

## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April, 1999 at the Town Hall, Deddington commencing at 7.30 pm.**

Present:- Crs Mrs P Swash (Vice-Chairman), Church, Clarke, Cosgrove, Mrs Cox, Mrs Davies, Mrs Fisher, Miss Hill, Newey and Todd.

152/98 Apologies for absence were received from Cr Flux and County Councillor Matthews.

153/98 In the absence, on holiday, of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman took the Chair.

154/98 Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 1999.

The above minutes were, subject to the addition of "Resolved that library books up to a total cost of £1,000 be purchased in 1999/2000 for the Deddington Library utilising 'Section 137' powers" at the commencement of Minute 143/98(c)", unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.

155/98 Matters arising from the Minutes.

The Clerk reported that the Deddington Circular Walks project was now complete and he circulated each Member with a copy of the brochure. Council expressed their grateful thanks to Mr and Mrs Spenceley for their work in bringing this project to a successful conclusion.

156/98 10 minute Forum – No parishioner present wished to address the Council.

157/98 Low Cost Housing.


The Clerk read a fax received from the Housing Association a copy of which is filed with these Minutes. Members were pleased that at last the formalities were complete and that works were now able to be commenced on site.

158/98 Cherwell Local Plan Review – Housing in Rural Areas.

Following the successful Public Meeting in the Parish Church members discussed the form of reply from the Parish. The majority of members were in favour of restricting further development though 2 members were of the view that expansion of the village would be beneficial. The Council's resolution of this matter is contained in the attached letter to the District Council. The District Council had arranged two exhibitions of their proposals for Upper Heyford at village halls in Ardley and Upper Heyford which members of the Planning Working Group were hoping to attend.

159/98 Recreation and Grants Working Group.

Cr Mrs Davies in the absence of Cr Mrs Harper reported as follows:-

- (a) The mowing of the grass at the Clifton Open Space was unsatisfactory in that large cut clumps remained which when wet took a long time to dry. The Clerk undertook to speak to the contractor who had already stated that the clumps would disappear after three cuttings.
  - (b) Details are available from the Clerk in respect of Art Bursaries from the Cherwell District Council payable to persons over 14 years of age who have a considerable interest in one of a multitude of art forms. Applications have to be received by 7<sup>th</sup> May, 1999.
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- (c) A letter had been received from Mrs J Wilson of Gaveston Gardens complaining about the use of the local open space by teenage youths playing football and using trees as goalposts. This was breaking branches from such and other trees and preventing young children from using the area. Last year PC Donahue had successfully stopped the playing of football but they had returned this year. Resolved that PC Donahue, who was present at the meeting, be asked to intervene once more.

160/98 Finance and General Purposes Group.

Cr Todd reported that there had been no business to consider.

161/98 Planning and Property Group.

Cr Miss Hill reported the following recommendations of her Group

Applications

- 99/0102F – 3, Hudson Street,- Revised Plans – No observations.  
 99/0433LB – Wirral House, Bull Ring – Repair front elevation roof with slates from rear roof – No observations.  
 99/0497F – 4, Chapel Close, Clifton – Conversion of ½ double garage to study – Subject to sufficient parking being available, no further observations.  
 99/0517TCA – Castle End, Castle Street - Arboricultural work – No observations.  
 99/0573LB – Middle Corner Cottage, Hempton – Repairs to rear roof and roadside walls – No observations.  
 99/0650TCA – Brick Court, Hudson Street – Fell Willow Tree – No observations.  
 99/0686F – Merrybower Cottage, Philcote Street - Erection of garage.  
 99/0689F – St Anne's Residential Home, Clifton – Renewal of plans for additional wing to form a high dependancy unit consisting of 12 single rooms. – No observations.  
 98/0598F – Land east of Batchelor's Row, Hempton – Revised Drawings of 2 detached houses – No observations re plans but would request street lighting be provided on the access road.

It was resolved that each of the above recommendations be approved.

Approvals

- 96/2001OUT – Land West of Windmill Close – Erection of 23 Dwellings.  
 97/2097REM - -do-  
 99/0092F – The Bothy, The Grove – Conversion of garage to living accommodation  
 00/0320F – 49, Gaveston Gardens, First floor extension and conservatory  
 99/0338F – 41, St John's Way – Ground and first floor extension, new garage & mower shed.  
 99/0414TCA – Sentry House, Castle Street – Fell elm tree

162/98 Millennium Working Group.

Cr Newey reported as follows:-

- (a) Library Group – Mr Carter, the Chairman of the Sub-Group is consulting with the Area Librarian as to the way forward, but the acquisition of the building for library purposes is not possible as the limit of a Parish Council's expenditure on this service is the total of its Section 137 capability – some £5,700.  
 (b) Town Hall Group – A meeting is to be held next Thursday when the question of a survey of the building will be discussed.





