

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7:30pm at Hempton Lounge, Windmill Community Centre on Wednesday 18 January 2023.

Present: Cllrs H Oldfield (Chair), A Collins, M Cox, M Ince, J Norton, S O'Neill, S Patterson, M Robinson, C Snashall, T Timms **Also, present:** Cherwell District Cllr B Williams, a Deddington News representative and 9 members of the public.

1/23	Apologies: Cllrs J Higham, A Swan, M Swadling and J Watts.
2/23	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>General Interest:</p> <p>Cllrs A Collins and S O'Neill and M Cox and C Snashall 5/23 10 Minute Open Forum and 16/23 Environment and Recreation d) Holly Tree shed as members of the British Legion/Holly Tree Hall Management Committee</p> <p>Cllr S O'Neill, 12/23 Planning d) 22/03872/F Holly Trees, Earls Lane, Deddington as chair and trustee of the Holly Tree Cottages adjacent to this application.</p> <p>Cllr A Collins 16/23 Environment and Recreation i) S106 ideas as a member of the Cricket Club.</p>
3/23	Minutes: Cllr A Collins proposed, Cllr C Snashall seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous by those in attendance) that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2022 were a true record of the meeting.
4/23	Matters arising from the minutes and not referred to later on the agenda: None.
5/23	<p>10 Minute Open Forum:</p> <p>A Barford St John resident addressed the Council regarding a petition they had started to try and protect the Mount Pleasant site in Hempton, which has had over 800 signatures. The link for this will be sent to the Clerk. The member of the public was informed that the Council had already expressed a view regarding this application to Cherwell District Council (opposing it). They were also informed that the petition would be considered as one objection, so those that sign should also be encouraged to object individually.</p> <p>A Deddington resident addressed the Council, firstly in the role of Editor of the Deddington History website, regarding the Mount Pleasant application in Hempton. The member of the public commended the petition earlier mentioned and informed the Council that the building will be recommended to be locally listed. The resident then addressed the Council as Chairman of the British Legion, regarding the Holly Tree shed. The resident offered up to £200, on behalf of the British Legion, towards needed repairs or replacement.</p>
6/23	<p>Large Scale Developments Working Group report.</p> <p>22/03802/0UT East of Combe Cottage and south of St Johns Way, Hempton Road, Hempton. Outline application for 9 dwellings. Application includes a play area and has suggested measures to slow traffic going into the pinch point. 17 objections to this application currently on the planning portal. Developers had an engagement event at the old school room in Hempton, which a few Cllrs attended. Low density development, with help towards traffic calming measures that would otherwise be unaffordable. Cllr J Norton proposed, Cllr M Cox seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (8 for, 2 abstentions) no objection but would request the following conditions;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Traffic calming will be undertaken as this area is already an area of frequent RTC (allowing for safety for residents, other road and pavement users) b) That access is appropriate and that OCC Highways are aware of the nature of the accident black spot and that access is appropriate to mitigate further accidents c) That consideration is given to improving the footpath to Deddington d) That consideration be given to the low water pressure noted by residents e) That access from the Play Area is considered. It is thought a play area accessing directly to a busy road may not be appropriate f) That there is no increase of number of houses proposed (9) when the site is sold for development. g) That the development site is not extended when the site is sold for development. h) That the mix of houses suggested is not altered (unless to decrease the size of the larger properties to provide more affordable or smaller housing for those wishing to downsize)
7/23	County Cllr A Fatemian update: None.
8/23	District Cllr B Williams update: The Council were informed that the Local Plan went to review last week, with a number of revisions, and will be put before the executive tomorrow evening. They will decide whether it is ready to go out to consultation. The new Local Plan seems to give more

