

## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Town Hall, Deddington on Wednesday, 12th April, 1995 at 7.15 pm.

Present:- Councillors Clinch (Chairman), Mrs Brewer, Bowen, Clarke, Colley, Drake, Mrs Fisher, Flux, Miss Hill, Mrs Lee, and Mrs Swash.

### **169/94 Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Stevens, Oddy and Todd. County Councillor Matthews and District Councillor O'Sullivan also apologised.

### **170/94 Car Parking in the Market Place and its Environs.**

Mr J Goddard spoke to the computerised summary, which he had prepared, of the survey of parking undertaken in October, 1994 on 4 days. The summary analysed 2 of the 4 days results and was reasonably indicative of normal conditions although it did not cover the lunch break. For most of the time, space was available though peak times were not covered. 250 surveys had been taken which generally showed 66% usage. A copy of the summary is filed as an appendix to these minutes. The Chairman thanked Mr Goddard for his work and also all the parishioners who had taken part in the survey.

### **171/94 Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 15th March, 1995.**

The above minutes which had been circulated previously, were approved as a true record subject to the following amendments to Min 155/94:-

- (a) Date of VJ service should be 20th August, 1995
- (b) Deletion of final sentence, and signed by the Chairman.

### **172/94 Matters arising from the Minutes.**

(a) The Chairman referred to the display board of previous Chairmen and stated that Mr Welford had indicated that he was able to provide the names of earlier Chairmen of the Council. It was proposed by Cr Flux, seconded by Cr Miss Hill and unanimously approved that the Council endeavour to provide further display boards, if possible referring back to the first Parish Council.

(b) The Clerk reported that he had submitted, for grant purposes, a reduced scheme for conservation lighting in the Market Place to the District Council. The Council endorsed the action taken.

(c) The Clerk was asked to write to the Police regarding the Council's unease regarding the rerouting of traffic. (min 164/94(i) refers.)

### **173/94 There was no matter of Urgent Business.**

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#### 174/94 Environmental Committee.

Cr Mrs Brewer reported (a) that she had met Mr P Allen regarding the parking of his staff's cars in the Market Place and he had agreed that in future 2 cars would be parked on the premises 6 in the Bull Ring.

(b) Shrubs and lily bulbs had been planted in a triangle to the left of the Cemetery entrance. She recommended that quotations be obtained for a water supply to the Cemetery. Cr Miss Hill seconded the motion and this was unanimously agreed.

(c) The Clifton Play Area is in a possibly dangerous condition and it was agreed that 3 quotations be obtained for harrowing and rolling with a suitable top dressing of fine soil.

(d) An offer from Mr C Robinson to develop ideas for possible projects to celebrate the Millenium in the Parish was accepted with thanks.

(e) Public toilet provision in the Market Place was an ongoing project and the Chairman reported that there was still no constitution for the Doddington Charity Estates which owns the Town Hall. It was agreed that Cr Miss Hill investigate possibilities.

(f) A suggestion that Tays Gateway should be closed to through traffic was made and it was agreed that the Committee should investigate the matter further.

(g) A request had been received from a local undertaker as to the Council's view of a person being buried in a white sheet rather than a coffin. Such a burial is not illegal and there are no objections on public health grounds but only a single burial would be allowed in a grave space used for such burial. Resolved that the views of the local clergy be obtained prior to making a decision.

(h) The Clerk reported that the 'bus shelters were ready to be delivered.

#### 175/94 Recreation Committee.

The committee organising the VE Display in the Town Hall were authorised to expend up to £500, from the original grant to the Museum, on display materials, which would be capable of future use in the Museum.

The contractor had stated that he would commence erecting the Tots Play Scheme at the Windmill in week commencing 24th April.

#### 176/94 Planning and Property Committee.

Cr Miss Hill reported as follows:-

##### Applications

95/0453LB Featherton House, Chapel Square - Internal alterations to form en-suite bathroom etc. - No observations.  
1/4632/2 Manor Farm, Banbury Road - Infilling of low spot - No observations.

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95/481LBD & 482F - Grove Lodge, High Street - Conservatory to rear and conversion of existing workshop into domestic garage, including new access. Formation of 2 new dormer windows to front. - No observations.

95/551F & 552LBD - Grove Lodge, High Street - Conversion and extension of existing barn to form new dwelling - Object for the following reasons:- (a) drawings inadequate in that they do not show sections and there is a considerable difference in ground levels between Grove Lodge and Eastleigh to the south

(b) the front door of the proposed dwelling will open directly onto the highway and

(c) overall the additional dwelling will create an overdevelopment of the site.

