objections were made to (i) renovation of barns and outbuilding to form new workshop, store, showroom office and welfare facilities for repair, display and selling of antiques, with parking facilities, at Manor Farm House, Clifton; (ii) loft conversion at Legion Cottage, High Street; (iii) replacement floor, cloakroom and staircase at Tuckers Stores; (iv) conversion of outbuilding into accommodation for elderly relative at The Orchard, Clifton; (v) refurbishing of existing roof and first floor over garage at Cotswold House, New Street. Councillor Allen declared an interest in (iv) and did not take any part in the discussion nor vote thereon. (b) (i) Preference was given to the original scheme, which had a higher density, for the development of eleven two-storey houses at Banbury Road; (ii) Three letters on the parking facilities in The Tchure for the change of use of shop and flat into surveyors office at The Bakery, Market Place ~~were read~~. Council concurred with these views with the regret that yet another shop would be lost to Deddington.
9. Accounts for payment were passed as follows:-

British Gas	Town Hall heating	£ 3. 09
Johnson and Gaunt	Fees for Windmill lease	693. 00
Lane Fox	Allotment rent	62. 50
A. Gardner	Salary and expenses	96. 40

RESOLVED that the balance of the fees due to The Hansford Durley Partnership for the engineering advice of the Windmill Community Centre be not paid until the problem referred to in item 5 above is settled.



10. Cleaner The Clerk reported that Mrs. Adkins had now withdrawn her offer and RESOLVED that Members make tentative enquiries in the Parish for a suitable person who can either act as Caretaker of or Cleaner for the Town Hall.
11. The Clerk The Chairman reported that he had received one application for the post and RESOLVED that he and the Vice-chairman interview the candidate with a view to making an appointment.
12. Retiring Clerk The Chairman referred to the services given by Mr. Gardner over the past seven years and eight months and made a presentation to him on behalf of all Members. Mr. Gardner thanked Members for their generosity and for the help that they had given him during his service for the Council.

The Meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

Chairman