

## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2000 commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present:- Councillors Flux (Chairman), Bell, Clarke, Cosgrove, Mrs Cox, Mrs Davies, Miss Hill, Newey, Mrs Swash, Todd and Mrs Walker. District Councillor O'Sullivan in attendance.

172/99 Apologies for Absence were received from Crs Mrs Fisher, Mrs Harper, Clinch and County Councillor Matthews.

173/99 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2000.

Subject to the following amendments

- (a) Cr Mrs Walker and District Councillor O'Sullivan were not present and should be added to the list of apologies.
- (b) Min 165/99(c) it was agreed that the Youth Club be also asked to participate in the Annual Spring Clean.
- (c) Min 169/99(b) Amend the last sentence to read" It was agreed that the Deddington Web Site should be linked to the District Council site".

the Minutes were unanimously approved.

174/99 Matters arising

- (a) A letter had been received from Deddington On-Line seeking permission to include the Council's Minutes on the site. It was agreed that following ratification at the following Council Meeting they should be so included.
- (b) The Chairman raised the matter of the appointment of a Minute Secretary to undertake the taking of the Minutes at each Council Meeting and subsequent production on computer disc, thus leading to a more prompt production. Following debate the Chairman moved, seconded by Cr Cosgrove that such an appointment be made and it was unanimously approved. It was also agreed that the vacancy be advertised in the Deddington News.
- (c) Cr Newey asked whether there had been a meeting of the Millennium Working Group prior to the Council taking the decision in Min. 164/99(a) The Chairman stated that the decision was taken on the recommendation of the Chairman of the Millennium Working Group.

175/99 No parishioner wished to address the Council in Open Forum.

176/99 Low Cost Housing

The Clerk reported that the contract for the erection of the houses was progressing well and was on target for an August completion. A reply had been received from the District Council's Principal Housing Officer confirming the agreement reached at a meeting in November that the Council would identify those applicants for housing with at least a 5 year connection with Deddington and would then nominate to the OCHA those applicants from within the group who were in the greatest housing need. 18 valid applications had been received for the 7 shared ownership houses and details had been passed to the District Council on 10<sup>th</sup> April for assessment. Interviews of approved applicants will take place at the Windmill Centre on dates to be arranged.

177/99 Proposed Changes to the Regional Planning Guidance for the South East.

Discussion concerned the additional rate of housebuilding in Oxfordshire required as a result of the Governments review. It was agreed that the Council's previous comments be restated, particularly the substantial increase in building in the village in recent years, which the District Council acknowledged, in making no allocation in the Rural Area proposals for future building in this village.

178/99 Recreation and Grants Working Group.

Cr Mrs Davies reported as follows:-

- (a) The Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association are holding Roadshows at various grounds in the County during April and May promoting safer play for children. It was agreed that the Chairman of the Working Group should attend at a cost of £5.
- (b) It was reported that a condition of the grant to the Tennis Club for the resurfacing of the Courts was that the Members Only notice be removed and replaced with one giving detail of the manner in which members of the public may obtain access to play. The Clerk was asked to follow up this matter.

#### 179/99 Environment and Highways Working Group.

Cr Mrs Cox reported as follows:-

##### Environment

- (a) The majority of the Trees had now been planted on the Clifton Road and the Clerk was making application for the payment of Grant from the District Council.
- (b) New bin liners were required for the Castle Grounds and Town Hall litter bins and it was agreed to purchase replacements..
- (c) An officer of the District Council was investigating whether there was a budget for security lighting this year. It was agreed to proceed with the new light at The Lane Hempton whether or not grant was received from the District Council.
- (d) A letter had been received from the Antiques Centre in the village requesting the provision of a "brown" sign at the Traffic Lights junction indicating the way to the Antiques Centre. It was agreed that the Council do not support signs for individual premises but would approve a general sign "Village Centre" or Market Place".
- (e) The County Council had not yet produced estimates of the Traffic Management Schemes which the Council had approved in principle some months ago. The Clerk was asked to follow up the matter.

#### 180/99 Finance and General Purposes Working Group.

Cr Todd reported as follows:-

- (a) The Group had completed the audit of the invoices paid for the last quarter of the last financial year and there were no matters to report.
- (b) A copy of new draft Standing Orders was circulated to each member present, for discussion at the Annual Meeting.
- (c) Plans for the upgrading of the Library premises had now been circulated to Friends of Deddington Library and a meeting to discuss the detail will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

#### 181/99 Planning and Property Working Group.

Cr Miss Hill reported the recommendations of her group as follows:-

##### Applications.

00/0655F – The Vicarage Demolition etc, Earls Lane – Revised Plans – Observations as follows:-

- (a) Space allowed for circulation of children at pedestrian access totally inadequate and the gate to the car park should be moved in a westerly direction.
- (b) To reduce noise impact of new hard surfaced playground barriers should be erected on the Beeches boundary.
- (c) The new vicarage should be moved in a south westerly direction in order to reduce its impact upon Tays House.
- (d) Brick edging to the stonework of the new dwellings should not be permitted
- (e) Parking on the closed access way on the Banbury Road frontage should not be allowed as it restricts sight lines.
- (f) It is recommended that a site visit is made to witness the traffic and pedestrian movements at 3pm on a school day.

