

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, 16th December, 1998 commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present:- Councillors Flux (Chairman), Church, Clarke Cosgrove, Mrs Cox, Mrs Davies, Mrs Fisher, Miss Hill, Mrs Swash and Todd. District Councillor O'Sullivan in attendance.

85/98 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Crs Mrs Harper, and Newey. County Councillor Matthews also apologised and sent his best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

86/98 Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 18th November, 1998.

These Minutes were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.

87/98 There were no matters arising

88/98 Any other Urgent business.

Cr Mrs Swash was given leave by the Chairman to raise matters relating to the Youth Club and the Village Steward.

89.98 Open Forum.

Mr I Sloan attended, hoping to speak, but in accordance with Standing Orders, was not allowed to do so as he was not resident in the Parish, although a payer of the Business Rate.

90/98 Low Cost Housing.

The Clerk read a Fax from the OCHA relating to the current position, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. At last it appeared that progress was being made.

91/98 Recreation and Grants Working Group.

In the absence of Cr Mrs Harper, Cr Mrs Davies reported as follows:-

- (a) A letter requesting the support of the Council to a grant had that day been received from Mr N Stone regarding the Art Week in May 1999. The need for grant was mainly to pay for the hire of rooms for the display of work and he estimated a requirement for £500. An early response was requested as details were required for the printing of programmes and publicity. It was proposed by Cr Todd, seconded by Cr Cosgrove and agreed unanimously that subject to the completion of a Claim Form the Council would consider the making of a grant.
- (b) Unfortunately the Grant Claim Form in respect of the Tennis Club had not been reviewed by the Working Group and was deferred to the next meeting.

92/98 Planning and Property Working Group.

Cr Miss Hill presented the recommendations of her Group as follows:-

Applications

98/2101TPO - 47, Mill Close – Reduce Willow Tree – No objection.

98/2107F – Stone House, Market Place – Renewal of CHN/524/93, - Alterations to existing first floor workshop to form studio – No objection.



98/2146F – Post Office, Market Place – Change of use from A1 retail to A3 restaurant – Object in that parking in the evening is already overloaded from existing premises and provision of toilet and kitchen services at the rear of the premises would be difficult and possibly cause annoyance to neighbours and environmental problems.

98/2154F – Solar Designs, Hopcraft Lane – Relaxation of Conditions 10 & 11 of CHN.LB 84(2) and Conditions 12 & 13 of CHN 587/90 to allow use of premises by someone other than the applicant and for a different B1 use than currently exists. – Prepared to relax the above conditions only in order to allow the existing premises to be marketed.

Artist declared - by Todd.

98/2165F – Fields OS 2719 and 2328, Milton Road – Erection of Storage Shed (Retrospective) – No objection subject to conditions that premises are used solely for the storage of agricultural plant and equipment.

98/2176F – 18, St John's Way, Hempton – Single storey extension – No objection subject to no adverse neighbour comments.

98/2177F – 27, St John's Way, Hempton – Erection of conservatory. – No objection subject to no adverse neighbour comments.

Following a proposition from the Chairman it was unanimously agreed that standing orders be waived to enable Mr I Sloan, who seeks to market the Solar Designs premises, to speak to application 98/2154F. He gave indications of the interest being shown in the premises and the need for the relaxations to enable the property to be marketed.

The recommendations of the Group were endorsed.

Approvals

98/1024F – Castle Dene, Castle Street – 2 Storey rear extension.

98/1366F – Tuckers Country Store, Market Place – Change of use from antique shop to restaurant.

98/1384F - The Mount, St Thomas St. – Erection of detached double garage and formation of new vehicular access involving partial demolition and reconstruction of boundary wall

98/1556F – Leadenporch House, New St. – Restoration of former grass tennis court.

98/1557F – Leadenporch House, New St. – Change of use of existing pottery to professional studio pottery.

98/1619F – St Anne's Residential Home, Clifton – Additional front window.

