

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held at the Town Hall, Deddington, on Wednesday 18th April 2007 at 7.45pm

Present: Cllrs Squires (Chair), Alton, Anderson, Collins, Flux, Privett, Rollason, Rudge, Spencer, Todd, Watts and Westbury. DC O’Sullivan.

In Attendance: Lorraine Watling (Clerk)

47/07	<p>Apologies Apologies were received from Cllrs Ince and Wood and County Cllr Jelf.</p>
48/07	<p>Minutes of the last meeting The following amendment was made to the minutes of 21st March 2007: 36/07(6) – ‘Cllr Collins suggested that should a Parish wide fete be held...’</p>
49/07	<p>Declaration of Interests 07/00582/F - Cllr Squires declared an interest as this property is near his house. 59/07(3) – Cllr Collins declared an interest in the Colts proposals for the additional football pitches at the Castle Grounds.</p>
50/07	<p>Matters Arising not referred to later on the Agenda None.</p>
51/07	<p>10 Minute Open Forum Walter Meagher informed the PC that the 1st independent guide to the birdlife in the Parish has been produced based upon the contributions of 27 residents. This will be submitted to the Environmental Records Centre in Woodstock. Copies are available in the church at a cost of £1.65. The PC thanked Mr Meagher for all of the help that he gives it.</p>
52/07	<p>Environment & Recreation Cllr Watts reported as follows: (a) Youth Projects/Teen Scene Area: All quotations have now received for the facilities for the proposed teen scene area. Quotations are due for tarmac. CDC has been approached to determine whether planning permission will be required. Recommendations will probably be put to the PC in July. Discussions took place about the feasibility of opening the All Weather Courts for a couple of hours daily at £6 per hour. Cllr Squires reported that the E&R WG didn’t consider this to be a good idea, partly because it would require supervision. (b) Parish Newsletter: The draft Parish Newsletter that Cllr Squires had prepared was distributed to Cllrs for comment. 1200 folded copies will be produced for distribution with Deddington News. Cllr Squires reported that the cost of printing will be £80 plus copier paper. Cllr Spencer considered it to be an excellent newsletter. Cllr Anderson questioned whether the frequency of issues should be mentioned. Cllr Todd suggested that it could be costly to produce a newsletter quarterly. Cllr Squires therefore suggested that the first edition be issued and the response to it monitored by Cllrs. It was agreed that the photograph of Cllr Squires on the front would be changed. Cllr Alton agreed to proof read the document before it was finalised. Cllr Flux noted that the newsletter is in addition to and not instead of the Chairman’s report at the Annual Parish Meeting.</p>

	<p>(c) Parish Clean-up: The school has confirmed that it would like to run the ‘poster competition’ advertising the ‘litter-pick’ and that it would like the PC to judge the entries. There will actually be 2 competitions resulting in 2 posters. The E&R WG asked Cllrs Anderson and Rudge if they would agree to be the PC ‘judges’ – both agreed. Cllr Westbury noted that he will not be available to take part in the formal Village Clean-up but that he would ‘litter –pick’ Daedas Wood.</p> <p>(d) Other Business: A letter has been received from a resident requesting that the pigeons & doves be left at peace under the Town Hall. The PC confirmed that no action will be taken whilst they are nesting. This issue will therefore be deferred until the autumn. The Cherwell Countryside & Environment Forum is holding a meeting at Batsford Arboretum on Thursday 10th May 2007 to look at the future of Oxfordshire’s woodlands. Cllr Rudge will attend this meeting on behalf of the PC. The Deddington News was asked to publicise the Oxfordshire Rural Children’s Centre Project that will be meeting at Deddington School on Thursday 3rd May 3.45-5.00pm. The play bus will be there. All parents and children are welcome.</p>
53/07	<p>Report from the Highways Group Cllr Rudge has taken over the revolving Chair of this group from Cllr Privett. She reported the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS): The WG now has statistics for the three sites that were tested for suitability by Steve Wood. Site 204 on the western approach to Hempton on the B4031, 70 m. west of Duns Tew Road and Site 205 on the southern approach to Deddington on the A4260 j/w St. Thomas St. would undoubtedly qualify for an externally funded VAS, but the third site, on the western approach to Deddington on the B4031, is doubtful, as the criterion was not met. However OCC recognises that the centre attracts a lot of pedestrians and so will continue to monitor the situation. The portability of VAS’s was discussed. Cllr Privett confirmed that once a VAS is approved it cannot be moved unless the proposed site to which it would be relocated is also approved by OCC. He also noted that in areas where VAS have been installed there have been marked differences between the before and after readings. Cllr Rudge proposed that the PC install the two approved VAS’s and continue to push for the third. Cllr Collins seconded this proposal but Cllr Todd highlighted the fact that detailed costings are needed before this matter can be properly considered and voted upon. Therefore the PC unanimously agreed to approve the proposal in principle, subject to cost. Cllr Privett agreed to provide this costing so that the proposal can be resubmitted for formal PC approval at the next meeting. Cllr Rudge thanked Cllr Privett for his efforts on this project. 2. Market place bus shelter. Brochures have been received from several companies and a preferred supplier identified whose designs are attractive, competitively priced, suitable for the village environment and made of timber from a sustainable source. It was agreed that the ‘Newstead’ model would be most appropriate as it

