

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meetings held in the Windmill Centre, Deddington on
Wednesday 19 August 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs D Anderson, A Collins (Chair), M Cox, J Finnigan, J Flux, H Oldfield, S O'Neill, D Rogers (Vice Chair), J Watts, B Wood (Vice Chair), County Cllr A Fatemian, 3 members of public and a representative of Deddington News.

154/15	Apologies: Cllrs F East, M Squires and B Williams
155/15	Declarations of Interest: Cllr D Rogers declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 9 Planning 15/01315/OUT: Land to Rear of 19 The Paddocks as an owner of a property in Mill Close and left the meeting whilst this item was discussed. Cllr S O'Neill declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 10 Neighbourhood Planning Working Group, as a landowner and left the meeting whilst this item was discussed. The following Cllrs declared general interests: Cllr M Cox - Agenda Item 9 Planning 15/01315/OUT: Land to Rear of 19 The Paddocks Cllr D Rogers - Agenda Item 12 F&GP 165/15 Windmill refurbishment as a Windmill Committee trustee. Cllr J Flux - Agenda Item 12 F&GP 165/15 Windmill refurbishment as a Windmill Committee trustee.
156/15	Minutes: The PC RESOLVED (unanimous) that the minutes of the meeting of 15 July 2015 are a true record subject to the following amendments to the second and third sentences of 143/15 Neighbourhood Planning Working Group. "The steering group wishes to reserve the right to establish a uniform methodology for assessing the suitability of all potential sites in the parish to ensure and to test the criteria to ensure that the process is objective and transparent. Some on the steering group disagreed with this approach." The Chair then signed the minutes.
157/15	Matters Arising from the Minutes: The wooden back plate for the Coat of Arms on the Town Hall has been ordered.
158/15	10 Minute Open Forum: Barbara and John Moore of Mill Close addressed the PC regarding the planning application 15/01315/OUT: Land to Rear of 19 The Paddocks. They were concerned about a precedent being set for access from Mill Close, which would cause disruption on an already narrow road with no pavement. Any construction lorries would result in difficulty for residents. The relocation of the pumping station could prove very unsatisfactory the current pumping station only has a capacity of 14 hours. David Rogers also spoke stating his concerns that a previous application was granted. He asked that the PC ask for the following conditions to be applied to the application; that is only for one single storey dwelling so that nearby properties are not overlooked, the pumping station is moved prior to any building works being undertaken. He raised his concerns that this would provide access to the field behind the Paddocks and the SHLAA site DE036. Cllr J Watts joined the meeting at this point.
159/15	Presentation by Police Sergeant Becky Fishwick about activities in Daedas Wood. Sergeant Becky Fishwick addressed the PC about anti-social behaviour of a sexual nature in Daedas Wood and the Gated Road. TVP were asked to investigate by Victoria Prentice MP. Action has been taken to clear certain areas within Daedas Wood but this has displaced the activity to a copse further along. OCC Highways have been asked to clear the area but say that they are unable to help. Sergeant Fishwick asked that: 1) Any anti-social activity is reported to her or on 101 in order that TVP can build up a body of evidence. 2) The PC support her request with OCC Highways to request the clearing of the copse/bridleway. She reported that there has been littering linked to sexual activity and legal drug use. Cllrs suggested that the Milton Parish Council also be also contacted by TVP. County Cllr A Fatemian thought it unlikely that OCC will clear the areas but will see if the work can be undertaken in view of the MP's backing. Cllr J Flux proposed, Cllr B Wood seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (9 votes for and 1 abstention) that the PC will support TVP in any way that it can. Cllr J Watts asked TVP for more speeding enforcement in the Parish. Sergeant Fishwick said that TVP is willing to offer help but because her area covers 36 villages it will be limited as they are only able to conduct enforcement once or twice a month. She advised that there is equipment available from OCC Highways at a cost of approximately £150 per week that can be used to carry out speed watch activities. Any data collected on speeding should be passed to Sergeant Fishwick. Cllr J Flux asked that Police tours of the Windmill site continue to help reduce vandalism. The Clerk asked for an up-to-date TVP personnel chart.
160/15	County and District Councillor updates. (i) <u>Report from County Cllr A Fatemian:</u> 1) OCC are looking to save £3.6 million from the transport budget and reduce bus subsidies by £2.5 million. A consultation is currently open and comments will be accepted until 14 September. 2) There will be a back office cost reduction of £805,000 per annum as a result of OCC working with Hampshire County Council. 3) A consultation is currently open about proposed changes to the recycling sites in Oxfordshire. There is a move to reduce the number of sites and locate sites nearer to the most populated areas. It was noted that a response from the PC would only count as one response so if Cllrs felt strongly they should respond as individuals. The consultation document is in the library. 4) VAS County Cllr A Fatemian reiterated the findings of the Chair of North Aston PC who felt that their VAS had limited impact on speeding. Cllr A Collins thanked County Cllr A Fatemian for his involvement in the VJ event. (ii) <u>Report from District Cllr B Williams:</u> none received. Cllr J Flux stated that CDC was researching to see if they could pick up some of the Dial a Ride slack.

