

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday,  
17th April, 1996 at the Town Hall, Deddington commencing at  
7.30 pm.

Present:- Councillors Todd (Chairman), Clarke, Colley,  
Cosgrove, Mrs Fisher, Flux, Miss Hill, Mrs Lee and Oddy.  
District Councillor O'Sullivan in attendance.

164/95 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Crs Clinch, Mrs Brewer, Drake,  
Mrs Stephens and Mrs Swash. County Councillor Matthews also  
apologised.

165/95 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 18th  
March, 1996.

The above minutes were approved as a true record and signed  
by the Chairman.

166/95 Matters arising.

The Clerk reported that Cr Colley had accepted the position  
of this Council's Representative School Governor on the  
Governing Body for the Deddington Primary School.

167/95 Holly Tree Club.

It was agreed that the current arrangements for the  
management of the Club be continued, Cr Clinch having been  
appointed as Chairman for the ensuing year.

168/95 Coaching Grants in the Recreation & Other Areas.

The Clerk presented a report in the above matter (a copy of  
which is filed with these minutes). It was unanimously resolved  
that the Clerk should produce coaching grant application forms  
for consideration by Council, together with a detailed scheme  
to enable such grants to be paid in the current financial year.

169/95 Recreation Committee.

- Cr Mrs Lee presented the following grant applications:-
- ✓ (a) Deddington Art Society - Request for contribution towards  
costs of the annual exhibition at the Town Hall. Cr Mrs Lee  
proposed a grant of £25 which was seconded by Cr Mrs Fisher and  
the votes were 2 for 2 against and 3 abstentions. The Chairman  
exercised his casting vote against the motion which was lost.
  - ✓ (b) Mums and Toddlers Toy Library - Request for funds to  
start a toy library. It was agreed that the Clerk should write  
to the group advising them to appeal via the Deddington News  
for the donation of unused toys which should enable the  
nucleus of a library to be established.

The Clerk reported that the contractor - DesignGro - for the  
works to the Clifton Play Area had confirmed that he would hold  
the quoted price of £1,500 subject to a plusage for any  
increase in the price of grass seed and fertiliser. Agreed that  
the scheme proceed.



170/95 Environment Committee.

Cr Cosgrove reported on the following matters:-

(a) Clifton Footpath. James Elles, our Euro MP, had replied stating that the matter had been forwarded to the appropriate department in Brussels but he was unable to be optimistic about the outcome. A further letter had been forwarded to the County Engineer by the Health Visitor requesting that fresh tarmac be laid on this path.

(b) War Memorial. A suggestion had been received that slabs be placed around the memorial. The County Council had intimated that this would be unwise as tree roots would lift the slabs, but they had agreed to provide additional gravel, similar to the existing, though it would be necessary for this Council to provide a suitable edging. Agreed that these works be undertaken and if possible blue bricks reclaimed from the High Street be utilised, this Council bearing the cost of laying.

✓ (c) Pollarding of High/New Street Trees. A meeting was held on 15th March between Mr Fletcher (OCC), Cr Mrs Brewer, Mr Boward (Contractor) and Mr Michael Jolly at which the detail of these works was discussed. The works have now been completed and the Council's thanks are due to Mr Jolly for his advice. Resolved that the Clerk convey the Council's appreciation to Mr Jolly for his valuable assistance.

(d) Cemetery. There is currently no specific area for the placing of spent wreaths and flowers following interments and it was suggested that a wire cage be formed in the north eastern corner for this purpose. It was estimated that the cost would be about £50. Proposed by Cr Cosgrove seconded by Cr Miss Hill and approved unanimously.

(e) Deddington Arms - Beer Garden. (Cr Oddy declared his interest in this matter and took no part in the debate.) The Clerk read a letter from Mrs E O Leslie expressing concern at the addition to outside facilities currently under construction. Members of the Council had also been approached verbally by several parishioners. The worries were related to possible lights, music and noise and the fact that the works appeared to have been carried out without planning permission, a wall within the conservation area having been demolished and part of a domestic garden amalgamated with a business use. Resolved that the Clerk take up the matter with the LPA to establish the facts.

