

## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7:30pm at the Hempton Lounge, Windmill Centre, Deddington on Wednesday 15 January 2025.

**Present:** Cllrs H Oldfield (Chair), N ap Simon, M Cox, N Mylne, M Robinson, N Smith, C Snashall, M Swadling and T Timms **Also, present:** 2 members of the public, and a Deddington News representative.

1/25	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllrs A Collins, J Norton, S O'Neill and J Watts.
2/25	<b>Declarations of Interest.</b> None.
3/25	<b>Minutes:</b> Cllr M Swadling proposed, Cllr N Mylne seconded the motion and the Council <b>RESOLVED</b> (unanimous by those in attendance) that the minutes of the meeting held on the 18 December 2024 were a true record of the meeting.
4/25	<b>Matters arising from the minutes and not referred to later on the agenda:</b> None.
5/25	<b>Co-option of Councillor:</b> No applications received.
6/25	<p><b>10 Minute Open Forum:</b></p> <p>A member of the public addressed the council regarding their desire to convert the Crown &amp; Tuns into a residential property. Intention to keep the current entrance, enclosing the walkway through to the terrace at the back so that it becomes autonomous, with a studio then installed at the back of the property, with this and the terrace opened up for community use. This is in line with the Deddington Neighbourhood Plan, which states that if pubs are changed to residential use, there should be a community benefit. The member of the public provided their email address and phone number, and invited feedback on the proposals from the Council. Cllr M Robinson recommended that the member of the public should contact Hamish Stoddart who runs a local hospitality hub whose aim is to preserve and restore pubs to the position they previously held in the village. General feeling amongst the council that the member of the public's proposals are a good idea.</p> <p>A resident from The Paddocks addressed the Council regarding the theft of their pickup truck in December. The keys of the resident's vehicle were cloned through the wall of the property, and the police have taken very little action. This wasn't an isolated incident; parishioner enquired what can be done to improve village security, for example Neighbourhood Watch, CCTV on main roads, improved lighting, etc. Discussion in the Council regarding individual security measures such as personal CCTV, and putting keys in a Faraday box. Cllr M Cox referred to request for number plate recognition camera at the traffic lights (15/25 Highways and Transport item e). The risk of theft to be noted in the Deddington News. The Council will inform the resident of the date of the next Police Community Forum Meeting, should they wish to attend and pursue this issue further.</p>
7/25	<b>County Cllr A Fatemian update:</b> No update.
8/25	<b>District Cllr D Rogers update:</b> No update. Noted that the consultation on CDC's draft Local Plan has been extended.
9/25	<p><b>Environment and Recreation Working Group.</b></p> <p>a) <b>Wimborn and Welford play area update.</b> The release of S106 funds for these projects has been confirmed. Outdoor Play plan to complete by end of March, weather permitting. Removal of witch's hat and rota rocker included in tranche of work, leaving a space for an additional item for teens on the adventure playground. Clerk to place order with TGM for path connecting Wimborn play area to Hempton Gate.</p> <p>b) <b>Ideas for teens.</b> Cllr N Smith taking over the project, and will form a focus group with teenagers to meet at the Windmill and discuss what facilities can realistically be added, bearing in mind available space and budget. Clerk to progress planning application for scramble net. Cllr N Smith to contact local resident who produced teen survey. Two quick fixes – replace basketball hoop on half-MUGA, and purchase of aerial skate part (10/25 Finance and General Purposes item f). Replacement of basketball hoops on full MUGA to be an agenda item for next month.</p> <p>c) <b>BMX update.</b> 'No BMX bikes' signs don't exist off-the-shelf. They can be specially made. There is a difficulty differentiating between which bikes are classed as BMX. Cllr M Robinson asked the Council whether there is any will in the Council to revisit this and ban all bikes in the copse, woodland trail and children's playgrounds. General feeling that all bikes should be banned in the playground. This is a separate decision from banning bikes in the copse. Agenda item for next month.</p> <p>d) <b>Suggestions of drug use at Welford's Piece.</b> Clifton councillors to monitor.</p> <p>e) <b>Improvements to Welford's Piece.</b> Agenda item for next month.</p> <p>f) <b>Christmas tree lights.</b> Lights were badly damaged in the gales. Suggestion to purchase new ones during post-Christmas sales. Agenda item for next month.</p>
10/25	<b>Finance and General Purposes.</b>