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Planning Matters. The following planning applications were received and considered:

- a) **15/01315/OUT: Land to Rear of 19 The Paddocks adj to Mill Close, Deddington - OUTLINE -** Proposed single dwelling. Cllr Rogers had previously declared a pecuniary interest in this planning application and so left the room whilst it was discussed. Cllr M Cox noted that the pumping station would need to be relocated for the 44 houses it services and would cost in the region of £100,000 to remove and result in approximately two months of bypassing the system. She raised concerns regarding the historic site of the Paddocks and concerns regarding the hedgerow. Cllr S O'Neill proposed, Cllr H Oldfield seconded the motion and the Council **RESOLVED** (unanimous) that it **objects** to this planning application on the following grounds:
1. The proposed access is through the existing sewage pumping station.
 2. There is no vehicular access to the site from the Paddocks.
 3. The applicant's garden also has a boundary with the field behind the Paddocks giving an additional access route into this field from Mill Close.
 4. This is a backfill development and is an undesirable precedent which affects the nature of the Paddocks heritage.
 5. There would be considerable disruption and inconvenience associated with the proposals related to moving the sewage pumping station which services 44 houses. There is also no guarantee that it would work as effectively if relocated.
 6. The pumping station only has the capacity to go off-line for 14 hours before serious problems will ensue. These may have associated health and safety risks to residents. Any measures to mitigate this will involve large tankers accessing Mill Close on a regular basis and potentially blocking access to residents and emergency vehicles.
 7. The noise of the pumping will result in a 24/7 nuisance to residents which is unacceptable particularly to shift workers.
 8. This application is for a single dwelling but the details are very vague. In the previous application they made it clear that it would only be a single storey dwelling. There is no such commitment in the current application and so there could be a detrimental effect on the amenity of the neighbours.
- Cllr Rogers re-joined the meeting at this point.
- b) **15/00225/TCA: 3 Castle End, Castle Street, Deddington** – Fell 1 Sycamore. Cllr S O'Neill proposed, Cllr D Rogers seconded the motion and the Council **RESOLVED** (unanimous) that it has no objection but requests that a replacement tree is planted in line with the DPC tree policy.
- c) **15/00248/TCA: Hamisaren, 2 Castle End, Castle Street** – Fell 1 Weeping Willow. Cllr S O'Neill proposed, Cllr J Watts seconded the motion and the Council **RESOLVED** (unanimous) that it has no objection but requests that a replacement tree is planted in line with the DPC tree policy.
- d) **15/01360/F: College House, Hempton** – New dwelling - re-submission of 15/00706/F. Previously DPC offered no objection. This application as subsequently withdrawn. There are six objection letters on the CDC portal relating to the earlier application and one objection for this application. The only apparent amendment on this application appears to be a change to the access effectively bringing the access for both properties directly in front of the proposed new dwelling. Cllr S O'Neill proposed, Cllr J Finnigan seconded the motion and the Council **RESOLVED** (unanimous) that it **objects** to this planning application on the grounds that:
1. There are concerns that the proposed access is insufficient.
 2. This is over development of the site.
 3. The Parish Council read with interest the detailed objection letters from six parishioners and supports their views.
 4. This proposal will alter the building line.
 5. The ownership of the land in question needs to be confirmed.
- e) **15/01254/F: Deddington Mill Gated Road, Deddington** – Alterations and extension to existing outbuilding to form bedrooms for guest accommodation and home office, ancillary to the main house. Cllr S O'Neill proposed, Cllr D Rogers seconded the motion and the Council **RESOLVED** (9 votes for and one abstention) that it wishes to make no objection.

Approvals

15/00976/F, Renwick Cottage, Holcombe Gardens, Deddington.

15/01087/F, 13 Gaveston Gardens, Deddington.

15/00177/TCA, Quinque House, Deddington.

15/00188/TCA Renwick Cottage, Holcombe Gardens, Deddington.

Correspondence

a) CPRE summer 2015 newsletter.

b) Notice of adoption of the Cherwell Local Plan part 1 from CDC.

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Highways & Transport Report:

1. **Speed Watch and Speed Monitoring.** Speed watch to recommence with TVP in September with additional monitoring when the school children return to address concerns raised by a Hempton Road resident. The Clerk responded to a residents concerns and extend an invitation for her to join Speed Watch.
2. **Parish Roads.** Further concerns, supported by photographic evidence, have been received regarding fully loaded HGV's passing through Clifton over the bridge towards Aynho. As this is outside the parish boundary the resident was directed to the site where he can report his concerns.
3. **DPPB application.** An application for a Disabled persons parking bay has been received for outside Manse House, Bullring. Cllr M Cox proposed, Cllr D Rogers seconded the motion and the Council

