

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 2nd October, 1995 at the Town Hall, Deddington.

Present:- Councillors Todd (Chairman), Mrs Brewer, Clarke, Colley, Cosgrove, Drake, Flux, Miss Hill, Mrs Lee, Oddy, Mrs Stevens and Mrs Swash. Councillors Matthews and O'Sullivan in attendance.

**56/95 Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Fisher and Clinch.

**57/95 Matters of Urgency.**

(a) RAF Upper Heyford.

The District Council gave notification of the setting up of two bodies charged with the task of ensuring that there is effective liaison with the wider community and to promote debate on the future of the Upper Heyford Site. They are the UH Base Working Group and the UH Base Planning Forum.

The Working Group's main role will be to advise the District Council's Development Committee on identified options for the future of the base which must be systematically tested against economic, environmental, market, transportation and planning policy considerations, will meet monthly, and consist of 17 representatives of which 6 will be Parish Councillors.

The Planning Forum will be convened as and when necessary and will be a large gathering comprising one member of each Parish Council in the District plus certain nearby Parishes outside this District. It will function as a means of encouraging public debate at the "grass roots" both on the future of the Base as well as day to day matters relating to uses of existing land and buildings.

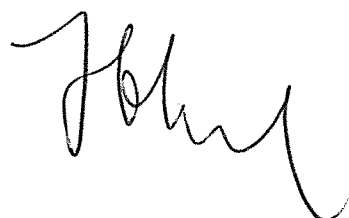
It was thought that membership of the Working Group should be left available to members of Parishes immediately adjacent to the Base and it was agreed nem con that Cr Miss Hill be appointed as this Council's representative to the Planning Forum with Cr Flux as deputy.

(b) Cherwell in Bloom Competition.

The Clerk reported that Deddington had been awarded 1st Place in the "Best Floral Display by a Large Village" Category. Members were delighted with this result and congratulated Mr Freeman on his efforts to keep the flowers alive through the hot and dry summer. It was agreed that Cr Mrs Brewer and Mr Freeman represent this Council at the award ceremony at Bodicote House on Wednesday, 18th October, 1995.

(c) Oxford Citizens Housing Association.

The Clerk reported that the Association had now applied to the Housing Corporation for funds in 1996/97 to construct the Deddington Scheme. Revised plans showing a draft layout of 8 dwellings were displayed and approved.



### 58/95 Oxfordshire County Council Structure Plan 2011.

The Chairman opened the debate stating that the crux of the plan would be the determination of where the additional 12,000 houses required in the plan period should be erected, for which the County Council had provided four options. The local views expressed in the Parish Appraisal should be borne in mind - has the development which has taken place catered for local needs?

The Clerk read a letter from Mrs Dew in which she stated her preferences on certain issues as follows:-

- (a) Housing - prefers the 'Dispersal to smaller towns' option.
- (b) Upper Heyford - suggests that Oxford Brookes University take over the site.
- (c) Town Centre Shopping Development should be promoted thus discouraging car usage and the provision of cycle tracks should be encouraged.
- (d) Barn conversions in the countryside should be allowed as they add to the landscape value.

Cr Flux commented upon the generality of the plan, most decisions to be made depending upon the use made of RAF Upper Heyford.

Cr Miss Hill was disturbed that no mention was made of the use of the A4260 or of East/West traffic links, in fact from a traffic viewpoint the Plan was silent as regards the north of the County.

Cr Clarke referred to the fact that 5,000 people had recently left Upper Heyford and the effect had not been noticed in Deddington.

Cr Mrs Brewer was worried as to where the new residents of the 12,000 dwellings to be erected would be employed.

Cr Oddy supported the existing policy in the plan to 2005 - facilities at Upper Heyford should be utilised - Deddington has already developed beyond the existing Structure Plan.

Cr Matthews referred to the Steeple Aston suggestion that Upper Heyford should become a Centre for Excellence in Sport on the lines of the Australian Academies, making use of many of the facilities already on site.

Cr Flux was worried about the lack of comment within the plan on East/West traffic links.

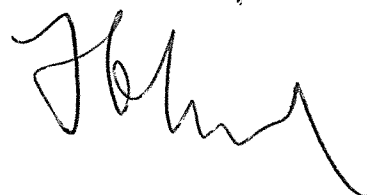
Cr Miss Hill was of the view that not enough was included in the plan regarding the impact of the extra traffic generated by the further development.

