

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council, on Wednesday, 11th December, 1996 at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present:- Councillors Todd (Chairman), Mrs Brewer, Clarke, Cosgrove, Drake, Mrs Fisher, Flux, Miss Hill, Mrs Lee, Oddy, Mrs Stevens, and Mrs Swash. County Councillor N Matthews in attendance.

86/96 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Crs Clinch and Colley and District Councillor O'Sullivan.

87/96 Minutes of the meeting held on 20th November, 1996.

The following corrections were approved:-

Min 73/96(a) The amendment was moved by Cr Clinch and not Cr Flux.

Min 74/96(b) for 'right' read 'left'.

Subject thereto the minutes were approved, as a true record, unanimously and signed by the Chairman..

88/96 Matters arising.

- ✓ The Clerk reported that he had contacted the LPA regarding the Category 1 settlement classification given to Deddington in the Local Plan and had been advised that they would wish to see a request for change in writing, which he would organise.

Cr Flux reported regarding the availability of a Hearing Loop which would be permanently fixed in the Town Hall but parts of which would be capable of moving to other sites. The costs were around £350 but he would report further to the next meeting.

89/96 Draft Structure Plan

Most members had read the documentation and had nothing further to add to the points raised in Min 76/96. The Draft was passed to members who had not seen it with a request for comments to be transmitted to the Clerk by Monday 16th December in order that the Council's views may be submitted by the due date.

90/96 Low Cost Housing Scheme.

The Clerk reported that the Board of the Oxford Citizens Housing Association had given approval to the Scheme and had instructed their solicitors to acquire the site and their architect to obtain planning permission. The Association had been informed of the Council's decision regarding the play area which had been accepted. (Min. 83/96a). Housing Association Grant was being applied for by the Association.

91/96 Recreation Committee.

Cr Mrs Lee reported as follows:-

(a) Application for Grant from the Friends of Hempton Church. The Friends wished to make more use of the schoolroom at the Church for social events, but firstly needed to make the



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building damp free. In 1991 the Council had considered the offer of a grant for toilet and kitchen facilities in the schoolroom subject to a damp proof course being first inserted. The current application is for the provision of a French Drain, which professionals have stated to be a better cure than a damp proof course, replacement of some stonework and a few tiles. The works would be for the whole building and the lowest tenderer's quotation apportioned to the schoolroom by the architect has been assessed at £4,868.88. It was resolved that Cr Mrs Lee and the Clerk meet officers of the Friends to establish details of their funds and the prospect of meeting the costs of future works the Council being sympathetic to the project.

#### 92/96 Environmental Committee.

Cr Mrs Stevens reported as follows:-

##### (a) Christmas decorations.

Arrangements were being made for a Christmas Tree with lights and, as an innovation, a Nativity Scene - Crib with backcloth - will be placed in the Town Hall undercroft.

(b) The flower box at the junction of St Thomas Street and New Street will be lowered in height and given a further coat of stain.

#### 93/96 Highways Committee.

Cr Mrs Brewer reported

##### (a) Traffic Management.

The Earls Lane scheme had now been approved by the County Council subject to the addition of two new street lights. The Cherwell Construction Services were producing a detailed estimate which it was hoped would be available for the next meeting.

A meeting with the County Council had been arranged to discuss possible practical and economic works at Clifton and on the Hempton Road.

##### (b) High/New Street Footpaths.

These footpaths were still in an unsatisfactory state, excess gravel and exposed tarmac being the main problems. This has resulted in an uneven surface which puddles in wet weather. The County Council are aware of this and will be returning to hand sweeping. The Committee will continue to press the County Council until a satisfactory situation is achieved.

(c) The County Council have confirmed that they will be replacing the blue bricks outside Tuckers in the Market Square.

#### 94/96 Planning and Property.

Cr Miss Hill reported the recommendations of her Committee as follows:-

##### Application.

- ✓ 96/1951F&1952LB - Wirral House, Bull Ring - External & internal alterations including 2 storey extension - Object on the basis that these plans still show an overdevelopment of the site creating serious disbenefit to adjacent occupiers.





The recommendation was agreed unanimously.

#### Approvals.

96/741F - 7, Market Place - Renewal of change of use to ground floor retail unit.

96/1626F - King Cottage, 6/7, High Street - Pitched roof extension to utility room.

Appeal - Deddington Arms - Internal alterations to improve means of escape from 1st floor - Confirm Council's original observations.

#### 95/96 Accounts for payment.

Accounts for payment totalling £5,458.09 were submitted in accordance with a schedule circulated at the meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. It was moved by Cr Mrs Swash, seconded by Cr Mrs Stevens and agreed unanimously that the accounts be paid.

#### 96/96 Investment of the Council's Funds.

The Clerk reported that at close of business on 10th December the balances were as follows.

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450,000.00	Bradford & Bingley B.S. Bonus 120 Acc. at 6.2%
100,000.00	Treasury Deposit fixed to 24.11.96 at 5.5%
23,839.98	at 14 days notice at 3.625%
1,605.29	overnight at 2.25%
<u>575,445.27</u>	

#### 97/96 Village Design Statements.

✓ Cr Miss Hill reported upon the meeting which discussed the above topic which summarised the detail required to produce an effective design statement. It was agreed that the guidance pack and promotional video be obtained from the Countryside Commission in order that such a statement for Deddington may be further considered.

#### 98/96 Meeting of Parishes with the District Council.

The Chairman commented that officers reported upon the working of the Travel Token Scheme and the up to date situation regarding the proposed Academy of Sport at Upper Heyford. Cr Flux stated that the main thrust of comment from the Parishes was the need for the District Council to listen to what the Parish Councils were saying.

#### 99/96 Correspondence.

(a) Letter from District Tourism Officer stating his interest in providing information for visitors to the area at Deddington.

✓ (b) Only one quotation for lighting the Council Chamber had been received from Harrison Electrical of Banbury in the sum of £261.70 plus VAT. It was unanimously agreed that the quotation be accepted.

(c) Letter from Bicester & Kidlington Crossroads Care Scheme

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seeking financial support for their work. Agreed that they be informed that this Parish is supported by the Banbury & District Carers who have outreach sessions in the village.

(d) Receipt of copies of the District Council Community Plan which had been circulated to each member present.

(e) A draft of the Cherwell District Council Charter for Parish Councils was circulated to members present with a request for comment by the next meeting.

(f) Letter from the Banbury & District Citizens Advice Bureau thanking the Council for its contribution.

(g) Letter from Mr and Mrs P Cross of The Corner House, High Street stating that they strongly object to any plans of traffic management creating humps in the road which would create intolerable noise.

100/96 Date of Next Meeting.

The next Council Meeting will be held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, 15th January, 1997 commencing at 7.30 pm.

101/96 The Chairman wished all present a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'S' or 'Z' shape followed by a vertical line and a horizontal crossbar.