Withdrawal

98/1265F – OS2719 & 2328, Milton Road – Barn and poly tunnels.

93/98 Environment and Highways Group.

Cr Mrs Cox reported as follows:-

- (a) Consideration was being given to support for a hedgerow survey. It was understood that there were some 870 hedges in the Parish and OCC funding for research into the location of historic hedges was available. Further consideration was agreed in principle.
- (b) With less than a year to go, 'Yews for the Millennium' had written to advise on the date and place of collection of this Parish's Tree which is to be sited in the Cemetery. Cr Mrs Cox agreed to collect the tree from Dorchester Abbey on Sunday, 10th October, 1999.
- (c) The mobile Radon Unit will again be visiting Deddington and will be sited in the Market Place on Tuesdays 2nd and 9th March and Friday 19th March in an effort to encourage householders to carry out radon remedial works on their premises.
- (c) The Road Safety signs will be erected in the village over the Christmas and New Year holiday period.

- (d) The Thames Valley Police has issued a paper on Police policies and practices in respect of action against obstruction by parked vehicles. The Chief Constable is of the view that due to the conflict of the increased number of vehicles on the roads and a reducing amount of road space decriminalisation of on-street parking controls and transfer of jurisdiction to local authority contractors should be encouraged within his Police Area.
- (e) Letter from residents of the south end of Chapel Close, Clifton requesting the siting of a street name plate at that end of the Close as currently difficulties are being suffered, especially with deliveries, as the road appears to run out at the end of the metalled portion of the road. Agreed to request the District Council to erect a street nameplate in a suitable location, but not on the Green.
- (f) Letter from the residents of Clifton who maintain the Green stating that a dog litter bin should not be placed on the Green as it would interfere with maintenance and would not be appropriate in such a rural location. Agreed that the letter be noted but the only request for a dog litter bin at Clifton was in respect of the Tithe Lane Play Area.

94/98 Finance and General Purposes Working Group.

Cr Todd reported as follows:-

- (a) Education – A paper has been received regarding the Government Scheme for continuous learning
- (b) Financial Regulations – Work has commenced upon the publication of these regulations which will be circulated to Members early next year.

95/98 Millenium Working Group.

In the absence of Cr Newey, Cr Church reported as follows:-


- (a) The public meeting held at the School had been very successful, some 50 persons taking part, members of the group dealing with individual projects which are already in progress. From discussion as to projects which the public present were in favour of, a development of the Town Hall received most support.
- (b) Cr Mrs Swash reported upon the week-end's display, at the Town Hall, of the submissions for the Cemetery Millennium Gate project and displayed the scheme which had received the most votes,(20). It was proposed by Cr Mrs Swash, seconded by Cr Church and agreed nem con that design number 16 be the winner of the contest. The project would now be further developed.
- (c) The Clerk reported upon his attendance at the District Council's meeting at which it was confirmed that the 'Umbrella' project submitted by them had been shortlisted for a Millennium Award, the results of which will be known in February, 1999. The project included this Council's Cemetery and Map projects.

96/98 Accounts for Payment.

Accounts totalling £9,886.18, in accordance with a schedule circulated at the meeting. (a copy of which is filed with these minutes) were unanimously approved for payment.

97/98 Investment of the Council's Funds.

The Clerk reported that at close of business on 15th December, 1998 the balances were as follows:-



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500,000.00	Bradford and Bingley Building Society Bonus 120 Account at 8.5%
75,000.00	Treasury Deposit fixed to 11 th January, 1999 at 5.9375%.
6,859.73	at 14 days notice at 4.5%
592.78	at 14 days notice at 3.125%
6,094.51	overnight at 3.125%
<u>715.23</u>	
<u>589,262.45</u>	

98/98 Correspondence.