Resolved nem con that the Clerk transmit the above views to the County Council with a copy to County Councillor Matthews.

### 59/95 Reappraisal of the Use of Capital Receipts and Interest and consideration of the Precept for 1996/97.

The Clerk read a letter from Mrs Dew suggesting the following minor improvements in the Parish.

- (a) Rumble strips on the Clifton Road from "The Fishers" to Earls Lane
- (b) A circular strap-iron seat under the southern chestnut tree on the Green.



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(c) Additional car parking at the wire gate entrance to the Castle Grounds for visitors.

(d) The planting of 3 or 4 Rowan Trees at the Castle Grounds.

(e) Ensure funds are available for the maintenance of the Hempton cyclepath.

The Clerk had circulated a paper analysing the current position relating to Capital Schemes and showing an estimate of the balance on each of the currently approved schemes as at 31st March, 1996.

Each of the Committee Chairmen then spoke to the schemes within their concerns as follows:-

#### Windmill

Cr Flux stated that the works at the Centre were now complete, allowance had been made for retention monies and the repair of the roof of the original hall which had already received approval. The balance of £5,082 could therefore be transferred to the Contingency Fund.

#### Environment

Cr Mrs Brewer reported as follows:-

Street Lighting - Additionally to the present schemes, for which provision had been made, alterations were required to lights in the Stile and it had been identified that a new light is desirable in The Lane at Hempton.

Traffic Management - Provision had been made for Earls Lane and the purchase of 'Kill your Speed' signs. Further, as yet unidentified, works may be required.

Parish Church Clock - Desirable that now it is illuminated, the face and hands are cleaned and repainted.

Clifton footpath - Urgent that this footpath is brought up to a satisfactory condition. This matter raised considerable debate,

points made - Cr Colley - Traffic on the increase and the road is becoming more dangerous for pedestrians; Cr Flux - This

Council should take positive steps to obtain betterment; Cr

Oddy - The Parish Council has already paid for the Hempton footpath, do we have the resources to subsidise the County Council in what is their duty of maintenance?

#### Recreation

Cr Drake referred to the fact that his Committee was further investigating the provision of Grants to organisations to assist in Coaching. A scheme was under consideration regarding the eradication of the potholes and trenches on the Clifton Play Area.

#### Planning and Property

Cr Miss Hill referred to the position re the Town Hall and the provision of Public Toilets. It was moved by Cr Oddy, seconded by Cr Flux and agreed unanimously that that this Council should take steps to acquire the Town Hall from the Deddington Charity Estates for which the Council holds a full repairing lease.

It was agreed that the matter of Land Acquisition be conducted in Close Session later in the meeting.

Points raised in general debate were as follows:-

Cr Oddy - Do we spend or save?



Chairman - should we be looking at new areas for expenditure?

Cr Flux - The schemes showing credits as at 31st March, 1996 should be deducted from the Grants Scheme total at that date.

Cr Colley - Much discussion was required prior to determining priorities.

Cr Mrs Lee - it is desirable that a low budget is set for 1996/97.

Cr Mrs Brewer - suggest that the Council cut back on capital expenditure and charge a small precept.

Cr Miss Hill - the Council should sue the County Council regarding their failure to adequately maintain the Clifton Footpath.

It was agreed that a survey be undertaken of Member's priorities for the expenditure of Capital and that the Clerk issue a suitable questionnaire for return in time for a report to be made to the next Council Meeting on 18th October, 1995 setting out Members' views.

#### **60/95 Closed Session.**

The Chairman moved and it was agreed that the public and press be excluded as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

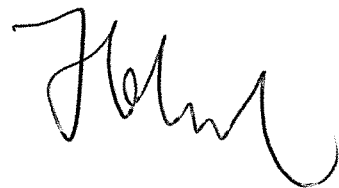
#### **63/95 Consideration of Precept 1996/97.**

(a) The Chairman moved, Cr Flux seconded that a sum be set aside from Capital to meet the annual costs of the Council's Administration and the Chairman's Allowance which was agreed nem con.

(b) Following considerable discussion it was moved by Cr Flux and seconded by Cr Oddy that this Council levy a sum equivalent to the amount estimated to be raised from a £12 Band D precept for 1996/97. The motion was carried by 8 votes to 4.

#### **64/95 Date of Next Meeting.**

The next meeting of the Council will be held at the Town Hall, Deddington on Wednesday, 18th October, 1995 commencing at 7.30 pm.



