

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday, 17th September, 1997 at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present:- Councillors Flux (Chairman), Mrs Brewer, Clarke, Clinch, Colley, Cosgrove, Miss Hill, Mrs Lee, Oddy, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Swash and Todd.

36/97 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Crs Mrs Fisher, O'Sullivan and Matthews.

37/97 Tertiary Education Grants.

The Chairman presented these grants to several students present, congratulated them on their A Level results and wished them all future success. These grants in accordance with a schedule, which had been circulated to Members, plus a £100 grant to Alexandra Walsh, and payable from the Chairman's Allowance totalled £1,000 including 1 grant deferred to a later item on the Agenda. The sum of £1,000 as the Chairman's Allowance for the year was proposed by Cr Todd, seconded by Cr Clinch and agreed unanimously.

38/97 Minutes of the meeting held on 16th July, 1997.

These Minutes were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman following the addition of the following words:-

Minute 27/97(a) 'and replaced' following the word 'removed'

Minute 28/97(f) 'and Cr Matthews to review the position with the O C C ' after the word 'Clifton'.

Minute 32/97 'subject to the payment to DesignGro being deferred until a satisfactory reply was received regarding the condition of the Tithe Lane Play Area' following the word 'payment'.

(note The Clerk reported that such a reply had been received,)

39/97 Scheme for making Tertiary Education Grants.


Council considered 2 matters in the existing scheme

(a) that grants be limited to persons 25 years of age and under. This was thought generally to be a safeguard but in certain cases may be unjust. It was unanimously agreed that the scheme be amended to read that applications from students over 25 be considered on their merits. In the case of Elizabeth Haigh it was resolved that a grant be paid.

(b) that grants be awarded as to £100 for degree courses and £50 for technical courses. Two applications this year had been restricted to £50 as the students were not taking degree courses. It was agreed that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman would investigate this matter, in particular the comparison of HND and degree courses, and report back.

40/97 Low Cost Housing.

The Clerk reported that the Section 106 Agreement had now been agreed between solicitors acting for the vendor and the

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✓ Housing Association, but there were now delays regarding the contract for sale resulting from the change of ownership of the land. Resolved that the Clerk write to the new owners of the land, Swiss Re Life and Health Ltd, expressing the Council's dismay at the delay.

#### 41/97 Recreation Committee.

Cr Mrs Lee reported as follows:-

(a) No official grant application had been received from the Netball Club. Cr Colley stated that their secretary had informed him that she had not received the official application form. Agreed that the Clerk should investigate and if necessary forward a second copy.

(b) Notification of the AGM of the ORCC - the Chairman stated that he would be attending.

(c) 2 letters had been received from parishioners in Clifton complaining about the condition of the Tithe Lane play area and requesting that play equipment for tots be provided on the site. Resolved that the Committee investigate a scheme to provide such equipment and report back and DesignGro be requested to roll the field as soon as possible after heavy rain.

✓ (d) A complaint had been made regarding youths occupying the seats in the Persimmon Open Space into the early hours of the morning and creating a disturbance to occupiers of nearby houses. Persimmon have asked for permission to move the seats so that they are some distance from the houses and had supplied a plan of the proposed location. It was agreed that the seats be moved to the recommended location.

(e) In regard to the take over of the above Open Space the District Council are putting this Council's recommendation of sharing the shortfall in the commuted sum between our two authorities, to their November Recreation Committee.

(f) Cr Drake had offered to complete a Nature Conservation questionnaire regarding the wildlife alongside the River Swere.

#### 42/97 Environmental Committee.

Cr Mrs Stevens reported

(a) The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act, 1996 will come into force in Cherwell as from 1st October, 1997 following the making of an Order by the District Council. The law will be enforced by the C D C Dog Wardens who will react to complaints but otherwise target persistent offenders. The maximum fine has now been increased to £1,000.

(b) The Market Place will be closed from 10.00 to 12 noon on Saturday, 20th September for the opening of the Church Restoration Appeal.

✓ (c) The sum of £100 was allocated for the moving of the flower trough in Clifton to a site lower down the hill. Mrs Saunders of Tintern Cottage had agreed to maintain the flowers etc. at the new site.

(d) The Clerk was asked to arrange for the District Council's Arboricultural Officer to inspect the trees on the Horsefair

and in the Market Place with a view to recommending any necessary works.

(e) The Council received commendation in the Central Southern England in Bloom competition receiving 82 marks out of 100. The Council won the 'Best Tree Planting Programme' Award in respect of Daeda's Wood, and the annual prizegiving will be held in October. Members expressed their thanks to Parishioners.

(f) The Environment Agency have issued their first Annual Report on the River Cherwell Catchment Area which is available from the Clerk.

(g) A complaint had been received regarding the ringing of a peel of Parish Church Bells mid-week during office hours. The Chairman assured the Council that this was a one-off occurrence and was rarely undertaken midweek. (h) Cr Cosgrove reported that trees along Snake Lane in Hempton had been ripped out and the situation re the path by the former Congregational Church had not yet been resolved. The Clerk was asked to contact the County Council Footpaths Officer, who had already been involved, to find out the current position.

(i) No further information had been received from the Water Authority regarding the water pressure at Hempton.

#### 43/97 Highways Committee.

Cr Mrs Brewer reported as follows:-

(a) Residents of High Street/New Street had commented that traffic appeared to be travelling at a slower speed during the recent poster campaign and we were awaiting the police report upon the results. The posters are currently on loan to Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council.