	<p>included a seat within the price. Cllr Privett reminded the PC that we can get a 50% grant from OCC. Cllr Flux asked that this approval be confirmed in writing. Cllr Todd asked whether bicycle racks could be added to the design. The highways WG agreed to add these to the design before grant funding is applied for.</p> <p>3. Car parking. There are continuing problems with parking outside St. Anne's in Clifton. A letter has been received by a resident concerning vehicles driving over his grass verge, possibly because of parked cars. Cllr Collins will investigate this. Parking in Deddington will be revisited when the current topics have been dealt with.</p> <p>4. Siting of the War Memorial. OCC have advised the PC that brown signage would not be available and have suggested a fingerpost through the churchyard. However, the Highways WG do not consider this to be very dignified and suggested that a Hornton stone slab be placed on the green outside the Co-op with a simple inscription and information re. the site of the memorial and the war graves in the churchyard. This would provide a fitting tribute in the centre of the village and also an appropriate place for the poppy garden and the salute during the march past on Remembrance Day. Cllr Squires said that the idea needed to be discussed with the British Legion in the first instance – Cllrs Flux and Collins agreed to action this.</p> <p>5. Windmill Centre Traffic Calming. The Clerk will chase OCC re' information about signage suppliers.</p> <p>6. Correspondence. A letter has been received from a resident re. 'Green matters' suggesting 20 mph limit in the Market Place and provision of a cycle rack. The PC agreed that a bicycle rack of some sort should be incorporated into the bus shelter design. Cllr Squires suggested that OCC be asked to add the Parish to their list of areas to be considered for 20 mph speed limits. The Clerk will ask OALC to provide details of Parishes that already have already introduced these reduced speed limits. Cllr Flux noted that there is a deliberate policy of lighting the Windmill Centre at night in an effort to deter vandalism. A parishioner has emailed the PC enquiring about the size of the 'school' sign – the Clerk will forward this email to OCC Highways for comment.</p> <p>7. AOB Cllr Rudge mentioned that the 30mph signs into from Deddington from Kidlington were not very obvious at present. OCC will be contacted about this to see if visibility can be improved. Following Mr Coleman's death it was suggested to OCC that it might be beneficial if the speed camera be moved from its current site at Duns Tew. Cllr Jelf kindly agreed to follow up this for the PC. The Clerk will contact him and ask if there has been any progress on this issue. The Clerk will contact Aynho PC and ask them to contact NCC and request that they improve the safety reflectors etc on the road between Aynho and Clifton.</p>
54/07	<p>Planning Working Group: New applications: 07/00712/TCA- Emohruo St Thomas Street, Deddington: Felling of 2 conifer trees. No objection. 07/00325/F – Ashley House, Chapel Close, Clifton: Replacement double</p>