	<p>RESOLVED (9 votes for and one abstention) that it has no objection providing the usual rules and regulations are adhered to.</p> <p>4. Clifton – VAS. Cllr D Rogers proposed, Cllr J Finnigan seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (7 votes for, 1 against and two abstentions) that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The PC purchase a VAS sign from OCC and pay OCC to install the required pole and electricity supply from nearby pole at a cost of £3875.82 +VAT plus ongoing annual costs (covering 6 years of electricity supply on an unmetered connecting and emergency basic servicing) totalling £857.04+VAT making the total cost to the Council £4732.86+VAT. 2. That consultation will take place with the adjacent properties (three homes) before proceeding. 3. Further research will be undertaken and data gathered on Hempton Road to consider whether another VAS should be installed there. The findings will be brought back to Council. <p>Transport</p> <p>6. Transport cuts and Dial a Ride. OCC are cutting various subsidised bus services in the county and axing their Dial-a-ride service completely - to make a £6m saving. Cllr H Oldfield to contact those residents currently using Dial a Ride to inform them of the volunteer car services available – and to invite them to get in touch if they have problems.</p> <p>7. Consultation. OCC would like the PC to take part in their consultation. OCC has no statutory duty to maintain the Dial-a-Ride and the subsidised bus services. They do offer some start-up help to people or PCs running community buses. Please pass any comments to Cllr H Oldfield.</p>
163/15	<p>Neighbourhood Planning Working Group: Cllr S O'Neill declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting whilst this item was considered.</p> <p>The Steering group are drawing up a document detailing the key points/objectives to publish to all Cllrs prior to the September meeting.</p>
164/15	<p>Environment and Recreation report. Cllr S O'Neill returned to the meeting at this point.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bins at castle grounds. The Clerk will order 2 bins and fixings which the steward will fix to trees. 2. Dog poo bin at Town Hall. DCE have removed the bin as they do not want it on the Town Hall. The working group are investigating options. 3. Painting the phone box by the Town Hall. It was agreed that the PC wait until next year for BT to repaint the phone box. 4. Notice Boards. Cork backing for the remaining notice boards has arrived and the steward is installing this. 5. Funding. There has been no progress on matched funding so far for the MUGA extension & AWC fencing. There are a few more avenues left to research. 6. Pod Swing. ProLudic supplied the original pod swing and quoted £896 + VAT for a replacement bowl. Cllr D Rogers proposed, Cllr J Watts seconded the motion and it was RESOLVED (unanimous) that a new replacement bowl be purchased. 7. Thanks to be passed. To Hook Norton vets for their planter and to Jean Rudge for maintaining the roses outside the cemetery. 8. Potential funding. SSE resilience fund, grants of up to £20k. Cllr D Rogers to investigate a backup generator at each of the parish refugee centres. 9. Coombe Hill Walk. Issues with the Coombe Hill section of the circular walk have been reported. 10. Christmas Tree lights. Tim Parker, OCC advised that it will cost the PC less to install a fused splitter box in the new light column for Christmas tree lights if the work is commissioned now. The additional cost is £108 + VAT. Cllr D Rogers proposed, Cllr H Oldfield seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) that the works be commissioned. Cllr H Oldfield will ask DCE where the original transformer is.
165/15	<p>Finance and General Purposes Report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bank accounts and cash flow statement. The major items of income and expenditure were highlighted. 2. Accounts to 31 March 2015. These have been signed off by BDO. 3. Investments. A bond with Santander has been closed and £80,000 invested with the Nationwide Building Society. A bond with Santander matures in September. 4. Photocopier. A further payment of £178 plus £60 annually for contracts was approved by the Council. 5. Windmill Centre windows and doors. Three quotes for new windows and doors at the Windmill Centre were received and considered. Cllr B Wood proposed, Cllr C Cox seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (7 votes for and 2 abstentions) that the cheapest quote of £11,739 + VAT be approved to install the replacement window and doors. 6. There was discussion that the PC should introduce a formal policy regarding the minimum reserve holdings to ensure there are always sufficient funds held. 7. The WMC were asked to compile a full programme of works stating what they would like to do which will include an estimation of the costs and a priority order for the work. Cllr J Watts left the meeting at this point. 8. Cricket Club. No response from the Cricket Club about the pavilion although it is understood that some discussions are taking place. 9. Investment Strategy. Cllr B Wood proposed Cllr D Anderson seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) that the Investment Strategy be approved noting that point 5 will be amended in line with the July 2015 changes to cover PC funds in financial institutions to a maximum of £75,000 per institution.

166/15	Victory in Japan: Cllr A Collins thanked everyone for their input into making the event a success. It was noted that the band, bell ringers and Stella O'Neill did a sterling job. Cllr J Flux led a vote of thanks from the Council to Cllr A Collins for his tremendous effort in getting the event off the ground.																																													
167/15	Update from the Parish Council Representatives DCE. The official opening of the Town Hall is 26 September 2015.																																													
168/15	Invoices for Payment: RESOLVED (unanimous) that the invoices for 16 July – 19 August 2015 totalling £8,118.19 were approved for payment.																																													
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170/15	Correspondence: None.																																													
171/15	<p>AOB as allowed by Chairman:</p> <p>Cllr S O'Neill thanked the PC on behalf of Deddington Library for the hanging baskets.</p> <p>Cllr H Oldfield asked that the September agenda include a request to lobby MPs against the selling off of housing association houses.</p>																																													
172/15	Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 16 September 2015 at 7.30pm in the Holly Tree Club, Deddington . The meeting closed at 9.56pm.																																													