- a) **To sign off Internal control checklist – November and December 2024.**
- b) **Update on library funding.** Agenda item for next month.
- c) **Welford’s Piece field maintenance.** Cllr C Snashall proposed, Cllr T Timms seconded the motion and the Council **RESOLVED** (unanimous) to approve spending up to £1,000 on Welford’s Piece field maintenance. Cllr H Oldfield updated on availability of S106 funds for project: if the area is for informal kick-about use the money should come from Open Space S106, if for formal sport then from Outdoor Sport S106. To be explored further.
- d) **Update on the Holly Tree lease.** The Holly Tree have re-imbursed DPC for legal costs.
- e) **To amend Financial Regulations.** Suggestion that a 10% contingency be added to future projects to ensure that any appropriate extras may be allowed, subject to the agreement of the Project Managers, F&GP and the Clerk, to avoid delaying the project. Clerk advised that procedure should be included in the Financial Regulations to ensure transparency. Concerns expressed that making contingency explicit may result in increased spending. Exact wording to be brought back as an agenda item for next month.
- f) **Basketball nets and aerial skate part.** Cllr C Snashall proposed, Cllr M Cox seconded the motion and the Council **RESOLVED** (unanimous) to approve spending up to £225 for basketball nets and aerial skate part.
- g) **To consider Councillor liability.** Noted that Councillors are only personally liable if they are individually negligent or act outside their authority. Clerk to seek confirmation from OALC.
- h) **To consider 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day.** Cllr H Oldfield to email Cllrs A Collins and J Watts regarding interest in organising a beacon or similar. Cllrs to contact the vicar and local pubs.
- i) **Emergency & Resilience Plan.** Being publicised via the website and social media. Mention also to be included in the Holly Tree newsletter. 20 copies to be printed: a few to be kept in the office and in the library.
- j) **To note the responses to the Cemetery Memorial Stones that failed the July safety checks.** Ongoing. Nine of the people are currently uncontactable – follow up letters to be sent. Then the necessary actions will be taken.
- k) **Planning application costs for scramble net.** Noted that costs are likely to be around £150. Cllr M Cox proposed, Cllr T Timms seconded the motion and the Council **RESOLVED** (8 for, 1 against) to approve costs up to £400 for the planning application for the scramble net.
- l) **Staff matters.** Assistant Clerk recruited. Tasks to include helping sort the papers for the meeting and distributing them, taking the minutes, filling in for the Clerk during absences, and assisting with other discrete jobs.
- m) **Water storage.** Discussion regarding potential need for water storage at the Windmill Centre as part of emergency planning. Costs to be looked into and brought back to a future meeting.
- n) **Batteries for solar panels.** Discussion regarding batteries for solar panels, whether they work during power cuts and the cost of acquiring such batteries. Council previously decided not to go down this route because considered uneconomic.

11/25 **Approval of invoices:** Cllr C Snashall proposed, Cllr M Swadling seconded the motion and the Council **RESOLVED** (unanimous) that payments of £7,144.64 be approved. It was noted that £7,409.19 were received.

12/25 **Report upon the investment of the Council’s Funds as at 31 December 2024.**

Account	Balance	Interest	Notice	Matures
Current	78,294.08		Current	
Imprest	8,667.64		Imprest	
Unity Trust Bank	212.94		Current	
Unity Trust Bank	61,414.69	2.60%	Savings	
Redwood Bank	90,420.26	3.75%	95 Day Notice	Opened Aug 2019
Cambridge and Counties	85,000.00	5.21%	1-year fixed deposit	14 August 2025
United Trust Bank	85,000.00	5.01%	1-year fixed deposit	23 May 2025
Skipton Building Society	92,593.74	4.40%	1-year fixed deposit	27 May 2025
<b>Total</b>	<b>501,603.35</b>			

13/25 **Planning Report.**  
**Applications - None**  
**Approvals**  
 24/02776/F Rowan Cottage, High Street, Deddington.  
 24/02838/LB The Beeches, Earls Lane, Deddington.  
 24/01779/LB 1-4 Almshouse, Church Street, Deddington.  
 24/02037/LB Town Hall, Market Place, Deddington.

