

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 15th December, 1999 at the Town Hall Deddington commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present:- Councillors Flux (Chairman), Clarke, Cosgrove, Mrs Cox, Mrs Davies, Bell, Mrs Harper, Miss Hill, Newey, Mrs Swash and Mrs Walker. Cr O'Sullivan in attendance.

101/99 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Crs Clinch, Mrs Fisher, Todd and County Councillor Matthews.

102/99 Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 17th November, 1999.

The above minutes were unanimously accepted as a true record of the above meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

103/99 Matters arising.

The Clerk reported that the dog bin had been installed at Daeda's Wood and that the OCC had been given the order to proceed with the erection of the street light at Hudson Court.

104/99 No member of the public wished to address the Council.

105/99 Low Cost Housing.

The Chairman reported upon his discussions with the CDC Housing Department regarding the manner in which the tenants and shared owners of the houses were to be selected. It is now clear that the District Council will nominate persons from their waiting list, who have Deddington connections, to the Housing Association who will allocate the particular properties. Initially persons with 5 years or more residence or occupation in Deddington will be nominated. The commencement on site ceremony had been held on the previous Monday at which a time capsule had been buried by Mrs Jo Mace, in whose house the first meeting to consider a low cost housing scheme was held. A list of the items included is attached to these minutes and the meeting, hosted by the contractors Messrs Western Counties, was a success despite the appalling weather conditions. Cr Bell asked for information as to who had decided the contents of the capsule, to which the Clerk replied that Western Counties had forwarded the capsule with a request for items to be inserted. . Cr Mrs Davies pointed out that the invitation to the event stated that anyone may have taken items, to be included in the capsule, to the ceremony. Thanks were extended to the Map Group and Deddington On-Line for their input.

106/99 The Deddington Map Group had submitted a report, a copy of which is filed with these minutes, outlining the work which had been accomplished to date and the future projects being undertaken together with a financial statement. The Group were thanked for the report.

107/99 Planning and Property Working Group.

Applications

99/2029F&2031LB – The Old Butchery, St Thomas Street – Two and single storey extensions etc – No observations.

99/2067F - Stonecroft, Clifton Road – First floor extension over garage – no objection but this development will have an impact on the property to the east.

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99/2082F – Grove Lodge, High Street – Renewal of 95/0551F – Object on the following basis (a) the drawings are 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 which will create overlooking problems,

(b) the front door of the proposed new dwelling will open directly onto the highway which is extremely narrow

and

© the scheme creates an overdevelopment of the site.

99/2102TCA – The Old Malthouse, Church Street – Fell and remove stump of Leylandi – No observations.

99/2140TCA – The Old Vicarage, Church Street – Reduce crown of Walnut Tree by 25 to 30%.- No observations.

Approval

98/2224OUT- The Vicarage, Earls Lane – Demolish and erect 3 houses on site etc. Approved subject to 20 conditions. Council noted that the matter of the area being reserved for school children exiting the school being inadequate had not been conditioned and the Clerk agreed to take up this matter to ensure that it was dealt with at the detailed application stage.

A reply had been received from the Government Office for the South East regarding the Council's serious objections to the Panel Report on Regional Planning Guidance for the South East as follows:- "The Secretary of State is currently considering the Panel's recommendations made on Serplan's Draft Regional Planning Guidance before publishing proposed changes to the draft RPG. This is now expected in the New Year and will last for a minimum of 8 weeks. There will then be a full opportunity to comment on the changes. In advance of this consultation, I am afraid that it would be inappropriate for me to respond to the observations you make".

108/99 Millennium Working Group.

Cr Bell reported as follows:-

Permission was being sought to hang the large television screen next to the Post Office and arrangements were in hand for music to be piped from the Town Hall. Arrangements for the Carnival were proceeding very well and other matters being considered for later in 2000 were an Antiques Road Show, Steam Fair and Jazz Concert.

It was unanimously agreed to reduce the cost of Calendars to £2.50 with effect from the 7th January, 2000 and to donate 180 copies free to the Junior School. Following advice from the Police it had been decided not to close the Market Place on 31st December, 1999 and 1st January, 2000. This change of policy was approved with one abstention.

(e) It was agreed that notices should be issued to persons normally parking in the Market Place that alternative facilities were available in the school playground.

109/99 Environment and Highways Working Group

Cr Mrs Cox reported as follows:-

Environment

(a) The District Council has produced a leaflet re Dog Fouling which is available free of charge. It was agreed that copies be acquired to be inserted as flyers in the February edition of the Deddington News.

(b) The overhanging vegetation in St John's Way was still blocking the footpath. The Clerk agreed to write to the owners responsible.

(c) Millennium Tree Grants – Matching grants of up to £500 from the District Council would be available for 2 years. It was considered that the Chestnut avenue between Deddington and Hempton should be extended and there was the possibility of trees alongside the Clifton to Deddington part of the B4031. It was proposed that £500 of grant money be taken up for each of the years 2000/2001 and 2001/2002. The proposition was unanimously accepted and plans were to be drawn up for the placement of the trees.

Highways

(d) Regarding the parking of vehicles at the southern end of the Daedings the Clerk was asked to write to the County Council and the Police to determine progress, as they have been considering the matter for some time.

(e) Traffic Count at the Traffic Lights. This would be taking place on 16th December, 1999.

(f) It was understood that the proposals for the Hempton Pinch point were receiving favourable consideration by the County Council and may be included in a future years programme. A petition signed by 64 residents of Hempton was received.

110/99 Finance and General Purposes Working Group.

(a) The Clerk circulated a summary sheet for consideration at the next meeting when the Precept for 2000/2001 will need to be determined.

(b) Notification of an increase in fees to the O A L C in 2000/2001 of 2%.

111/99 Windmill Committee.

(a) Receipts from the use of the All Weather Pitch show a decrease, but it is hoped that usage will be extended in the New Year.

(b) Work on the roof should start towards the end of January, 2000.

112/99 Invoices for Payment.

Invoices totalling £7,580.07, in accordance with a schedule circulated at the meeting, (a copy of which is filed with these Minutes), were unanimously approved for payment.

113/99 Investment of the Council's Funds.

At the close of business on 14th December, 1999 the balances were as follows:-
£

500,000.00 Bradford and Bingley Building Society Bonus 120 A/c at 5.4%

35,000.00 Treasury Deposit at 4.8375% fixed to 14th February, 2000.

3,483.51 at 14 days notice at 2.5%

11,418.22 overnight at 1.75%

726.65 overnight at 1.375%

550,628.38

114/99 Correspondence

(a) Letter from the Royal British Legion Deddington Branch thanking the Council for its participation in the Remembrance Day Services and stating that the amount raised for the Earl Haig Fund in the Parish was £2,853.02.

(b) Letter from the Parochial Church Council inviting the Council to a Special Service of Covenant, which will include an act of Dedication for the new Millennium, in the Parish Church at 10.30 am on Sunday 2nd January, 2000.

The Chairman reminded Members of the Carol Singing around the Christmas Tree on Christmas Eve and wished all present a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.