

## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 16 February 2005  
commencing at 7.30pm

**Present:** Councillors Flux (Chairman), Squires, Swash, Rollason, Wood, Watts, Mrs Cox, Alton, District Cllr O'Sullivan, Graham Pitts (Clerk), Sue Gibbs (Minute Secretary).

120/04 **Apologies**  
Apologies were received from Cllrs Todd, Westley, Mrs Spencer, Haslam and Co Cllr Jelf.

121/04 **Minutes of Last Meeting**  
08/05 (h): Cllr Wood reported that at the last meeting of the Parking Task Force concerns had been raised that this paragraph suggested that the Parish Council was lukewarm towards the idea of finding additional parking in the village. **It was agreed that a sentence should be added stating: "The recommendations of the Parking Sub Group were endorsed by the Parish Council".**

**It was also agreed that the date of the meeting should be amended to 2005.**

Subject to these changes, the Minutes of the last meeting held on 19 January were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.

122/04 **Declaration of Interests**

None

123/04 **10 Minute Open Forum**

A local resident spoke concerning the proposed planning application to allow take away at the Indian Restaurant in New Street.

124/05 **Planning Working Group**

Cllr Swash reported as follows:

- (a). A list of approvals and applications withdrawn was circulated. It was noted that the application to install a transmission tower had been withdrawn.
- (b). **05/00201/F Bengal Spice, New Street, Deddington** Variation of conditions (2 & 3) 03/01528/F to allow take-away and extend Sunday/Bank Holiday opening to 22 hours. Cllr Swash highlighted the neighbours' dissatisfaction with the existing arrangements, raising the following concerns:
  - (i) Noise was one problem; a report had been prepared by CDC Environmental Health Officer who had checked this and confirmed that the decibel levels in the neighbouring cottage were very high;
  - (ii) The extraction ducts were very obtrusive and there was some doubt as to whether these were as specified on the original application;
  - (iii) One of the grounds on which the original application had been opposed was the problem

with parking and this situation had not changed; and  
(iv) The Parish Council must take the neighbours' concerns into account and had a duty to protect the environment.

Cllr Flux emphasized that whether or not what had been installed met planning regulations must be looked at separately from the current application. However, it was agreed that it was very intrusive and District Cllr O'Sullivan confirmed that this was being looked at by the Environment Department at CDC . When planning had been approved there had been certain restrictions and it was important to ensure that these were being met.

Turning to the current application, the importance of the Parish Council being consistent was recognized, other take-away restaurants in the village had been approved, why should this be any different?. However, there was still the issue of parking, and the current question marks over the existing building. **After considerable discussion it was agreed that this application should be opposed in principle and that the problems with the existing situation needed to be resolved before any further development could be considered**

(c). **Royal Mail.** To remove the post box from outside the butcher and relocate it on the green in front of the Post Office Co-op stores. **No objection.**

(d). **04/02622/F Home Farm Cottage, Clifton.** Two storey extension and erection of garage to rear and erection of porch to front (as amended by plans received 3/02/05). **No objection.**

(e). **05/00032/F Merrybower Cottage, Philcote Street, Deddington.** Insertion of 2 dormer windows to rear elevation and removal of chimney stack. **No objection, unless there were any comments from adjoining neighbours.**

(f). **04/02440/F St Anne's Residential Home, Clifton.** Erection of additional wing to nursing home (revision of scheme previously approved 04/00546/F) as amended, received on 7/02/05. **No objection.**

(g). **04/00046/F 19 St Johns Way, Hempton.** Two storey extension at side, single storey extension to rear and side. **No objection.**

(h). **05/00141.TCA Orchard Bank, Goose Green, Deddington.** To fell one birch tree. **No objection.**

(i). **05/00096/F 7 County View, Clifton.** Erection of Conservatory to rear of property. **No objection.**

(j). **05/00066/F Hempton House, Hempton.** Single storey and first floor extension to rear; internal alterations to house and new roof to garage. **No objection.**

It was noted that two planning applications considered at the January meeting ha now been withdrawn. These related to Land adjoining the Barnstead at Hempton and the proposal to erect a transmission tower on the Banbury Road.

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### **Finance and General Purposes Working Group**

Cllr Wood reported as follows:

(a). Accounts to end of December and other papers relating to the budget for had been considered but as they were to be discussed during the closed session of the Parish Council F&GP felt it was not appropriate to make any recommendations.

