

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in The Church Hall, Hempton on

Wednesday 20 November 2013 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs A Collins (Chair), S Boulter, M Cox, J Day, J Finnigan, J Flux, H Oldfield, D Rogers, M Squires, J Watts, B Williams, B Wood (Vice Chair), County Cllr A Fatemian, District Cllr P O'Sullivan and 4 members of the public.

186/13	Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs D Anderson (Vice Chair) and S O'Neill.
187/13	Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2013 were signed by the Chair as a true record subject to the following amendments. 175/13 Highway & Transport. Clifton speed limit. Cllrs received and noted a report from the Highways and Transport WG. The police have asked OCC to remove some speed repeater signs in Clifton. 179/13 Reports from the PC nominated representatives Christmas Tree: DCE will allow the Christmas tree lights to be powered from the current source this year.
188/13	Matters Arising from the Minutes None.
189/13	Declarations of Interest. None
190/13	10-Minute Open Forum: Terri Teasdale addressed the PC regarding the Banner Homes proposed development. She queried the meeting with Banner that several Cllrs had attended and what might have been said. The Chair said that it had been made very clear to Banner Homes that the Cllrs attending the meeting were doing so as individuals and not as official representatives of the PC. Any views expressed at the meeting were those of private individuals and not those of the PC.
191/13	County and District Councillor updates. District Cllr O'Sullivan apologised for being unable to attend the Pegasus appeal or Parish Liaison meeting. County Cllr Fatemian reported the following: 1. Funding. The £1000 grant from his Cllr Community budget had now been paid to the PC. 2. Home School Transport Consultation. Events are taking place over the county. The nearest will be at the Warriner School on 12 December. He said that there is now an additional proposal to introduce a designated local school. See the OCC website for full details. 3. Area Stewardship Funding. This has been signed off for Goose Green posts and Chapman's Lane footway. 4. Pegasus Appeal. County Cllr Fatemian noted the excellent effort made by those speaking on behalf of the parish at the Pegasus Appeal. 5. Primary School Head teacher meeting. This is still to be arranged. 6. Grit Bins. County Cllr Fatemian was asked to chase the grit bin as winter draws on.
192/13	Finance & General Purposes 1. Councillors Allowance. The PC reaffirmed its policy of not paying allowances to Cllrs other than mileage. 2. Bank Accounts. The bank accounts reconciled and the cash flow agreed. Income included £4,124 interest from Santander, and £2,510 the New Homes Bonus. Expenses include grass cutting and a powersweep on the AWC. 3. Maturing Account. £80,000 with NatWest matured on 15 November and is in a NatWest reserve account. NatWest nor Barclays have a current bond offer so it will be re invested with Santander. Cllr Collins proposed that the money be deposited with Santander and that Cllrs Wood and Flux be authorised signatories on behalf of the PC. Cllr Watts seconded this motion and it was RESOLVED (unanimous) 4. Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Oldfield has facilitated a grant of £927.00 for the NP and was congratulated by Cllr Day for doing so. The PC had previously agreed that £1 could be spent per person on the electoral roll (£1,723) for the NP. So far £296 has been spent on five banners, £100.80 on flyers and posters, and £40.86 on stationery. All expenses should be channelled through the PC so that VAT can be reclaimed. The PC approved expenditure for Church costs of £300 and £24 for the map group. 5. Solar. Records are to be kept. 6. £1,000 snow clearing grant. This has been received. 7. Christmas lights. All proposals from Cllrs to be passed to the Clerk. 8. Appeal from Oxfordshire Association for the Blind. The PC's restricts donations to organisations which directly operate in the Parish so this will be declined. 9. War Memorial. Cllr Collins is working on proposals. A complaint about the path was noted. 10. 2014 Budget. Any suggestions regarding the 2014/15 budget and precept should be sent to the Clerk.
193/13	Environment & Recreation 1) Hempton Planter. Repaired by the contractor who had damaged it and replanted. 2) Christmas Tree. Ordered for delivery on 27 November. Bob Staig to erect, light, dismantle and dispose of meeting with the relevant H&S criteria. Total project cost in the region of £590 thereby the Chair used his allowance to top up the £500 budget already approved. 3) Deddington Fair. The fair went well. There were a few parking issues on the first day despite the necessary signage, letters and tape. One complaint received. The fair has a Charter and is installed on OCC land so the Clerk will refer the complainant to OCC. 4) All Weather Court. A free survey has revealed various repairs that are required and are now in progress. Investigation is still taking place regarding the lighting and CCTV monitoring. 5) Castle Grounds. The Friends of Castle Grounds have requested £100 for sapling clearance. The friends have been reminded that this is an annual request and not automatically activated. Cllr Finnigan