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Minutes of the Closed Session of the Parish Council Meeting on  
Wednesday, 18th October, 1995.

**61/95 Land and Property Acquisition.**

The Council discussed previous proposals for the possible acquisition of land for the following purposes:-

- (a) Extension of the Sports Facilities at the Windmill site,
- (b) Land east of the Council's ownership at the Castle Grounds
- (c) Dwelling house for a Steward close to the Windmill Centre
- (d) Land for Car Parking
- (e) Land for Public Toilets
- (f) Acquisition of the Town Hall and
- (g) Acquisition of the Allotment Land

Item (f) had already been determined (Min. 59/95 refers) and following debate items (a), (c), and (g) were deleted from the Council's future proposals.

**62/95 Open Session.**

The Chairman moved and it was agreed nem con that the meeting return to Open Session.

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

BUDGET - 1996-1997

A USE OF CAPITAL RECEIPTS AND INTEREST

	Balance 1.4.95	Paym'ts to date	Receipts to date	Future Net Paym'ts	Balance 31.3.96
	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Committee &amp; Schemes</u>					
<u>Recreation &amp; Grants</u>					
Arts	5,706	-	-	150	5,556.
Tots Play Area	-	24,548	11,817	(1,250)	(11,481).
Grants	245,886	4,703	244	?	241,427.
<u>Environment</u>					
Bus Shelters	-	3,510	-	1,740	(5,250).
Street Lighting	(1,789)	848	-	11,327	(13,964).
Traffic Man't	33,181	695	-	8,000	24,486.
Cemetery - Water	-	-	-	750	(750).
<u>Planning &amp; Property</u>					
Land Acquisition	90,812	-	-	-	90,812.
Town Hall	28,987	-	-	-	28,987.
Coat of Arms	(1,606)	163	124	(559)	(1,086).
<u>Windmill</u>					
Main Contract	38,616	21,963	-	4,625	12,028.
Roof Insulation	-	-	-	6,946	(6,946).
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	439,793	56,430	12,185	31,729	363,819
Village Steward	203,742	5,558	-	5,992	192,192
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	643,535	61,988	12,185	37,721	556,011
<u>Contingency (Precept)</u>					
	11,196	16,859	5,735	6,448	(6,376)
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	654,731	78,847	17,920	44,169	549,635

Notes:-

(a) No account taken of interest earned in 1995/96 which should amount to some £35,000.

(b) Schemes showing a negative balance at 31st March, 1996 will require such sum to be deducted from the 'Grants' balance at that date.

(c) No allowance has been made for further grants to organisations in the village.

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BUDGET - 1996-1997

B ESTIMATE OF PRECEPT NET COSTS 1995/96

<u>Budget Head</u>	<u>Paym'ts to date £</u>	<u>Receipts to date £</u>	<u>Future Net Pay'ts £</u>	<u>Estimated Precept £</u>
X Administration	5,239	51	2,250	7,438
Chairman's Allow.	800	-	-	800
Environment	3,143	1,497	1,500	3,146
Recreation	2,419	295	150	2,274
VE/VJ Celebr'ns	576	5	2,000	2,571
Town Hall	87	98	340	329
Cemetery	375	162	307	520
Section 137	344	-	-	344
Allotments	60	235	150	(25)
Bus Tokens	2,850	2,150	-	700
Rechargeable	966	877	(89)	-
Stonepit	-	160	(160)	(320)
Loan Repayment	-	205	-	(205)
	16,859	5,735	6,448	17,572

with contingency say £18,000

C NOTES

(a) No precept was levied for 1995/96, and thus, should the above estimate be accurate the Parishioners of Deddington have been saved an average of £24 per property based upon a Band 'D' property.

(b) A saving has been made on the Bus Token estimate due to an increase in the grant from the District Council from 50% to 75%.

(c) Regarding the 1996/97 precept requirement, other than the VE/VJ costs and the final repayment of the loan in 1995/96, the basis of net payments should be similar to that for 1995/96 adding say 4% for inflation. The estimated precept is therefore

1995/96 Estimate	£	18,000
less		
VE/VJ Costs	1,900	
Loan Repayment	<u>(205)</u>	<u>1,695</u>
		16,305
add		
4% Inflation		<u>655</u>
		<u>16,960</u>

say £17,000

*John*