

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meetings held in the Holly Tree Club, Deddington on
Wednesday 16 December 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs D Anderson, M Cox, J Finnigan, J Flux, A Morrell, H Oldfield, D Rogers (Acting Chair), M Squires, J Watts, B Williams (also District Cllr) Cllr B Wood (Vice Chair) County Cllr A Fatemian (from Agenda item 7), a representative of Deddington News and one member of public.

235/15	Former District Cllr Paul O’Sullivan. The Council noted with sadness that Paul O’Sullivan had recently died. Paul had served as a District Councillor to Deddington for many years and so Cllr D Rogers proposed Cllr D Anderson seconded the motion and the PC RESOLVED (unanimous) to hold one minutes silence in his memory. This was then observed.
236/15	Apologies: Cllrs A Collins (Chair) and S O’Neill. In the absence of Cllr A Collins Cllr D Rogers chaired this meeting of the Parish Council.
237/15	Vacancy for Parish Councillor: CDC have informed the PC that no election has been requested so the Clerk has put up posters advertising the position and looks forward to receive applications.
238/15	Declarations of Interest: The following Cllrs declared general interests: Cllr A Morrell Agenda Item 9 Highway and Transport Barford to Hempton Road as he is a local resident. Cllr D Rogers Agenda Item 10 Planning applications d) 15/01959/F, 9 The Paddocks, Deddington as he knows the applicant and e) 15/01987/F, Geggs Lodge, Hempton Road, Deddington as he lives in a neighbouring property
239/15	Minutes: The PC RESOLVED (unanimous) that the minutes of the meeting of 18 November 2015 were a true record subject to amending the first sentence of minute 227/15 to read that Greg Clark . The Chair then signed the minutes.
240/15	Matters Arising from the Minutes: 227/15 OCC Consultation. Cllr H Oldfield informed the PC that two days after the last PC meeting OCC announced that an additional 2% increase in council tax would be available for adult care. This would not bridge the gap but was more favourable than the cuts previously proposed.
241/15	10 Minute Open Forum: Andrew Green addressed the PC as the Chair of the Youth Club and thanked the PC for its grant to the club four years ago. Another funding shortfall is threatening the future of the club so it is seeking a further grant of £1,000 from the PC. The Accounts for the Youth Club were passed to the Clerk. County Cllr A Fatemian arrived at this point.
242/15	County and District Councillor updates. These were received and noted and are available on Deddington-On-Line. (i) Report from County Cllr A Fatemian: A Member asked whether he could respond to her previous query as to whether refugees (unaccompanied children) would be placed in Banbury. Cllr Fatemian will chase up a response. (ii) Report from District Cllr B Williams: The following points were noted: Hook Norton v Gladman Homes. Following the decision by The Secretary of State to uphold an appeal by Gladman Homes to build 54 homes in direct contravention to Hook Norton’s recently adopted NP CDC are seeking legal advice before deciding whether to proceed with a legal challenge. Adrian Colwell (CDC Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy) said that this judgment illustrated the need for care and precision in the wording of a NP. Discussion followed. Windmill Street Car Park. The car park has now been profiled and a new drain and piping installed. Thanks were passed to Steve Turner. The surface will be reviewed in January once settled. Group TPO, Northern Boundary – School Field. The application has been delayed for technical reasons. Assets of Community Value (ACV). Duke of Cumberland’s Head. If no-one comes forward by 24 December the property can be placed on the open market.
243/15	Environment and Recreation report. 1) Allotments ACV. The Neighbourhood Plan consultations show support for the allotment site at St Thomas Street being registered as an asset of community value. Cllr D Rogers will discuss this with the Allotment Society committee. 2) ‘Betty’s Bench’ at Castle Grounds. This bench is weathering badly so the Steward will undertake action to address this problem. 3) Windmill boiler. Quotes were received and considered. The company offering the cheapest quote is also able to start on Monday 21 st December. Cllr D Rogers proposed, Cllr Wood seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) that the work be undertaken at a cost of £6340.73 plus VAT. 4) Allotments covers for troughs. Research suggests that bespoke trough covers would have limited water loss savings and may be counterproductive as they prevent rain from topping up the troughs. 5) Dog waste bin. The Friends of Castle Grounds suggested installing the spare dog waste bin (off of the Town Hall) at the Castle Grounds. Cllr D Rogers proposed, Cllr B Williams seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (8 votes for, 2 against and one abstention) that the spare bin be installed at the CG entrance. 6) Town Hall coat of arms. The wooden plaque has warped. Cllr D Rogers has contacted the supplier and alternatives are being discussed. 7) Clifton Flooding. OCC have agreed to repair the concrete culvert by Home Farm.
244/15	Highways & Transport Report: 1. Clifton VAS. The Vehicle Activated Sign has yet to be installed.