	<p>proposed with Cllr Flux seconding that this payment be made. RESOLVED (unanimous).</p> <p>6) Village Greens. Cllr Finnigan to attend the site meeting with representatives of OCC Highways and Transport.</p> <p>7) Memorial Trees. A request for memorial trees was received and considered. Discussion followed. Cllr Day proposed, the Chair seconded and the PC RESOLVED (unanimously) that the E&R WG will review the current cemetery policies to ensure that they are in order and propose any new written policies that may be required. Further discussion followed. Cllr Squires proposed that the current request be declined but the applicant be advised that PC would consider an alternative. Cllr Oldfield seconded this motion. RESOLVED (6 votes for, 1 against and 5 abstentions). The Clerk will email the current cemetery rules to all Cllrs and write to the applicant and explain the decision.</p>
194/13	<p>Highway & Transport</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clifton. 30mph repeaters signage to be removed. 2. Hempton Gates. The location to be finalised shortly. 3. Traffic lights. Complaints received that there is insufficient time for cyclists to cross on green light from Hempton Rd and that the Hempton Road traffic is building up again. The phasing may have reverted back to original since electricity failure put lights out of action so OCC will be asked to check. 4. Disabled Bay - Mackley Close. The sign has been removed and the space is now legally available for use by all residents. The pole and road signage will be dealt with at a later date. 5. Speed Watch. A high visibility session carried out on the Hempton Rd coincided with the water board carrying out emergency work at the Windmill Centre turn therefore 50% of the Hempton road was blocked off. Nevertheless, despite police/high viz jackets/yellow flashing lights and a road blockage 4 motorist, (one local) was documented as speeding at The Murdock Close site. A session scheduled for later in October was abandoned due to inclement weather but further dates will be arranged. 6. Deddington Market Place Greens. OCC coming to a site meeting to discuss options. 7. Grit Bins. OCC has been asked to fill the Parish grit bins. 8. Speed buffer zones and enforcement signs. Cllr Rogers attended the Pegasus appeal. If the proposed development goes ahead necessitating in road alterations there may be an opportunity to piggy back further road traffic changes. Discussions followed about possible funding and an OCC shift in policy. Cllr Day suggested further investigation be undertaken and proposals be brought back to PC. 9. Mail. Concerns over speeding on Snakehill Lane have been forwarded to OCC. 10. Phone Call. Received regarding an OCC tree overhanging the disabled bay near Folly Cottage and opposite Lime Cottage and The Barracks has been passed to OCC by the Clerk. <p>Transport</p> <p>Cllr Oldfield attended the Oxfordshire Parish Representatives meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. S106: Allan Field, OCC reported that it is not possible to get S106 contributions from developers to subsidise bus services but are available for small improvements such as real-time screens at bus stops. County Cllr Fatemian advised that due to budget cuts, funding towards real-time screens was unlikely from OCC. 12. Go Ride bus company. Go Ride uses small buses and can top up existing services cheaply using less fuel than ordinary buses, and non-professional drivers. Cllr Oldfield asked Danny Douglas from Go Ride about the possibility of his company topping up the S4 service to provide a late bus back from Oxford and/or Banbury. He said it was possible so the NP Transport group may include a question to gauge the need for a late bus in their section of the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire. 13. Replacement Train Service. Allan Field said OCC sometimes subsidise buses from other providers if regular bus passengers can use the buses too. Cllr Oldfield asked if OCC would consider making a small contribution to First Great Western if they diverted their late night Saturday bus via Deddington and allowed passengers to alight here. He said they had twice unsuccessfully approached FGW for just this purpose but would be interested if the PC made any headway. 14. Home to School Transport. OCC have sent a leaflet inviting residents of the county to comment on Home to School Transport. Interested parties can read the proposals and respond online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/htspconsultation. Closing date December 20.
195/13	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>Applications</p> <p>13/00319/TCA Bunkers Philcote Street Deddington Tree work. This was received on the 6 November followed by an approval notice on the 13 November so the Clerk will query why the 21 days response time had not been complied with. RESOLVED (unanimous) that the PC had no objection.</p> <p>13/00351/TCA Deddington Health Centre Tree work. RESOLVED (unanimous) that the PC had no objection but asks that CDC request that replacement trees are planted on site as per our tree policy.</p> <p>13/00323/TCA The Retreat Chapel Square Deddington Tree work. RESOLVED (unanimous) that the PC had no objection but ask that CDC request that replacement trees are planted on site as per our tree policy.</p> <p>13/00313/TCA Castle View Goose Green Deddington Tree work. RESOLVED (unanimous) that the PC had no objection.</p> <p>13/00340/TCA End Cottage The Stile Deddington Tree work. RESOLVED (unanimous) that the PC had no objection.</p> <p>13/00336/TCA Castle End House Castle Street Deddington Tree work. RESOLVED (unanimous) that the PC had no objection.</p> <p>13/01549/F & 13/01550/LB Mallards New Street Deddington Proposed Side Extension. This property had</p>