*by phone*  
(f) Farthing Cottage, New Street. The new owner of this property had asked the County Council for permission to construct a lay-by and the OCC sought this Council's views concerning the loss of green space. However because of the high cost of construction, due to underground services, the owner has changed her request to the laying of concrete cell blocks through which grass could grow. Following the Council's policy of endeavouring to restrict on-road parking it was agreed that concrete cell blocks would be acceptable.

✓ (g) Bus/Train Timetables. The OCC now find the cost of the provision to each house prohibitive and have requested ideas as to how this matter could be dealt with locally. Cr Cosgrove

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proposed and it was agreed that the Deddington News be requested to insert an A4 sheet, prepared by the County Council, in a copy of the Deddington News.

(h) Scaffolding - The Hermitage. The contractor replied stating that all the works had been in accordance with laid down procedures.

(i) Hut for Village Steward's tools etc. Quotes ranging from £290 to £800 had been received and it was resolved that the quote of B & Q in the sum of £289.99 be accepted and that a budget of up to £350 be allowed for the complete installation.

(j) Mill Close Footpaths. A complaint had been made that the footpaths were not continuous on the Close but upon investigation it was found that they had been constructed in accordance with the planning permission.

(k) General Maintenance. Arrangements were in hand to round off a 'tongue' of ground at Goose Green to preclude further damage from vehicles turning. The OCC had suggested and Council accepted that new blue bricks of a stronger quality be used in the Market Place. The damaged grass verges in Hempton following the road works are to be repaired. The siting of the grit container near the Bus Shelter in Hempton requires further investigation.

(l) The Clerk was asked to write to the District Council regarding the lack of litter picking on the B4031.

✓(m) The Deddington Brownies had once again taken part in the Litter Blitz of the village and it was resolved that a letter of thanks be forwarded together with £15 as a contribution to their funds.

171/95 Planning and Property Committee.

Cr Miss Hill reported as follows:-

(a) Applications

96/174F 10, Hempton Road - New Vehicular Access - No observations

96/370F 4, Windmill Close - Single Storey Extension - No observations

96/371TCA Old Post House, New Street - Fell Poplar Tree - No observations as another tree is growing alongside.

96/503F 25, St John's Way, Hempton - Erection of 2 stables, hay barn and tack room - No observations.

96/534F Stonewall, Castle Street - Plant room for swimming pool - No observations.

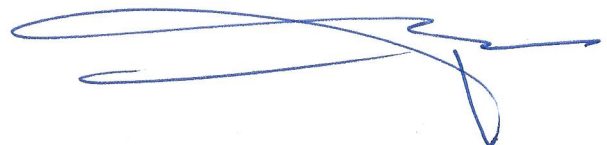
96/518F&519LB Park Farm, New Street - Conversion of stable and barns to 3 houses. (Renewal).

96/578F Boulderdyke Farm, Clifton - Provision of anglers' car park. - Object for the following reasons

(a) Has permission been given for the commercial use of the ponds?

(b) Entrance to the proposed car park is through a newly developed estate

(c) No details of timings and usage have been given which, if permission is granted, could have an adverse effect upon residents



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(d) the access to the proposed car park is very narrow

(e) there is no footpath to Walnut Close and increased traffic could be a danger to pedestrians, particularly children. A general comment is a query as to whether there are requirements for the provision of facilities e.g. toilets for the anglers.

(b) Approvals

96/040F Johnson & Co, Chapel Square - Relaxation of Condition No 5 of CHN 633/94 to allow the retention of the former sales office.

96/129F The Old Bakery, Market Place - Fix street lighting bracket and lantern.

96/140F Tchure Cottage, High Street - Fix street lighting bracket and lantern.

(c) The modifications to the Cherwell Local Plan have been received none of which affect Deddington.

(d) Mention was made of the 'Centrepont' sign at the junction of the Horsefair and High Street and the Clerk was asked to take up the matter with the Highway Authority.