2. **New Street parking.** A resident has sought clarification of the present parking rights and legalities around parking on the old bus stop site outside the Barracks. This land belongs to OCC. H&TWG have explored the issue twice in the past. OCC has advised that the keep clear sign road markings are legitimate. Cllr H Oldfield will draft a response for the Clerk to send.
 3. **Temporary Traffic Regulation Order – S14 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Temporary “No Waiting” restriction – at Deddington, High street.** A temporary “No Waiting” restriction will apply to a length of High Street, outside the British Legion Club, whilst essential gas mains replacement works are carried out between 4 January 2016 and 15 February 2016. The “No Waiting” restriction means that vehicles will need to be removed from the highway wherever yellow cones are placed. The Clerk will ask OCC to confirm that the residents affected have been given written warning of the temporary restriction. County Cllr A Fatemian will also progress this enquiry in tandem.
 4. **Barford to Hempton Road.** Cllr A Morrell declared a general interest. A resident has raised concerns regarding cars travelling at high speed and cutting the corner (resulting in oncoming vehicles in the centre of the road) when entering Hempton from Barford. The Clerk will forward the complaint to OCC and ask OCC to consider, at their cost, appropriate signage warning motorists of the potential hazard.
 5. **Town hall lamp post.** The second lamp post has been installed and the bus stop sign and timetable reinstated.
- TRANSPORT:**
7. **OCC withdrawal of subsidies on bus routes.** At the Parish Transport Representatives, OCC confirmed that they will withdraw bus subsidies from 118 services. The consultation showed that only 2% of the 2,600 respondents supported the option to withdraw all subsidies whereas 41% of respondents preferred the option of a partial withdrawal. Less than half of the respondents supported OCC’s decision to prioritise off-peak services if some subsidy is retained as it would be of little or no help to people who depend on buses to get to work. 15% of respondents agreed with the decision to end OCC’s Dial-a-Ride service. Only 3% of respondents use the Dial-a-Ride service themselves but many of these said that they would have liked the option to pay more for the service - currently £5 per year. Many respondents suggested that those with concessionary bus passes who can afford to do so should be asked to pay a donation when they use their bus pass to help make the bus service viable. Some respondents thought council tax should be raised to cover the bus subsidies. OCC will make its final decision in February 2016.

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Planning Matters.

Applications: The following planning applications were received and considered:

- a) **15/00402/TCA, The Mount, St Thomas St, Deddington – G1 –** Western Red Cedar mature trees located on rear garden boundary overhanging highway. Reduce the height by maximum of 2 metres, crown lift to provide 5m ground clearance over highway only, clip back annual growth from all sides. Cllr B Williams proposed, Cllr J Watts seconded the motion and the Council **RESOLVED** (unanimous) that it has no objection.
- b) **15/01942/F, Land North Side of The Tchure, Deddington –** Demolition of existing southern boundary wall and erection of a two-storey dwelling with reconstruction of part of the southern boundary wall – Re Submission of 15/00886/F. There are four letters of objection on the CDC portal, two from the same residents. DPC did not object to previous application, however CDC refused. Cllr B Williams proposed, Cllr M Cox seconded the motion and the Council **RESOLVED** (unanimous) that it has no objection but reiterates it’s request that CDC requires the applicant to demonstrate how they will manage builders vans, skips, storage and delivery of materials to the site as the Tchure has limited access onto High Street and pedestrian only access into the Market Place. This is required because residents garage their cars off the Tchure and pedestrians frequently use this route into the village centre.
- c) **15/01952/F, 4 Hopcraft Lane, Deddington –** Two storey extension to rear, removal of car shelter, erection of single garage/log store and internal alterations. Cllr S O’Neill declared an interest as owner of the neighbouring property. No objections on the CDC portal, alterations do not overlook neighbouring properties. Cllr B Williams proposed, Cllr J Watts seconded the motion and the Council **RESOLVED** (unanimous) that it has no objection.
- d) **15/01959/F, 9 The Paddocks, Deddington –** Proposed first floor side extension, rear single storey extension, loft conversion and new entrance porch. Cllr D Rogers declared a general interest. There are no objections on the CDC portal and it does not overlook neighbouring properties. Cllr B Williams proposed, Cllr J Watts seconded the motion and the Council **RESOLVED** (nine votes for and two abstentions) that it has no objection.
- e) **15/01987/F, Gegg’s Lodge, Hempton Road, Deddington –** Demolition of existing chalet bungalow and garage and erection of one replacement dwelling and one new dwelling. Councillor Rogers declared a general interest. There are four comments on the CDC portal, two are objections, one is in favour and the other was a request for clarification. Cllr B Williams proposed, Cllr A Morrell seconded the motion and the Council **RESOLVED** (ten votes for and one abstention) to **object** as it is overdevelopment of the site, increased traffic onto the Hempton Rd and lack of vision splay lines.

