

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE

13th DECEMBER, 1989.

Present:

Cllrs. Fenemore (Chairman) Fuller, Cole, Garvey, Stevens, Hayward, Marmion, Gibbs, Webber, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Kedge, Mrs. Swash and Mrs. Garvey.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. O'Neill.

Also present was District Cllr. R. Croft.

The minutes of the two previous meetings held on the 22nd November, 1989 and the 29th November, 1989 were approved.

1. MATTERS ARISING.

a) Windmill Centre and Trust Fund.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had made enquiries into the arrears due in respect of one of the loans, and that he had been informed that Cherwell District Council had issued a loan instalment invoice but that this would have appeared to have gone astray. It was unanimously agreed that both loans be redeemed at the appropriate times.

b) Town Hall.

The Clerk produced two estimates for the "Flood-lighting" of the Town Hall which were as follows :-

D.E.C.	£648.00 + VAT
Weatherheads	£620.00 + VAT

It was agreed that this matter be further discussed at a later stage, when fuller information of the PC's finances had been established.

c) Parish Trust.

A letter from the PC's Solicitor was read to the meeting. It was agreed that a sub-committee be set up to deal with this matter. The sub-committee would be Cllr. J. Cole, Cllr J. Stevens and Cllr Mrs. Stevens.

2. WINDMILL CENTRE AND TRUST FUND.

The Chairman invited Mr. J. Drake to address the meeting in relation to the Windmill Centre. Mr. Drake advised the PC that British Gas had replaced all the heaters at the Centre whereas only one heater was contracted to be changed. Mr. Drake informed the PC that he had already been in contact with British Gas regarding this, and that they were taking full responsibility for the error. It was apparent however, that all of the heaters would require replacement in due course, and it might be that favourable terms could now be made with British Gas regarding payment of the heaters already installed. Negotiations were therefore being made with British Gas, and Mr. Drake stated that he would keep the PC informed of the developments in the matter. Mr. Drake also informed the PC that the Windmill Committee were to appoint a full time steward at a salary of £5,000.00 per annum together with 50% profit from the sale of drinks. He sought the consent of the PC to underwrite the sum of £5,000.00 for the first year, although he felt that with the services of a steward it would be possible to finance this from the earnings of the centre. Mr. Drake also informed the meeting that there was still a problem of condensation, although this matter could be sorted out in due course. The Chairman thanked Mr. Drake on behalf of the PC and Mr. Drake left the meeting.

The Chairman asked the PC to consider whether or not to underwrite the Windmill Centre for £5,000.00. This was proposed by Cllr Cole, seconded by Cllr. Fuller. Cllr. Hayward proposed a counter amendment which was that no such underwriting be made until the legal situation as to whether or not the Council were entitled to undertake this funding was clear. This counter amendment was seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Garvey. After a vote the counter amendment was defeated by 6 votes for the amendment and 7 votes against. After a vote on the first proposition, 8 members voted for underwriting the Windmill Centre, and 4 were against. It was agreed that the Council would underwrite the sum of £5,000.00 to the Windmill Committee for one year in respect of the steward.

3. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES.

It was further agreed that two further sub-committees be appointed.

a) Windmill Centre - Appointed Cllr. Marmion, Cllr. Webber and Cllr Mrs. Garvey.

b) Recreation - Appointed Cllr Fuller and Cllr. Garvey.

4. CHRISTMAS TREE and LIGHTING.

Cllr. Hayward informed the meeting that the PC had not had to buy a Christmas Tree, as one had been donated by Mr. & Mrs. Palamounding of Duns Tew. Cllr. Hayward also informed the PC that new lights were to be placed on the Tree, donated by Weatherheads, and that this firm would undertake to do this each year. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. & Mrs. Palamounding and to Weatherheads on behalf of the PC.

5. FINANCIAL SITUATION OF PARISH COUNCIL

It was agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman, together with the Clerk investigate the finances of the Parish Council and report to the next meeting.

6. HEATING AT TOWN HALL.

Cllr. Stevens informed the meeting that the Charity had received a quotation for a new heating system (3 infra-red heaters) which was to cost the sum of £800.00 + VAT. The Charity asked that the PC consider payment of one half of the cost. After discussion it was agreed that the Charity be asked to look at alternative heating, and the PC undertook to consider making a contribution if an alternative system was available.

7. SALARY/EXPENSES OF FORMER CLERK OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the former clerk had not been paid any salary or expenses during his term of office. After discussion it was agreed that 7 months salary be paid, and that Mr. Walkerdine be asked to submit details of any expenses so that these could be authorised for payment.

8. ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE.

a) Litter in vicinity of the Parish Church.

A letter had been received from Mr. E. Johnson concerning the amount of litter which was finding its way to Church premises. Mr. Johnson asked that the Council write to the Proprietors of the Post Office Stores to see if they would attempt to see that no litter emanates from their establishment. The Clerk was asked to write to obtain the co-operation of the owners.

b) Postal Services.

A letter had been received from the Royal Mail (Customer Care Unit) concerning local deliveries, which regrettably informed the PC that until budgetary provisions were available it could not improve the present system.

c) Deddington C.E. Primary School.

A letter had been received from the Headmaster requesting details of a 'Loan Scheme' which he gathered the PC were operating. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Morgan to tell him that no such scheme was in operation by the PC.

d) Castle Grounds.

A letter had been received from Leslie Latto concerning the childrens play facilities in this area. The matter was referred to the "Recreation Committee" to examine and report to the next meeting. The Clerk was asked to reply to Leslie Latto that the matter is being looked into.

A letter had also been received from Deddington Town Football Club regarding the fouling of the playing area by dogs. The Club had asked the Deddington News to remind owners not to allow dogs to foul in this area, and asked the PC for permission to attach a notice to the gate at the entrance. The meeting agreed to this action being taken.

e) Tree Preservation Order.

A letter had been received from Cherwell District Council giving notice that a Tree Preservation Order was being considered in respect of a Tree at Holcombe Hotel.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

a) No objections were raised to the following planning applications :-

Maunds Farmhouse,
High Street, DEDDINGTON.

Erection of satellite dish

Ilbury Farm, Hempton.

Amended plans for use of existing building as cattery and new dog kennels for boarding of cats and dogs.

The following observations were made in respect of the following planning applications :-

Foresters Hall, The Tchure,
Market Place, Deddington

Change of use from retail/
commercial to office

(Cllr.Hayward discloses interest)

That the planning authority be aware of the concern of the Parish Council relating to additional car parking which may occur from the change of use.

Land Adj. to No 1
Philcote Street, Deddington.

Erection of semi-bungalow.

That the planning authority be aware of the concern of the Parish Council relating to vehicular access to this site, the design and size of the plot. That any additional car parking in this area would not be desirable

Plot 1.
Tithe Lane, Clifton

Two storey dwelling with
Garage.

The PC further considered the above planning application and after discussion it was decided that the Planning Authority be aware that in giving consideration to this application it should be aware of the effect such a development would have on adjacent property and consideration be given with regard to the privacy of that property.

To note the refusal of the following planning application.

Unicorn Antiques, shop awning
Market Place, Deddington.

10. The following accounts were passed for payment :-

Mrs. E. Busby (Caretaking duties - Town Hall)	£7.50
John Scott (Tree stakes etc)	13.81
Gillyflowers (wreath)	20.00
R. Stratford (Clerk's salary/expenses)	333.51
Welbourn Sportsgrounds Ltd (Maintenance)	1,029.25
Welbourn Sportsgrounds Ltd (Fencing)	100.00

11. **JANUARY MEETING** - to be held on Wednesday 24th January, 1990 at 7.15 p.m.

Meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