(e) Southern Electricity plc. are currently replacing the wooden poles holding their wires and it is known that in other areas other companies are placing cables underground in Conservation Areas. The Clerk was asked to write to Southern Electric to establish their criteria for replacing overhead wiring with underground cables. It was also suggested that support may be forthcoming from the CPRE.

(f) Town Hall. The contract is now underway and it was recommended that it be extended to include the replacement and painting of the cast iron gutters, the decoration with masonry paint of the east and west elevations and the cleaning, puttying and painting of the 7 windows. The contractor has quoted the sum of £946 plus VAT for these works. Cr Miss Hill moved and it was unanimously agreed that these additional works be carried out.

172/95 Windmill Committee.

Cr Flux stated that the Annual General Meeting was to be held on the following night and he would be able to report fully at the next meeting.

173/95 Accounts for Payment.

Accounts in the sum of £11,200.20, in accordance with a schedule circulated at the meeting and filed in the Minute Book, were approved for payment.

174/95 Post Office Advisory Committee.

The Chairman reported upon Cr Mrs Swash's attendance at a recent meeting of the above Committee which received reports on the following matters:-

(a) An increase in Postal Rates from 1st July

(b) The Christmas deliveries were good

(c) A suggestion that passport forms should be available at Sub Post Offices



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(d) Later collections should be available in the villages.

175/95 Investment of the Council's Funds.

The Clerk reported that at close of business on 16th April, 1996 the balances were as follows:-

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450,000.00	Privilege Bond with the Bradford & Bingley B S at 6.25% variable for 2 years to 10.5.97, subject to a break for full repayment on 10.5.96
108,000.00	Treasury Deposit at 5.375% fixed to 13.5.96
8,193.40	at 3.125% subject to 14 days notice
1,290.50	at 2.5% overnight
<u>567,483.90</u>	

176/95 Community Forum.

Cr Flux submitted a report on this meeting a copy of which is filed with these Minutes.

The Chairman also attended and he expanded on the question of Tourism. The main East/West road through the District passes through Deddington and carries a considerable amount of tourist traffic, but appears to have been neglected by the District Council from a promotional aspect. He displayed 2 large posters which in his view could be suitably adapted for Deddington and he suggested that Tourist Information signs, amended posters and a display board, possibly sited at the Town Hall could be erected for approximately £500. He would expect the District Council to make a considerable contribution to this cost and sponsorship could further reduce the cost to this Parish. It was agreed that this project should be further developed.

✓177/95 Correspondence.

(a) Letter from the Deputy Headteacher of the Primary School requesting assistance from the Village Steward with the flower beds which had been disturbed by the building works. Deddington Gardeners were to provide the plants. Agreed that the Village Steward be employed for one morning on these works.

(b) Notification that the Inspectorate of Pollution, the National Rivers Authority and the Waste Regulation functions of the County Council were to be merged under the title of the Environment Agency from 1st April, 1996. Deddington is within the Thames Region - Western Area which will be administered from Isis House, Wallingford, OX10 8BD.

(c) Notification of the formation of the new radio station, Thames Valley FM, replacing the former Radio Oxford and Radio Berkshire. A studio has been set up at Bodicote House to deal with local matters.

✓(d) A request from CPRE to renew the annual subscription in the sum of £17.50 was approved.

(e) Letter from Tony Baldry MP stating that he has taken up with the Minister of Housing, this Council's concern regarding affordable housing in villages, which could be adversely affected if the Housing Bill currently in Committee stage is enacted without amendment. He will come back to this Council as

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soon as he is able.

✓ (f) A quotation from J Spencer for the resiting of the flower trough from the Oxford Road to the island at the end of St Thomas Street, in the sum of £120 plus VAT was accepted.

178/95 Dates of Next Meetings.

Annual Parish Meeting - Wednesday, 1st May, 1996 at the Windmill Centre commencing at 7.30 pm.

Annual Council Meeting - Wednesday, 29th May, 1996 at the Holly Tree Club commencing at 7.30 pm.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, sweeping loop followed by a vertical stroke and a small crossbar.