

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held at the Town Hall, Deddington on Thursday, 28th July, 1994 commencing at 7.30 pm.

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

46/94 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Crs Mrs Brewer and Mrs Stevens and County Councillor Matthews.

47/94 This Council's Submission to the Local Government Commission for England - Oxfordshire.

Each Member had received the full Draft Recommendations of the Commission for perusal and the Chairman commenced the meeting by asking each member in turn to make his/her comments upon the three options available viz-

i. 3 unitary authorities for Oxfordshire - by the amalgamation of West Oxfordshire and Cherwell Districts, Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire Districts and the City of Oxford.

ii. 1 unitary authority covering the whole of the County and iii. the retention of the existing two tier structure of the County Council and five District Councils.

It was immediately apparent that there was a divergence of views as to the correct solution and eventually there was support for each option.

Cr Oddy put the question, which was seconded by Cr Clarke "is the Council satisfied with the existing two tier system?" 4 members were satisfied and 7 members not so.

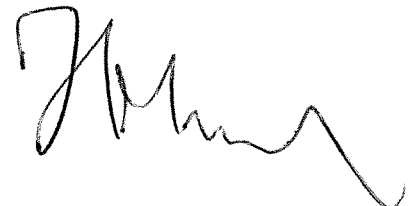
It was proposed by Cr Miss Hill and seconded by Cr Mrs Lee that each member having one vote, the 3 options be put to the meeting. The resultant voting was:-

Option i. (three unitary authorities)	6 votes
Option ii. (County as unitary authority)	1 vote
Option iii. (retain existing 2 tier system)	4 votes.

It was also agreed that the Commission be informed that whatever decision is eventually determined, (a) meaningful consultations with Parish Councils, especially with regard to planning should be introduced (b) representation on any cross boundary service bodies set up should include representatives from all constituent authorities and

(c) that a major problem with the review is that it has not got "back to basics" in that it has accepted the present County Boundary.

This latter matter relates to the fact that several parishes in South Northants are in the Banbury Travel to Work Area, the Banbury Shopping Area and "live" on Banbury and Parishes such as Deddington which are adjacent to the border.



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48/94 Date of Next Meeting.

Several members had left prior to this matter being discussed, but a quorum remained.

It was resolved that due to the number of members being away on 17th August, the August meeting be cancelled.

The next meeting is therefore on Wednesday, 14th September at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.

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