(b) The County Council had suggested that a priority traffic scheme, similar to that in Chapel Square, be implemented for the pinch point at Hempton on the B4031. The proposal is for the costs estimated at £800 to be shared with this Council on a 50/50 basis. It was resolved that this would be a valuable restriction to place at this point, and that approval be given to the expenditure of £400.

(c) The experimental car park at the school during the holidays, had not been a great success and better publicity was needed if the scheme is to be continued at a future school holiday.

(d) A further inspection of footpaths in the village is to be undertaken shortly and should residents be aware of any dangerous portions of footpath they should inform the Clerk.

#### 44/97 Planning and Property Committee.

Cr Miss Hill reported the recommendations of the Committee as follows:-

Applications,

97/1248F- 9, The Daedings- Extension - No observations

97/1332F&1333LB- Duke of Cumberlands Head- Alterations & Extensions - No objections

97/1357CAC- The Mount, St Thomas Street - Remove window &

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create new window - No objection.

97/1405TCA- Holly Tree Club - Fell Willow Tree - No observations.

97/1515F- The Studio, Hudson Street - Change of use to A1 Retail - No objection subject to use not creating extra traffic in already congested street.

97/1553F&1554CAC- Pumpyard Cottage, New Street - Conversion of garage to studio etc - No objection subject to no increase in on street parking.

97/1608F- Radwell House, Hempton - Rear Extension - No objection.

The above recommendations were unanimously agreed.

Approvals.

97/742F&773LB - Unit A College Farm, Hempton - Modification of cattle byre.

97/900F&901CAC - Fairview House, St Thomas Street - Dem. of outbuildings & erection of extensions

97/918F&919CAC- Torphins, New Street- Extensions.

97/1077F-The Steps, New Street - Erection of Garden Shed.

97/1136CAC- Orchard Cottage, The Tchure - Part dem. of stone wall.

97/1153CAC- British Legion Hall, High Street- Demolition of brick built sheds.

97/1248F- 9, The Daedings - Single storey extension.

97/1357CAC- The Mount, St Thomas Street - Alter windows

97/1405TCA- Holly Tree Club - Fell Willow Tree

Refusals

97/832F&833LB- Leadenporch House, New Street - New Detached Dwelling.

97/1152F- British Legion Club, High Street - New Dwelling etc.

Appeals.

97/463REM- College Farm, Hempton - Imposition of Condition 4.

Letters had been received from the LPA advising why they had taken decisions contrary to this Council's recommendations in respect of the applications - Leadenporch House and The Torphins.

45/97 Holly Tree Club.

Cr Clinch said that there were now 46 members and several theatre visits and outings had been organised. A sponsored wine tasting was to be held on Saturday, 29th November.

46/97 Windmill Committee.

Cr Clarke stated that bookings were satisfactory and there was currently a dispute between Deddington Town Football Club and the Colts Football Club regarding the use of pitches. It was hoped that this could be amicably settled at a forthcoming meeting.

47/97 Tourism.

Cr Todd said that he was investigating the provision of better facilities for the display of notices in the Market Place.

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48/97 Accounts for Payment.

(a) A Schedule of accounts paid in August, 1997 totalling £4,484.72 was circulated at the meeting (copy filed in Minute Book) and was unanimously endorsed.

(b) A schedule of accounts for payment totalling £4,660.40 was circulated at the meeting (copy filed in the Minute Book) and, subject to holding the August payment to DesignGro until the paths on the mound at the Castle Grounds have been mown, were unanimously approved for payment.

49/97 Investment of the Council's Funds.

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

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450,000.00	Bradford & Bingley B S Bonus 120 A/c at 7.25%
100,000.00	Treasury Deposit fixed to 30.9.97 at 6.5%
26,521.10	at 14days notice at 4.5%
8,370.91	overnight at 2.875%
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50/97 Revised Conservation Statement for Deddington.

All members had not seen the draft document, which the District Council are presenting to their November Development Committee. It was therefore agreed that this Council's comments on the draft be left until the next meeting. (NB Councillors please contact the Clerk if you have not yet seen a copy of the draft).

51/97 Correspondence.

(a) The District Council's Mobile Advice Centre will be visiting Deddington Market Place on the mornings of September 12th and 26th, October 10th and 24th and November 7th and 21st.

(b) Letter from Banbury Citizens Advice Bureau requesting the renewal of the Council's contribution. Agreed unanimously that a contribution of £150 be made for the year 1997/98.

(c) A letter from agents had been received asking whether the Council was prepared to sell the Stonepit on Duns Tew Road. The Clerk, following discussion with the Chairman, had replied to the effect that the land was not for sale.

(d) The District Council is reviewing Parish Boundaries and has asked whether this Council has any requests to make for the amendment of its Boundary. The only amendment suggested was that the houses on Danes Hill and surrounding land be transferred from the North Aston Parish.

(e) An open meeting at the Windmill Centre has been arranged by the District Council for the 24th September, to discuss a topic paper "Helping to Shape the Future - Rural Issues".

(f) Letter from the Deddington Map Group suggesting that the Parish Council may wish to mark the Millenium by installing a milestone at a focal point within the village. Also a letter from Mrs Sylvie Spenceley stating that Daeda's Wood was a Millenium project. It was agreed that a Millenium Committee be formed and the Chairman invited interested Parishioners who

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would like to serve on such a Committee to contact the Clerk.  
(g) Letter from the OCC regarding a seminar to be held at the Windmill Centre on Wednesday, 3th October at 4.00pm and 7.00 pm to discuss various topics of mutual interest. The Chairman and Clerk would be attending the afternoon session and Crs Hill and Brewer the evening session.

52/97 Date of next Meeting.

Wednesday, 15th October, 1997 at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.

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