00/0437F – 1, The Maunds, High Street, - Single storey extension at rear – No observations subject to no neighbour objections.

00/0541F – Barford House, Hempton – Replacement of existing garage with a wooden one – No observations.

00/0581F – 12, Gaveston Gardens – Change of use of garage from domestic to office use including additional window and rooflight – Observation:- will there be sufficient off-street parking.

00/0634F & 0635LB – Featherton House, Chapel Square – 2 storey extension on garden – No observations

00/0645F – Appleby, St Thomas Street – Demolition of chimney, alteration to roof and construction of conservatory – No observations.

00/0635F – Earls Farm – Amendment to dwelling house number 10 – No observations

00/0687F – 8, Walnut Close – Formation of bedroom and en-suite in roof space. – No observations.

The above recommendations were each endorsed.

Approvals

00/0385TCA – Craxton, Castle Street - Fell one sycamore tree etc.

In connection with the school application the Clerk was asked to write to the Governors as to whether they would allow parking spaces on the old school playground to be used for long term parking, thus alleviating somewhat the congestion on the Market Place. The finances of such an arrangement to be discussed.

182/99 Millennium Working Group

Cr Bell reported as follows:-

- (a) Notices were being served in respect of the Treasure Hunt on 22<sup>nd</sup> April.
- (b) Calendars. It was agreed that the remaining envelopes be sold and an approach be made to sponsors regarding any requirement for the postcards or calendars.
- (c) The Youth Club were asking for assistance with the display of their Millennium Video.

183/99 Windmill Committee

It was agreed to place a lockable bollard in the entrance to the Sports field at a cost of £85 and £20 for its fitting plus VAT.

184/99 Invoices for Payment

Invoices totalling £6,881.02, in accordance with a schedule circulated at the Meeting, (a copy of which is filed with these minutes), were approved for payment.

185/99 Investment of the Council's Funds

The Clerk reported that at close of business on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2000 the balances were as follows:-  
£

500,000.00	Bradford & Bingley Building Society 120 Day Bonus A/c at 5.95%
40,000.00	Treasury Deposit fixed to 14 <sup>th</sup> June, 2000 at 5.1175%
1,514.61	at 14 days notice at 0.5%
23,344.30	overnight at 2.7%
<u>729.53</u>	overnight at 2.1%
<u>565,588.44</u>	

186/99 Correspondence.

- (a) The Chairman had agreed prices of £35 each plus VAT for weedkilling in Hempton and Clifton
- (b) The Council has been asked to provide a name for the Earls Lane Development and it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting following asking via the Deddington News and the Fullers for suggestions.
- (c) Letter from the Citizens Advice Bureau requesting their annual donation. It was resolved to make a contribution of £150.
- (d) Receipt of the County Council's Best Value Performance Plan 2000/01 to 2004/05

- (e) Receipt of the Thames Valley Police Annual Policing Plan 2000/2001 incorporating Best Value Performance Plan
- (f) Letter from Deddington Map Group requesting permission to reproduce the Council's Coat of Arms on its publications. The Group is funded by this Council and it was agreed that permission be granted following payment of the sum of £50.
- (g) Letter from the NSPCC Full Stop Appeal which has been set a target of raising £250 million by the end of this year. Oxfordshire's share of the target is £500,000 and one of the projects is a sponsored walk around the perimeter of the County on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Deddington is a Parish on the boundary and it is anticipated that on the day many walkers will pass through.
- (h) Notification of the Annual Conference of the National Association of Local Councils on 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> June at the Brighton Centre.
- (i) Letter from Mr W L Meagher requesting a meeting with members to discuss the project we have given him to undertake – a Hedgerow Survey – what is still to be done, what is intended and what it will cost.

It was agreed that a meeting be convened at which any member may attend and which will report to the following meeting of the Council.

187/99 Dates of future meetings.

Annual Parish Meeting – Windmill Centre – Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2000 at 7.30 pm.

Roll of Chairmen – Town Hall – Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2000 at 6.15 for 6.30 pm.

Annual Council Meeting – Town Hall - Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2000 at 7.30 pm.