

DEDDINGTON PARISH MEETING - 1993  
Notes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19th May, 1993 in  
the Parish Church

The Chairman, Councillor N Oddy, opened the meeting by paying tribute to the former Chairman, Dr Bill Mace whose death in December, 1992 had deprived the Parish of his valuable experience and service. He will be sorely missed.

He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to enable the Council to report to parishioners on its actions during the year and for parishioners to ask questions of the Parish Council.

He reported as follows:-

The business of the Council had been organised so that responsibilities had been allocated to Sub-Committees or individual Councillors and he made reference to the following matters - Utilisation of Capital Receipts - Following a public meeting and various exchanges of views these had been apportioned to the following projects

Arts and Drama  
Village Steward  
Land Acquisition  
Town Hall  
Coat of Arms  
Traffic Management  
Grants  
Windmill leaving a

contingency sum which initially will fund the Council's day to day requirements thus enabling the Council to levy a zero precept on the District Council.

Windmill - Bookings are at a satisfactory level but increased use will be required following the extensions to meet the increased costs.

The Community Bus requires further bookings to make it a viable proposition.

If Council funds are to be expended upon the Town Hall and Holly Tree Club control of the buildings and if possible ownership should be transferred to the Parish Council.

Some 60 parishioners were present and they commented and raised the following matters:

Coat of Arms - This great honour, to be received by no other Parish in England, should be managed by a Presentation Committee in order to make this a great day in the life of the village

Planning - The Parish Council should have made a presentation to the inspector at the recent appeal on the second stage of the development off Earls Lane. Relying on written evidence was not good enough.

Playscheme - This was to be held in the summer holidays on 25th-29th August and it was hoped that the Parish Council would make a contribution to the costs.

Precept - It was suggested that the Parish Council should set aside part of the capital receipts to fully or partially cover the annual precept on the District Council.

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Town Hall - Speedy resolution of the situation regarding the development of the Town Hall is required, an early meeting of the Council the Feoffees and maybe the Friends should be arranged, at which decisions could be made regarding the form of the development and how it is to be funded.

Village Appraisal - Mr J Flux, Chairman of the Appraisal Committee stated that a draft questionnaire had now been prepared and was ready for agreement of the Council. He hoped that teams of helpers would deliver and collect the forms in July and it was planned to present the Council with an analysis in October. He invited parishioners to let the Appraisal team know of any particular areas of questioning they would like considering. The team consisted of Jim Flux, Cllr Hill, Cllr Todd, Maureen Dew, James Marmion, Tom Rucker and Angela Waller. Sarah Hall of the O R C C stated that 20 villages in Oxfordshire had already completed Appraisals with high response rates and many others were under way. Several parishioners said that generally they supported the Appraisal but what really mattered was its publication and the use to which the results were put.