	protection to villages. The Deddington Parish Emerging Neighbourhood Plan should give the Parish further protection.
9/23	<p>Finance and General Purposes.</p> <p>a) Sign off Internal control checklist — November and December 2022.</p> <p>b) To appoint the contractors for grass cutting in the parish 2023-2026. Cllr C Snashall proposed, Cllr S O'Neill seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to accept the proposed allocation of £14,500 for the grass cutting contractors.</p> <p>c) Budget for Assistant Clerk. Cllr C Snashall proposed, Cllr A Collins seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to approve £3,000 for the role of Assistant Clerk.</p> <p>d) To approve the budget for 2023–2024. Precept increase in cash terms of 12.1%, but because the number of properties has increased, household increase will be 8.6%. This will mean that the Council can continue to support all the things they currently do. Cllr C Snashall proposed, Cllr M Robinson seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (9 for, 1 abstention) to approve the budget, of £86,258 for 2023–2024.</p> <p>e) To approve the precept for 2023–2024. Cllr C Snashall proposed, Cllr A Collins seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to approve the precept, of £67,922 for 2023–2024.</p> <p>f) Speed monitoring in New Street. The Council are now informed monitoring is not required prior to 20mph limit.</p> <p>g) Charge for the funfair for November 2023 (dates tbc). Cllr C Snashall proposed, Cllr A Collins seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to increase the charge by 12% in round figures, in line with the precept increase.</p> <p>h) Replacement dog bin. Cllr C Snashall proposed, Cllr S O'Neill seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to purchase a replacement dog bin at a cost of £300 +VAT.</p> <p>i) Windmill roof. Cllr M Swadling is co-ordinating. Planning application is in progress and provisional contract being updated. Cllr M Robinson proposed, Cllr J Norton seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to approve the replacement of the whole Windmill Centre roof, subject to ensuring the surveyor has the appropriate insurance.</p> <p>j) Updated Action Plan, 2023. Cllr H Oldfield proposed, Cllr J Norton seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (9 for, 1 abstention) to accept the updated Action Plan. Cllr M Robinson to publicise online. Will also be mentioned in the Deddington News.</p> <p>k) To consider purchase of 20mph signage. Due to currently being on the OCC schedule for 23/24, this was not felt to be an appropriate expenditure at this time. To be looked at again in June.</p> <p>l) Soap and dispenser for EA Loo. Cllr C Snashall proposed, Cllr H Oldfield seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to accept the quote of £100 +VAT for soap and dispenser for the EA loo.</p> <p>m) Sharp sand for maintaining play areas. Cllr T Timms proposed, Cllr J Norton seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to purchase sharp sand for maintaining the play areas of a cost up to £80 +VAT.</p> <p>n) To consider writing letter to OFWAT regarding the Clifton flooding. Cllr A Collins proposed, Cllr S O'Neill seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to send the proposed letter.</p> <p>o) To ask Cllrs to review council policies and note any recommended changes to the Clerk. Current version to be circulated amongst Cllrs. Comments to Clerk by beginning of March.</p> <p>p) Further work at Gaveston Gardens. Cllr C Snashall proposed, Cllr T Timms seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to undertake further tree and bramble removal at Gaveston Gardens at a cost of up to £600 +VAT.</p> <p>q) Tree survey. Up to £1,800 + VAT. Cllr C Snashall proposed, Cllr M Robinson seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to undertake a tree survey for May 2023 to investigate ash trees and other trees within the parish, at a cost of up to £1,800 +VAT.</p> <p>r) S106 money due from Stone Pits phase 1. Council informed of monies available soon for improvements to Windmill Centre, sports facilities, play areas, library and early years education. Cllr H Oldfield proposed, Cllr Snashall seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to write to OCC asking why agreed S278 highways works are not being carried out by estate builders.</p> <p>s) To approve date of Four Farms Run of Sunday 21 May 2023. Cllr C Snashall proposed, Cllr T Timms seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to approve the date of the Four Farms Run subject to normal documentation being provided.</p>

	<p>t) To consider the request from Friends of Castle Grounds to fund suitable bin storage of the additional Market Place bins and current Castle Grounds wheelie bins. To be reviewed in July, once it has been established how many bins will need to be used, and thus how many need to be screened. A letter to be written to Friends of Castle Grounds to express this.</p> <p>u) To consider the venue for 15 March 2023 meeting and consider the proposed date of annual parish meeting of 10 May 2023. 15 March 2023 meeting to be held in Windmill Centre, Deddington. Possibility of holding the annual parish meeting prior to the May 2023 parish council meeting to be reviewed in March. Consideration of distributing a news sheet to encourage annual meeting attendance.</p>
10/23	Approval of invoices: Cllr H Oldfield proposed, Cllr S O'Neill seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) that the invoices with a total of £50,725.86 were approved for payment.
11/23	Report upon the investment of the Council's Funds. To be given at February meeting.
12/23	<p>Planning Report.</p> <p>Applications</p> <p>a) 22/03785/F & 22/03786/LB Plough House, New Street, Deddington. Front and rear elevation repointing and repairs. Replace windows and install EV charger. Various internal works. Cllr S O'Neill proposed, Cllr M Cox seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) no objection but would defer to conservation officer regarding Listed Building works.</p> <p>b) 22/03820/TCA The Old House, Philcote Street, Deddington. Tree works. Cllr S O'Neill proposed, Cllr A Collins seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) no objection.</p> <p>c) 22/03840/F The Little House, Clifton Road, Deddington. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement with detached car barn, swimming pool and pool house. Cllr A Collins proposed, Cllr T Timms seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (9 for, 1 abstention) no objection conditional upon the inclusion of many more highly efficient systems designed to minimise the environmental impact of the building both during and after construction than are shown in the existing application.</p> <p>d) 22/03872/F Holly Trees, Earls Lane, Deddington. First floor extension above existing garage, two storey extension to side single storey extension to rear and loft conversion. Clerk to obtain an extension from CDC on this application as no neighbours have been notified.</p> <p>e) 22/03882/F The Poundhouse, The Lane, Hempton. Demolish wooden outbuilding and erect 2 storey outbuilding with garage with living accommodation above. Clerk to obtain an extension from CDC on this application. Whilst neighbourhood publicity has been sent out it hasn't been received in enough time for comments to have been received prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Approvals</p> <p>22/02954/F 30 Flux Drive, Deddington.</p> <p>21/03529/F 21/03530/LB - Holly Cottage, Tithe Lane, Clifton.</p> <p>22/02878/REM - Land Adjacent to Allotments, Off Duns Tew Road, Hempton.</p> <p>22/03371/LB - Deddington Manor New Street Deddington.</p>
13/23	<p>Neighbourhood Development Planning report.</p> <p>a) Update on Neighbourhood Plan. Consideration of responses to consultation to begin next Tuesday and necessary amendments made to draft plan. When completed, plan can move on to the next stage of the process.</p>
14/23	<p>Large Scale Developments Working Group report.</p> <p>a) 22/03802/OUT East of Combe Cottage and south of St Johns Way, Hempton Road, Hempton. Outline application for 9 dwellings. See 6/23.</p> <p>b) 22/03869/OUT Land to North of Wimborn Close and Mackley Close, Deddington. Outline application for up to 60 dwellings. To be postponed until next month so that it can be considered in conjunction with neighbourhood plan. CDC's emerging Local Plan is calling for substantially fewer houses in rural areas up to 2040 than anticipated.</p>
15/23	<p>Highways and Transport.</p> <p>a) Hempton pinch point. Recommendation that OCC be contacted by the clerk for a reply to the letter DPC sent following December meeting.</p> <p>b) 20mph limit. DPC to write to Tim Shickle to make sure that he is aware that we have not just asked for 20mph, but also for 50mph for speed restrictions on the roads connecting the villages of the Parish.</p> <p>c) '20 is plenty' signs. Hold off purchase for now due to possible imminence of legal 20mph. Review in 6 months.</p> <p>d) To consider acceptance of template of authority from OCC regarding street advertising. No communication received from OCC at this point.</p>