	<b>Appeals</b> - No current update on the rescheduled Appeal for the application for 9 houses in Hempton.
14/25	<p><b>Large Scale Developments Working Group report.</b></p> <p>a) <b>To consider a DPC response to the Cherwell Local Plan consultation.</b> Date has been put back to the end of February. Cllr H Oldfield to send a summary to Cllrs.</p> <p>b) <b>S106 update.</b> Cllr H Oldfield has been in touch with the developers of the Hempton site to request that the Church and the Old School Room are included in promised S106 money. The developers are happy to do this. Cllr H Oldfield also wrote to the developers of the north of the Fire Station site in Deddington and requested indoor sport at the Holly Tree be added to S106 contribution, and they are happy to do this.</p> <p>c) <b>Clifton Gate development.</b> Still doesn't have the 75% occupancy required to trigger full S106. Internal road currently not up to standard – if not brought up to standard OCC won't adopt it.</p>
15/25	<p><b>Highways and Transport.</b></p> <p>a) <b>To consider the informal consultation for the A4260 speed reductions.</b> To alter the 60mph to 50mph on the road from Adderbury to Deddington. Consultation response sent on behalf of the highways and transport working group. Social media post to raise awareness of potential changes and consultation. Cllr M Cox proposed, Cllr N Mylne seconded the motion and the Council <b>RESOLVED</b> (7 for, 2 abstentions) that Cllr H Oldfield write a letter on behalf of DPC stating council approval of the proposed measures.</p> <p>b) <b>Community speedwatch.</b> 12 members recruited with 2 more members interested. Clerk to order the signs needed. Cllr M Cox to contact OCC to get permission to put the signs up. Roadside training needed – Cllr M Cox to get more information on this.</p> <p>c) <b>Result of parish survey on location for EV charging points and decision.</b> Communication received from OCC that the Bullring was also OCC choice of placement. DPC were thanked for community engagement on this matter. No confirmation so far that EV charging points will definitely be provided. Additional EV forms responding to PC survey have been received and taken into consideration. However, Council stands by view that the best position is the east side of the Bullring. Site visit confirmed the concerns of residents that gas pipes on the outside wall of their building would potentially render charging points on the west side of the Bullring unsafe. Additionally, the site on west side is tucked behind the building and, with reduced visibility, would be difficult to monitor. Should the application be approved the ultimate decision of location will lie with OCC. Cllr M Cox proposed, Cllr H Oldfield seconded the motion and the Council <b>RESOLVED</b> (unanimous) to inform OCC that the Council favours the east side of the Bullring for the EV chargers.</p> <p>d) <b>National Highways and Transport Public Satisfaction Survey 2024-25.</b> The Highways and Transport Working Group completed the survey and submitted their collective view. Encourage individuals to complete the survey if possible.</p> <p>e) <b>Consultation – Countywide proposed Traffic Restriction ANPR Camera Enforcement.</b> Councillors encouraged to complete the survey. Cllr M Cox has personally contacted OCC requesting ANPR camera enforcement at the traffic lights. Cllr M Cox proposed, Cllr M Swadling seconded the motion and the Council <b>RESOLVED</b> (unanimous) that DPC respond favourably to the listed locations for ANPR cameras but request that the traffic lights at the centre of Deddington be added to the list.</p> <p>f) <b>Temporary Traffic Regulation Notice – Bloxham, Milton Road.</b> Temporary closure 20 February 2025, 9:30-15:30.</p>
16/25	<b>Items for information.</b> None.
17/25	<p><b>Update from the Parish Council Representatives.</b></p> <p><b>Volunteer organisations event.</b> Being held at the Windmill Centre.</p> <p><b>Local Strategic Partnership Group.</b> Citizens Advice (CAB) – Increasingly difficult to support everyone in need, and the training for CAB advisers is long and daunting. CAB envisages changes ahead. Aim to identify individuals in the community, who will act as a bridge to CAB but will not require extensive training. This could include councillors. Would be someone for local people to go to in crisis.</p>
18/25	<b>Date of the next meeting:</b> The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 19 February 2025 at 7:30pm in the Hempton Lounge, Windmill Centre, Deddington. Meeting closed at: 9.20pm