	<p>a new 2 storey extension granted on 12/00711/LB & 12/00732/F included in this permission were proposed improvements to the parking area over which this extension is intended to be sited. Cllr Day proposed, Cllr Flux seconded and the PC RESOLVED (unanimously) that the PC objects on the grounds that on top of the recent 2 storey rear extension it is over development of the site, there is also concern with the visual impact to the street scene in the conservation area and the impact on the amenity of the neighbouring property specifically with light. If CDC does grant permission the PC asks for conditions regarding materials to ensure the extension fits sympathetically into the conservation area.</p> <p>Approvals 13/01209/F Hudson Court Deddington 13/00276/TCA Castle End House Castle Street Deddington 13/01300/F & 13/01301/LB Tchure Cottage, 10 High Street, Deddington. 13/01234/F and 13/01235/LB 7 Castle Street Deddington 13/01339/F & 13/01340/LB The Unicorn Hotel, Market Place, Deddington. 13/00269/TCA The Mount, St Thomas Street, Deddington. 13/01287/F Green Court, Earls Lane Deddington 13/01338/CAC Gegg's Lodge, Hempton Road, Deddington. 13/00319/TCA Bunkers Philcote Street Deddington</p> <p>Withdrawals 13/01290/F Gegg's Lodge, Hempton Road, Deddington. The PC Objected to this application.</p> <p>Appeals Thank you to all who worked on our evidence for the 'Land North of Gaveston Gardens' appeal and in particular those who gave evidence and were cross examined at Bodicote House listed below: Sir Frank Davies who spoke on behalf of Cllr Paul O Sullivan, David Rogers, read the statement of Alan Collins (Neighbourhood Plan and Affordable housing), Grahame Handley (Design, Public Consultation), Terri Teasdale (Landscape), Yngve Granne (Traffic and Highways), David French (Public Transport and Travel to Work), Richard Broadbent (Infrastructure) and Ron Turner (Ecology)</p> <p>Correspondence Mr & Mrs Macey sent the PC a copy of their letter of objection to application 13/01549/F & 13/01550/LB. South Northamptonshire Council Notice of opportunity to comment on the issues and options document for their draft local plan. It was RESOLVED (unanimous) that no action be taken.</p>												
196/13	<p>Neighbourhood Planning & Appeal: Cllr Collins thanked all those involved in the Pegasus Appeal. Drop-In Neighbourhood Plan meetings will take place in the Church on the following Thursday, Friday and Saturday to ascertain the needs and desires of residents. Sir Tony Baldry MP will attend on Saturday and will be asked to speak with Eric Pickles against the Pegasus appeal.</p>												
197/13	<p>Emergency Planning</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Deddington Emergency Plan and Winter Plan. Cllr Rogers proposed, Cllr Day seconded and the PC RESOLVED (unanimously) that the emergency and winter plans are approved and adopted in addition to the current plan. Cllr Rogers will include opening times alongside the telephone numbers. Snow Wardens Cllr Rogers reported a good response to the first advert in the Deddington News and also that the OCC grant had been received. Some of the 19 volunteers already have their own equipment. Cllr Rogers proposed, Cllr Day and the PC RESOLVED (unanimously) that up to £500 of the grant will be spent on; shovels, gloves, small lidded buckets and plastic trowels for distribution to the volunteers. A record should be kept in the parish office of who has what equipment. It was suggested that Johnson's may be able to offer a discount for this good cause. A further advert will be placed in the DN and it will note that all named volunteers will be covered by the PC's insurance. Emergency Reception Centre – Clifton. George Fenemore has offered his barn (which has emergency power) as an emergency centre if the pub is unavailable. Cllr Day asked whether the PC insurance covers this use. OCC Emergency Planning Road shows 2014. OCC have a small team who are willing to attend a Farmers Market. The Market Group will be asked if they can donate a pitch. Copies of Emergency Plan and Winter Plan. Cllr Rogers proposed that plans be printed and distributed door to door and this motion was seconded by Cllr Cox. Cllr Watts proposed an amendment whereby the PC "go green" and circulate tactically in centres around the parish. Cllr Squires seconded this amendment but it fell on a vote (3 votes for, 7 against and 2 abstentions). The original proposal was RESOLVED (8 votes for, 2 against and 2 abstentions) so plans will be printed for door to door delivery either by the DN or by members of the PC. 												
198/13	<p>Reports from the PC nominated representatives NAG. Cllr Collins reported plans to reduce the uniformed officers from 2 ½ to 1 ½. NAG members are opposed to this so Cllr Collins is seeking written clarification and then the matter will be considered further. Libraries. Cllr Collins said that he was still waiting for a meeting date for the representatives.</p>												
199/13	<p>Broadband Usage A form was distributed to members to complete regarding broadband usage. It was noted that there are still problems connecting phones to the fibre system.</p>												
200/13	<p>Invoices for Payment: The November invoices totalling £4,149.42 were approved for payment.</p>												
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	Santander	75,000.00	1.4%	1 year fixed (July 14)
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	Nat West	75,000.00	1.75%	1 year fixed (Jan 14)
	Nat West	128,033.84	1.0%	1 year fixed (July 14)
	Nat West	80,000.00	2.0%	1 year fixed (Nov 13)
	TOTAL	553,495.22		
202/13	Correspondence: A Warriner School pupil contacted the PC about using the WC lounge. This request was passed to the WC. Cllr Squires suggested that if the WC was unable to help the school hall could be an alternative venue.			
203/13	AOB as allowed by Chairman. None			
204/13	Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 18 December 2013 at 7.30pm in The Holly Tree Club, Deddington . Cllr Day gave his apologies as he is unable to attend the meeting. The meeting closed at 9:17pm.			