

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 15 December 2004
commencing at 7.45pm

Present: Councillors Flux (Chairman), Squires, Swash, Todd, Rollason, Wood, Watts, Mrs Cox, Haslam, Graham Pitts (Clerk), Sue Gibbs (Minute Secretary).

91 /04 **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Cllrs Westley, Alton, Mrs Harvey, Ellis, Mrs Spencer, District Cllr O'Sullivan and County Cllr Jelf

92/04 **Minutes of Last Meeting**

Cllr Squires requested that Paragraph 121/04 (h) be changed to read "... *might be applicable to Deddington*" instead of "...*unlikely to be applicable to Deddington..*"

This was agreed and the Minutes were then approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

93/04 **Matters arising**

- (a) Letter from Tony Baldry MP regarding proposed legislation affecting the powers of Parish Councils. **It was agreed that the Clerk should write saying that having now had a chance to consider the matter further, the Parish Council did not see that these measures would be relevant to this community at this stage.**

94/04 **Declaration of Interests**

97/04(d): Cllr Todd declared an interest
97/04(e): Cllr Mrs Cox declared an interest
97/04(h): Cllr Rollason declared an interest
98/04 (e): Cllr Flux declared an interest
103/04 (b): Cllrs Flux and Rollason declared an interest

95/04 **10 Minute Open Forum**

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

96/04 **Highways Working Group**

Cllr Haslam reported as follows:

- (a). **Co-op. It was agreed that the Clerk would continue to chase up the Co-op regarding restoring the turf on the green and by the church.**
- (b). **Gates to Village. It was agreed that the Clerk would confirm the position regarding maintenance of the gates.**
- (c). **Lime Cottage.** Nothing had been heard from OCC regarding the parking outside Lime Cottage.

- (d). **Liaison with OCC.** Since the meeting with OCC reported on at the last Parish Council meeting, no further confirmation had been received from OCC regarding the points discussed at that meeting. The Working Group was very disappointed at this and expressed its lack of confidence in OCC. **It was agreed that support should be asked from Co Cllr Jelf to try and resolve these issues and that attempts be made to hold a meeting with Steve Bowden, Colin Carat's replacement and Cllr Jelf in January.**
- (e). **Better Ways to School.** **It was agreed that the Parish Council should send a letter of support to the Headteacher for the next stage of this project.**
- (f). **Bus Services.** A consultation letter regarding the use of and options for bus services in the Parish. The Working Group would consider this at its next meeting. As a response was required by January 14th, any Cllrs wishing to have an input were asked to forward their comments to the Clerk.
- (g). **Parking Spaces.** The Working Group had received a letter left on a resident's car stating that they should not park in a particular space as it was continually used by residents living near the parking space. It was noted that there were no parking rights on the highway and residents should be asked to park considerately, keeping in mind the spirit of the community.
- (h). **Parking Task Force.** A report from the Parking Task Force was tabled, together with executive summary. **It was agreed that this should be discussed in detail at the next meeting when Cllrs had had the opportunity to study its findings.** The Parking Task Force was thanked for producing such a comprehensive report.

97/04

Planning Working Group

Cllr Swash reported as follows:

- (a) A list of approvals was circulated
- (b) **04/02094 Roseville, Chapel Lane, Clifton.** Single storey extension at rear (as amended 11.11.04). **No objection.**
- (c) **04/02406/F Denhigh Place, Clifton.** Erection of garage and garden machinery store. **No objection**
- (d) **04/02325/F Habitat, Hopcraft Lane, Deddington.** Retrospective – relocation of solar panels to swimming pool. The panels were not in accordance with the original proposals agreed by the Parish Council which would be flat. These were not flat and as a result were visible. Cllr Squires confirmed that solar panels could be flat and be effective. **It was agreed that the Parish Council should continue with its original objection on the ground that the panels were unsightly and obtrusive to neighbours.**
- (e) **04/02295/F Castle Dene, Castle Street, Deddington.** Internal alterations to incorporate Deely's Barn and extension to form indoor swimming pool. There was some concern regarding the size of the building for the plot and also as to whether this might represent backland development. It was suggested that a condition should be included that this was not for future habitation and **it was agreed that there should be no objection.**
- (f) **04/02585/LB Monks Court, Castle St, Clifton.** Recovering of all existing roof areas with natural stone slats and blue slates as existing. **No objection**
- (g) **04/02322/F & 04/02380/LB Clifton Mill, Clifton.** Restoration of stables to carport and home workshop. Re roofing of outbuilding. **No objection**
- (h) **04/02556/F 2 The Beeches, Deddington.** Erection of part single and part two storey

side and rear extension. **No objection unless neighbours had any adverse comments.**

- (i) **04/02440/F St Annes Residential Home, Clifton.** Erection of additional wing to nursing home (revision of scheme previously approved – 04/00546/F). **No objection**
- (j) Cllr Haslam asked whether clarification had been received from the planners regarding the signage for the Village Pub. It was thought that the letters fulfilled the relevant criteria but **it was agreed that the planners should be asked to come and verify this.**