Approvals

15/01858/F & 15/01859/LB, Deddington Mill, Milton Gated Road, Deddington.

15/01810/F, 12, The Paddocks ,Deddington.

15/00809/F, 9 Gaveston Gardens, Deddington.

15/00359/TCA, The Threshing Barn, Pound Court, Deddington.

Withdrawal: 15/01776/F, Tara, Duns Tew Road, Hempton.

	Correspondence: Intention to Dispose of An Asset of Community Value: Duke of Cumberland's Head.																																								
246/15	Neighbourhood Planning Working Group: The third drop event was considered to be a success with higher turnout than the previous event. The 'post-it' feedback was good and will be looked at in detail by the relevant topic groups.																																								
247/15	Finance and General Purposes Report: 1. Bank accounts. All balanced and agreed. The payments included £979 to Proludic for the pod swing repair, £11,739 for the windows etc. at the Windmill Centre and £577 for car park lighting at the Windmill Centre. 2. Investments. £130,000 has been rolled over with the Nationwide Building Society. The Parish Council had previously approved the re-investment of £75,000 from a maturing bond. An account had therefore been opened with the Hampshire Trust Bank and the £75,000 deposited in this account. 3. Forecast. The draft forecast was received and considered. This will be updated for the next meeting and the 2016-17 budget will be based on these figures. The budget will include adjustments for further expenditure on the Windmill Centre. The precept will also be discussed. It was suggested that the PC might consider an increase of 5% or 10% (10% would amount to about £3.50 per house for a band D property per annum). 4. Investment Strategy. Cllr B Wood proposed, Cllr J Flux seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) that the amendments to the Investment Strategy are approved.																																								
248/15	Windmill Centre Upgrade – update: A new boiler will be installed and the heating system upgraded to include the heating of the upstairs areas in the Windmill Centre. The control panel will also be moved. It was noted that the new windows have been installed and that the outside pointing will take place when the weather is more favourable. The entrance hall will be further enhanced with lighting.																																								
249/15	Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday. Celebrations in June 2016. The Deddington News is to suggest that clubs/groups might like to consider doing something to celebrate. It was suggested that as it was over the weekend 11/12 June it might tie in with the Deddington Festival.																																								
250/15	Update from the Parish Council Representatives. None.																																								
251/15	Invoices for Payment: RESOLVED (unanimous) that the invoices for 19 November – 16 December 2015 totalling £81,042.29 (of which £75,000 was a transfer to Hampshire Trust Bond) were approved for payment.																																								
252/15	Report upon the investment of the parish Council's Funds as at 30 November 2015 <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Account</th> <th>Balance</th> <th>Interest</th> <th>Notice</th> <th>Valid Until</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Imprest</td> <td>2,515.55</td> <td>0.1%</td> <td>Imprest</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Current</td> <td>164,847.12</td> <td>0.1%</td> <td>Current</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Santander</td> <td>76,107.09</td> <td>1.4%</td> <td>1 Yr Fixed</td> <td>End Jan 2016</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Santander</td> <td>81,205.13</td> <td>1.1%</td> <td>1 Yr Fixed</td> <td>End Dec 2015</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nationwide</td> <td>130,000.00</td> <td>1.4%</td> <td>1 Yr Fixed</td> <td>End Nov 2015</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nationwide</td> <td>80,000.00</td> <td>1.4%</td> <td>1 Yr Fixed</td> <td>End June 2016</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>534,674.89</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Account	Balance	Interest	Notice	Valid Until	Imprest	2,515.55	0.1%	Imprest		Current	164,847.12	0.1%	Current		Santander	76,107.09	1.4%	1 Yr Fixed	End Jan 2016	Santander	81,205.13	1.1%	1 Yr Fixed	End Dec 2015	Nationwide	130,000.00	1.4%	1 Yr Fixed	End Nov 2015	Nationwide	80,000.00	1.4%	1 Yr Fixed	End June 2016	Total	534,674.89			
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253/15	Correspondence: Land Adjacent to Tithe Lane. OCC have been asked to assist as a post marking the footpath is currently on its side.																																								
254/15	AOB as allowed by Chairman: A response from Victoria Prentis MP regarding the exception to housing associations does not make it clear whether the Parish is classified as a rural area. Cllr H Oldfield to draft a letter that will ask CDC to clarify.																																								
255/15	Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 20 January 2016 at 7.30pm in the Primary School, Deddington . The meeting closed at 9:00pm.																																								