(b). **Building Societies.** £250,000 had been transferred from the West Bromwich Building Society to the Alliance and Leicester. The PC's funds were now deposited half and half

between the two building societies.

(c). **Coat of Arms**. The recommended charge per annum was £100. An application had been received for its use on a hire car. Although there was no objection in principle, there was some concern as to how the coat of arms might be displayed on the car. **After some discussion it was agreed that the applicant should be given the go ahead for this, providing it was done discreetly and the PC had prior approval.**

126/04

### Environment and Recreation Working Group

Cllr Squires reported as follows:

- (a) **Stonepit Allotments**. There was nothing further to report from the solicitors. In the meantime, Graham was requested to proceed with obtaining full quotes from Thames Water for mains connection and to confirm with allotment holders that they will provide the labour to lay pipes etc.
- (b) **Best Kept Village**. **It was agreed that the Parish should enter this.** Rather than the usual action day, it was suggested that this should be focused on the Windmill Centre and the Windmill Management Committee asked to produce a list of work that may need to be done. Parishioners should also be heavily encouraged to mow lawns and keep grass areas tidy etc.
- (c) **Budget issues** – would be discussed during the closed session
- (d) **OCC Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan** The second phase of the plan was to improve footpath linkages between villages. **It was agreed that concerns regarding Clifton should be taken up with Highways at OCC.**
- (e) **Village Plan** Work was continuing on the questionnaire. Excellent submissions had been received from both the Environment and F&GP Working Groups. The grant application form needed to be submitted via the Parish Council and the Working Group would forward the draft to the F&GP/Clerk for their consideration prior to forwarding it to CDC. **It was agreed that it needed to be submitted before the end of the current financial year.**

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### Highways Working Group

Cllr Wood reported as follows:

- (a). The main issues being worked on by the Highways Working Group were all on hold pending a meeting with Ralph Grant.
- (h). **Parking Task Force**. It had been agreed that a meeting should be held with the various people who monopolized parking spaces in the Market Square and some kind of moral pressure exerted to encourage them to look at alternatives. Over the next two to three months there should be experiments with long stay parking being provided at alternative sites within the village. **It was agreed that the Parking Task Force should continue with this programme of action.** Concern was raised as to whether there might be any cost implications at any stage and it was felt that that any costs should be borne by those using the parking.

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### Invoices for Payment

A schedule of invoices totaling £2835.83 was tabled, a copy of which is filed with these minutes, and was approved for payment.

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**Investment of Councils Funds**

At the close of business on 16 February 2005 the balances were as follows:

<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>INTEREST</b>	<b>NOTICE</b>
70708526	1481.08	.1%	Imprest
70708542	5070.23	.1%	Current
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6551.31</b>		
Bradford & Bingley	1000.00	2.85%	120 Days
W. Bromwich Building Soc.	284659.85	4.7%	Overnight
Alliance & Leicester	250000.00	4.55%	30 Day Notice
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>535659.85</b>		

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**Correspondence**

A list of correspondence since the last meeting was circulated. The following points were raised:

- (a) **24th January - Letter from Charity Commission regarding the Annual Return for the Holly Club.** The Chairman confirmed that this came to the Parish Council as Custodian Trustee.
- (b) **16<sup>th</sup> February, copy letter from Tony Baldry to the Home Secretary regarding community policing.** The Chairman reported that he had been contacted by the Banbury Guardian and he had repeated the view taken by the Parish Council that although they viewed this as a good thing in principle it was not clear where the funding was to come from, and it was therefore not clear how it would work in practice. Cllr Squires commented that villagers in both Aynho and Kings Sutton were setting their own speed traps, with the support of Northamptonshire County Council. The Chairman said that this was not being done in Oxfordshire but that it was something which should be raised with the relevant authorities.
- (c) **31<sup>st</sup> January, Consultation document re South East Plan.** The Clerk reported that he had been to a meeting regarding this in Didcot. Discussion had been mainly focused on housing in particular who had set the prescribed number of houses and concerns regarding the infrastructure which would be needed. What had been clear was the importance of completing and submitting all the relevant forms and questionnaires to stand any chance of influencing decisions and that parishioners should be encouraged to respond where asked to do so. Cllr Wood added that it was felt that North Oxfordshire was unlikely to be asked to build a lot of houses; the difficulty lay with providing sufficient affordable/social housing.

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**Date of Next Meeting**

**Wednesday 16 March at the Town Hall commencing at 7.45pm.**

The public meeting closed at 8.20pm; the Parish Council then went into closed session.