98/04

Finance and General Purposes Working Group

Cllr Wood reported that no meeting had taken place. However, having spoken with other members of the Working Group he was able to report as follows:

- (a) Accounts to the end of November were tabled. The forecast shortfall for the year had now increased to £6,027. This was because of the money for traffic calming, under provision on the All Weather Court, and a late invoice for grass cutting from Fox.
- (b) Alliance and Leicester. An account was being opened with the Alliance and Leicester as previously agreed.
- (c) Town Hall. It was unlikely that there would be anything to report in the near future.
- (d) Deddington Library. Rosemary Arnold had hoped it might be possible to take more than 10% of the money received in the recent bequest in the first year; however, OCC had stated that the 10% limit should remain. **It was agreed that the Clerk should confirm when the first payment was to be made.**
- (e) Appeals. In line with the Parish Council's previously agreed policy, **it was agreed that a donation of £50 should be made to North and West Oxfordshire Carers Centre, but that appeals from Oxfordshire Association for the Blind and Oxfordshire Woodland Project should be rejected.**
- (f) Parish Precept. The Parish precept would need to be agreed early in 2005 and the Working Group promised to produce a proper budgetary forecast for the next meeting. It was anticipated however that the precept would remain at about its existing level. If it transpired before the next meeting that there were any serious issues to take into consideration the Working Group would let councillors know in advance.

99/04

Environment and Recreation Working Group

Cllr Squires reported as follows:

- (a) **Stonepits Allotments.** A response had still not been received from the solicitors and **it was agreed that the Clerk would follow this up again.**
- (b) **Circular Walk.** A monitoring report had been received from Andre Tansley. One small point required the Clerk to action
- (c) **CPRE.** The Working Group had noted the article on SEERA and agreed with it.
- (d) **Oxfordshire Fire Service.** A seminar on integrated risk management policy was being held in Kidlington on 18 January at 6.00pm and on 19 January at 10.30am. No members of the Working Group were able to attend and if any other councillors were able to do so, they were asked to contact the Clerk for details.

- (e) **Correspondence from ODPM regarding sustainable communities.** Although it was felt that no project within Deddington was suitable for this, it felt that the timescale for responding to this (23 days) was far too short and that a letter should be sent objecting to this. **This was agreed.**
- (f) **Budget.** This had been submitted to the F&GP.
- (g) **WMC Play Area.** A rubber stop on the gate to the older children's play needed replacing; **the Clerk was asked to action this.**

100/04 **Parish Plan Working Group**

Cllr Squires tabled a report from the Parish Plan Working Group. This included a draft budget of £2,000. It was hoped that a grant could be obtained from ORCC and the budget would be formally submitted at the next Parish Council Meeting. Cllr Squires reported that the Working Group was now seeking feedback from businesses within the village and other village groups. It was anticipated that the questionnaire would be drawn up following the Working Group's next meeting on 1st February, and finished by mid-March, so any contributions to be included in the questionnaire would need to be submitted to the Working Group in February.

101/04 **Invoices for Payment**

A schedule of invoices totaling £9376.58 was tabled, a copy of which is filed with these minutes, was approved for payment. The costs for leasing and maintenance of the photocopier were noted and it was thought that consideration might be given to looking into the alternatives.

102/04 **Investment of Councils Funds**

At the close of business on 15 December 2004 the balances were as follows:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	BALANCE	INTEREST	NOTICE
70708526	1603.37	.1%	Imprest
70708542	7039.22	.1%	Current
TOTAL	8642.59		
Bradford & Bingley	1000.00	2.85%	120 Days
W. Bromwich Building Soc.	540159.85	4.0%	Overnight
TOTAL	549802.44		

103/04 **Correspondence**

A list of correspondence was circulated at the meeting.

- (a) **22 November Roadside Memorial – email from OCC.** Cllr Haslam confirmed that the Working Group was still awaiting confirmation of OCC's policy regarding such roadside memorials and would be taking this up with them when they next spoke.
- (b) **15th December – Windmill Management Committee.** Cllr Flux reported that these related to security at the Windmill Centre: the possible installation of CCTV funded by the Parish Council and work to close off the back stair case as recommended by the police, and had been passed to the relevant working groups for consideration.
- (c) **Good Councillors Guide.** Copies were available from the Clerk.

104/04

Farmers Market

The Farmers Market was congratulated on its recent award and it was agreed that their certificate could be displayed on the noticeboard.

105/04

Village Carol Service

In line with the policy in previous years it was agreed that Parish Councillors should not read a lesson at the Village Carol service as a representative of the Parish Council, although it was acceptable for them to do so as an individual member.

106/04

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 19 January at the Town Hall commencing at 7.45pm

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.