	<p>garage with room above and rebuilding of boundary wall. No objection. 07/00498/F- Crouch View, Hempton Road, Deddington: Construct two storey extensions to front, side and rear elevations construct double garage. Rebuild the rear conservatory. No objection. 07/00491/F- Leadenporch Farm, Clifton Road, Deddington: Change of use of agricultural land and construction of an outdoor manège, solely for the benefit of the occupants of the farm and without any commercial use or associated activity. No objection. 07/00582F- 14 High Street, Deddington: Part change of use to ground floor from office to residential. No objection. 07/00654/F- 5 The Paddocks, Deddington: Two storey rear extension, Raise roof over existing utility/store area. New vehicular access to front of house. Objection due to the overbearing nature of the development which is considered to impact adversely on the amenities of neighbouring properties. In addition, the proposed development is considered to impact adversely on the character and appearance of its surroundings.</p> <p>Permissions Granted 07/00249/F – Castle Dene, Castle Street, Deddington. 07/00326/LB- Top Thatch, Hempton. 07/00064/F- Windsor Cottage, High Street, Deddington. 07/00054/TCA- Glenree, Philcote Street, Deddington. 07/00185/F- 8 Gaveston Gardens, Deddington.</p> <p>Refusal of Permission 07/00094/F- 65 St. Johns Way, Hempton.: First floor side extension- refused because of its scale in proximity to neighbouring property to the west, No. 67, having a detrimental impact on the living amenities of that property.</p> <p>Withdrawal of Planning Application 06/02519/F- End Cottage, The Stile, Deddington.</p>												
55/07	<p>Finance and General Purposes Working Group The cash flow was circulated.</p>												
56/07	<p>Play Areas: The play area behind the Chinese take-away was cleared of glass, resurfaced and reopened in time for the Easter holidays. Cllr Watts thanked the special projects working party for actioning this. Someone has since lit a fire on the table top in this area but this only caused minor damage.</p>												
57/07	<p>Invoices for Payment A schedule of invoices totalling £3,878.17 was tabled, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. These were approved for payment.</p>												
58/07	<p>Investment of Council Funds At the close of business on 18th April 2007 the balances were as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="368 1921 1361 2022"> <thead> <tr> <th>ACCOUNT NUMBER</th> <th>BALANCE</th> <th>INTEREST</th> <th>NOTICE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Barclays Current Acct</td> <td>23,704.44</td> <td>.1%</td> <td>Instant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Barclays Imprest Acct</td> <td>897.23</td> <td>.1%</td> <td>Instant</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ACCOUNT NUMBER	BALANCE	INTEREST	NOTICE	Barclays Current Acct	23,704.44	.1%	Instant	Barclays Imprest Acct	897.23	.1%	Instant
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	W. Bromwich Building Soc. 335,709.76 5.10% Overnight Birmingham Midshires 200,000.00 5.13% Fixed Bond TOTAL 560,311.43
59/07	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>1) Precept - The Clerk reported that the first Parish precept payment had been received. Cllr Todd proposed that £10k be transferred from the current account into the West Bromwich. Cllr Flux seconded this proposal and this was unanimously approved by the PC.</p> <p>2) Parish Plan – Cllr Flux asked that all feedback about the Parish Plan be circulated to all Cllrs involved in this working group. Cllr Alton seconded this request. Cllr Squires agreed to action this.</p> <p>3) Deddington Colts – The Deddington Colts have written to the PC and asked for an additional football pitch to be reinstated at the Castle Grounds. They would like to the pitches to be maintained to match standards and offered to start the necessary preparations now. Prior to the meeting the Clerk obtained a rough cost for the additional grass cutting associated with this proposal and these could be quite substantial. Cllr Westbury suggested that the Colts might be able too fund the additional grass cutting costs. Cllr Flux noted that there were other issues to be considered such as parking and toilet facilities and so this would need looking at properly. Cllr Todd supported this view. The E&R WG will meet the Colts to discuss this further and will report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>4) A resident has kindly offered to remove some dead trees from the Castle Grounds at his own risk – the PC thanked him for doing this.</p> <p>5) Model Code of Conduct – this will be an Agenda item at the next PC meeting.</p> <p>6) The Clerk will get some ‘No Smoking Signs’ for display in the Town Hall.</p>
60/07	<p><u>Next Meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 16th May 2007 at 7.45pm in The Town Hall.</p>