Each of the above recommendations was approved.

#### Approvals

95/0126F & 0127CAC - Heathfield House, High Street - Demolition of shop front and rebuild as cottage facade.

#### Refusals

95/01530UT - 1, Chapmans Lane - 2 Bedroomed bungalow with garage to rear of the existing property.

CHN659/94 - Land to rear of Pretoria House, Hudson Street - Variation of Condition 13.

#### **177/94 Windmill Committee.**

Cr Flux reported that the final account was due shortly, several village organisations had reserved stalls for the Open Day on 29th May and the new stage was to be erected in the week commencing 24th April.

#### **178/94 Accounts for Payment.**

Accounts totalling £7,717.44, in accordance with the appended schedule, which was circulated at the meeting, were approved for payment.

#### **179/94 Investment of the Council's Funds.**

The Clerk reported that at close of business on 11th April, 1995 the balances were as follows:-

£  
450,000.00 at 7.4% variable for 2 years expiring on 27.4.95  
subject to the rate being not less than 4.5% above  
the base rate on the Bradford & Bingley Building  
Society Timesaver Account.

150,000.00 at 5.75% fixed to 3rd May, 1995

25,592.37 at 5.25% subject to 14 days notice

625,592.37

#### **180/94 Correspondence.**

(a) Letter from P & PP Farley expressing concern about the condition of the cemetery. Improvements requested included a water supply, an archway over the gate covered with flowering shrubs or roses, a more impressive sign and making the hedge more impressive. Members refuted the suggestion that the cemetery was a "disgrace to the village" and were of the view

that it was a serene place and had received several comments to that effect. The Clerk was instructed to obtain quotations for a water supply and it was agreed that the hedge bottom should be cleared out and bulbs planted alongside. The correspondents were to be thanked for their contribution to the works.

(b) Mr Boss had reported that the overhanging hedge on the Banbury Road opposite the school was impeding the mowing of the verge. Agreed that the Clerk write to the owners asking them to have the hedge cut.

(c) Report from the District Council on the Short Term Uses of RAF Upper Heyford. This was passed to the Planning and Property Committee for their recommendations.

(d) Confirmation of the 30mph speed limit order on roads in South Newington.

(e) Letter from Deddington Players submitting their Annual Report and Accounts. Resolved they be thanked for the prompt submission.

(f) Copies of applications to the Licensing Justices for a transfer of the licence of the Unicorn Hotel to John Langridge and Sandra Joan Tustain.

(g) Notification of Planning Seminar on Changes to Planning Procedures. Resolved that Crs Miss Hill and Mrs Swash be appointed.

(h) Notification of annual subscription to the National Association of Local Councils of £170 for 1995/96. Agreed that the subscription be paid.

(i) Advice that the petition for the faculty to erect a display case for the Grant of Arms in the Parish Church has now been submitted.

(j) Notification of the Annual General Meeting of the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils on 26th June and a request for nominations to its Executive Committee. Resolved that Cr Todd be nominated to the Executive Committee.

(k) Notification of 2 meetings of Rural Action dealing with Circular Walks and Conservation. Resolved that Cr Mrs Lee be appointed to the former and Crs Miss Hill and Mrs Brewer to the latter meeting.

(l) Letter from Mrs Newman regarding the fact that the yellow lines in Earls Lane were now obliterated. Agreed that the Clerk should contact the OCC in this matter.

(m) Notification that the District Council were agreeable to an additional set of recycling banks to be stationed at the rear of the Windmill Centre.

(n) Notification from the Oxford Citizens Housing Association that they had now received 23 applications for low cost housing, in their view sufficient to commence negotiations with the LPA. Neighbouring parishes had not yet been informed.

(o) Request from licensee of the Kings Arms to erect signs on the walls of the Holly Tree Club. Resolved that the request be passed to the Club Committee for determination.

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**181/94 Dates of Next Meetings.**

Annual Parish Meeting - Wednesday, 10th May, 1995 at the  
Windmill Centre commencing at 7.30 pm.

Annual Council Meeting - Wednesday, 24th May, 1995 at the  
Holly Tree Club commencing at 7.30 pm.

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Following the Council Meeting members viewed with interest many  
aerial slides of the village from which it was possible to note  
the areas which were vulnerable to development. It was also  
surprising to note the number of trees, in the gardens of  
properties, which cannot be seen by the pedestrian.