16/23	<p>Environment and Recreation Working Group.</p> <p>a) Litter bin project. Three supplier quotes received – 2 very similar and 1 much cheaper. Cllr M Robinson proposed, Cllr T Timms seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to accept the cheapest quote at a cost of £1,500.</p> <p>b) Opening times of the external EA loos. Inside toilet finished and ready for use. Outside toilet nearly ready. Annual cost of cleaning the outside toilet if open all year round just under £1000. Cllr M Robinson proposed, Cllr H Oldfield seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (8 for, 2 against) to open the outside toilet all year round.</p> <p>c) To discuss the power outage at the Windmill Centre 22 December. SSE were called out and found a damaged cable. Furlong and Higgs, who excavated there when working on the drains, deny responsibility. Waiting to see if a bill is received from SSE before next steps are decided.</p> <p>d) Holly Tree shed. RBL have requested a larger shed as equipment is often inaccessible. Shed roof is leaking. Recommend repair rather than replace. RBL have offered to contribute £200 for repairs. Cllr M Robinson proposed, Cllr T Timms seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to look into repairing the shed.</p> <p>e) To consider alternative solution to the slide mound erosion problem. TGM have quoted £250 to build back up, add turf or grass seed and cover with grass mat. Alternative solution is to go for rubber mulch. This would be expensive. TGM will go away and come back with some other suggestions. Suggestion that Council go for cheaper short-term fix and then search for more information regarding what it would cost for more long-term solution.</p> <p>f) All Weather Court. Roger Sykes from Windmill Management Committee has agreed to take this on. Technical surfaces recommended a new mat.</p> <p>g) To consider tree planting offered by OCC and location. Too late for this.</p> <p>h) Smart meter for solar panels. Cllr M Ince to investigate.</p> <p>i) S106 ideas. Windmill Centre kitchen refurb. The Council are looking for ideas for the old play area – request for ideas in Deddington News. One idea has been an outdoor bouldering wall. Pickleball has also been suggested. Cricket club has put forward plan for new nets. If it has a roof on it prevents balls hitting cars/people.</p> <p>j) Wimborn Close Play equipment. Cllr S Patterson to take this up. More detail regarding amount of S106 money available for this would be ideal.</p> <p>k) Tennis court tree works. WMC now taking this over and paying for tree removal.</p> <p>l) Water fountain. TGM landscapes have quoted £80 for new concrete base.</p> <p>m) DEN. Have asked if the PC would like to co-operate in a car-sharing scheme they are investigating. Not much DPC can do regarding this.</p> <p>n) Reducing smoking on the Windmill Grounds. Possibility to investigate what other councils, community centres, clubs etc have done regarding this.</p>
17/23	<p>Update from the Parish Council Representatives. Deddington Primary School – Council member needed to become a school governor.</p>
18/23	<p>Any other business. None.</p>
19/23	<p>Date of the next meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 15 February 2023 at 7:30pm in the Old School Room, Hempton. Meeting closed at: 10pm.</p>