- (c) Green Areas and Market Place –Nothing to report at present
- (d) Footpath from Deddington to Clifton – The Chairman of the Council had written to the Area Engineer and a reply was awaited.
- (e) An open meeting was to be held at which functions to be held at the turn of the century would be discussed – Carnival, parties for Children and the Elderly etc. Such functions would not be organised by this Council but, subject to the approval of satisfactory budgets, this Council may make a financial contribution.
- (f) The Calendar pages had sold well and it was necessary for this Council to produce a photograph of the Windmill Centre for its month's page
- (h) A meeting of Pubwatch had been held at which details of the proposals of the local licensees for December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> 2000 were discussed. A copy of a report of the meeting is filed with these minutes. Details of licensing hours have now been issued by the Home Office and will be discussed at a further meeting.
- (g) The Clerk reported that the Data Protection Registrar had given a provisional registration to this Council No PX4136630, final confirmation should be received in 14 days.

#### 163/98 Environment and Highways Working Group.

Cr Mrs Cox reported as follows:-

##### Environment

- (a) A meeting of the Agenda 21 Forum is to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> June at Bodicote House.
- (b) The Annual Meeting of the Oxfordshire Branch of CPRE is to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> June at Magdalen College, Oxford.
- (c) This Council is to volunteer as a test site for the shredding of Garden Waste, the location of the shredder to be the Satin Lane Allotments.
- (d) The first judging for this year's Best Kept Village competition will take place in May.

##### Highways

- (a) The signs at Castle Grounds have become darkened with the passage of time and it was agreed that a new sign be acquired to read 'Children at Play - Please be vigilant with your Dog – Bin or take home your litter'.
- (b) Many cars are parked in dangerous situations and details are to be passed to the Police.
- (c) Speed Signs – Two were stolen from the Clifton Road when they were displayed over the Easter holiday and PC Donahue presented the Council with two which he had located in Kings Sutton. Council thanked him for his efforts.  
It was agreed that (i) the signs be erected in the village on each Bank Holiday  
(ii) PC Donahue be informed on each occasion on which they are erected.  
(iii) the 7 signs which have been stolen be replaced  
(iv) the Clerk write to the O C C to obtain permission to use the signs which include the 30 mph roundel.
- (d) It was resolved that the County Council be asked to remove the priority signs in Chapel Square and that SLOW be painted on the highway for traffic in each direction.

#### 164/98 Account for 1996/97 Audit.

The Clerk reported that the above account was in the sum of £1,328.20 plus VAT for 58hrs work as compared to £448 plus VAT for 20 hrs work in 1995/96.



It was agreed that clarification of the necessity for the additional hours be sought and that pending such information the account be not paid.

#### 165/98 Accounts for Payment.

Accounts totalling £6,125.05 in accordance with a schedule circulated at the meeting, (excluding the Audit Commission account referred to in 164/98) were approved for payment. A copy of the Schedule is filed with these minutes.

#### 166/98 Investment of the Council's Funds.

The Clerk reported as follows:-

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500,000.00	Bradford and Bingley Building Society 120 Day Account
60,000.00	Treasury Deposit fixed to 12 <sup>th</sup> May, 1999 at 4.4375%
25,023.85	at 14 days notice at 3.5%
6,609.16	at 14 days notice at 2.375%
11,281.73	at 1.625% overnight
720.37	at 1.625% overnight

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#### 167/98 Correspondence.

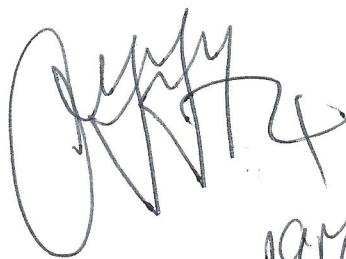
- (a) Two Neighbourhood Watch meetings were to be held shortly in the village for which there were no funds available. Agreed that the Council pay the appropriate fees for the use of premises.
- (b) Notification from the County Council of a continuation of their subsidy for the Saturday only bus service from Middle Barton to Banbury which calls at Deddington at 0930 outwards and 1320 inwards.
- (c) Letter from Messrs Hayward and White stating that from copies of Conveyances, Declaration and Transcripts that 'the Hall and Yard of the British Legion Club, High Street are held in Trust for the Parish Council of Deddington and for and on behalf of the inhabitants of the Parish and I understand that should the Deddington Royal British Legion Branch and Club Ltd cease to exist then the Trustees shall make the premises available for the use of, but not the ownership of, the Parish Council.'

#### 168/98 Dates of next meetings.

Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 1999.

Annual Council Meeting – Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 1999.

Both meetings at the Windmill Centre commencing at 7.30 pm.

  
19 May 99