- (a) Nelson Computer Services had written advising that the warranty on the computer for which they were responsible would shortly expire, and offering to continue cover for the next 2 years at a cost of £162 if paid for the 2 years in advance. It was unanimously agreed that the offer be accepted.
- (b) The tenancy of the Stonepit at Hempton is due for renewal at 1st January, 1999 and it was unanimously agreed that the annual rent to Mr West of High Street be increased to £360 per annum payable half-yearly in advance, from that date.
- (c) CDC have forwarded a copy of the draft Cherwell Community Plan and have asked for this Council's endorsement by 21st January, 1999 and it will be launched on 22nd February, 1999, Agreed that the Chairman and Clerk consider and make this Council's response.
- (d) Letter from Solar Designs informing the Council of their closure of their premises in the village and a move to Chipping Norton.
- (e) Letter from the District Council advising that in their Parish Review process they had not taken up the proposal of boundary changes at Danes Hill but as regards warding of the Parish they have agreed in principle but will deal with the issue separately following the conclusion of the Parish Review process.
- (f) Notification from the County Council that they will be maintaining the Saturday only service from Middle Barton to Banbury with a short term subsidy until 10th April, 1999, when use of the service will be reassessed. The service calls at Deddington Market Place at 0930 arriving at Banbury Bus Station at 0949. The return journey leaves the Bus Station at 1300 arriving at the Market Place at 1320.

99/98 Any other business.

Cr Mrs Swash raised the following matters:-

- (a) The County Council are making grants to Youth Clubs of £300 if they can produce a satisfactory project which would assist the Council. It was unanimously agreed to support the scheme.
- (b) The question of time spent by the Village Steward other than in the centre of the village. The Clerk stated that on a daily basis he worked in the village centre from 0700 to 0830 emptying litter baskets and sweeping up refuse. The Council had other properties to maintain outside the centre including the Windmill Sports Field, Cemetery, Castle Grounds, Gaveston Gardens, Clifton Play Area and Village and Hempton Village as well as the rest of Deddington itself. He was quite willing to change the Steward's rota at any time if he is informed of any work requiring attention.
- (c) The Chairman reported upon his attendance at the Liaison Meeting with the District Council which was more useful than previous such meetings due to its revised format.



100/98 - Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday, 20th January, 1999 at the Town Hall
commencing at 7.30 pm.

The Chairman wished all present a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

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Fax from OCHA - Minute 90/98 refers  
Re: Hempton Road, Deddington, Banbury, Oxfordshire.

Progress Update 15 December 1998

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#### 1. Background

After lengthy negotiations with PPM who are acting for the land owners Swiss Re terms were agreed subject to an acceptable planning consent and Section 106 Agreement.

#### 2. Current Situation

We were eventually able to meet with the Council's Legal Department and the Planning Department on 20 November 1998. At the end of last week we received a further amended version of the Section 106 Agreement and the vendors' agent's initial response is that this now seems to be broadly acceptable. The Association will now proceed to purchase the site subject to the paragraphs set out below; the situation regarding funding has not changed and we will liaise with the Council as and when the outcome of this year's bids for Housing Corporation funding is known.

#### 4. Funding

Although we submitted a revised and more competitive proposal to the Housing Corporation they have not been able to identify any funds for the scheme this year (1998/9). We continue to seek additional funding in order to progress the construction of all the houses on the site in one phase and will be submitting a bid for funds in 1999/2000; we are also exploring possible alternative ways of funding the scheme, possibly in anticipation of future funds being available.

#### 5. Planning

The issue of timescales for the District Council to provide nominated families if the OCHA / Parish waiting list is exhausted has now been resolved. The Council have agreed to a 4 week notice period.

#### 6. Contractors Proposals

Build costs are still under discussion with the developer and we expect to resolve this by the end of December. If it is not possible to reach agreement and we need to tender the scheme this may add 6 to 8 weeks to the development programme; If we are able to complete the purchase as outlined above, this would mean a start on site of February/ March 1999 subject to the outcome of our discussions about funding as set out above, with a completion date twelve months later.

#### 7. Conclusion

I trust the above provides you with sufficient information to report to your meeting on 16 December.

Alison C. Mathias  
Development and New Business Director

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