

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held
Monday, 10th May, 1993

Present:-

Councillors Oddy (Chairman), Barlow, Bowen, Canning, Clarke, Clinch, Mrs Lee, O'Brien, Mrs Swash and Todd.

194/92 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Councillors Miss Hill, Reed, Mrs Stevens and Mrs Garvey and County Councillor Matthews.

195/92 Windmill Centre - Current position re contract.

Councillor O'Brien reported that documents had been forwarded to 5 possible main contractors and that following correction the lowest was £419,152 or £107,337 over the budget sum. The reasons for this substantial variation were:-

- (a) the onerous planning requirements re tree planting,
- (b) additional parking requirements required by the planners
- (c) certain late additions to the contract and
- (d) refinements to the hard landscaping.

Basically the individual major items within the tender e.g. works to the Centre building, the pavilions and bowling green.

In order to proceed the following omissions had been effected with the stated cash saving

	£
(1) Multi-use court	30,739
(2) Toddlers Play Area	25,000
(3) Ball Stop Fence	5,346
(4) Reduction in paving, certain areas of planting, 1 year post contract maint. instead of 2	42,000

It will be necessary to prioritise, as soon as possible, these omissions in order that some may be reinstated from grants received and unused contingencies.

The contract was awarded to Barrett Builders (Kidlington) Ltd with a completion date of 14th October, 1993.

The following questions were then asked and answered:-

Cr Canning - Has planting on south side been reduced to minimum? - Yes

Cr Todd - Worry regarding the proximity of trees to the Bowling Green? - It was explained that there was to be a 5 metre extension of open area to the south of the green and on the southern side of the beech hedge which surrounds the green, which would help to shield the green from leaves.

Cr Canning - The reinstatement of the toddlers play area should be high on the list of priorities? - Noted

Cr Clinch - When would the pavilions be available? - It is a contract condition that the cricket pavilion should be available by 30th June and the contractor had stated that it was his wish to erect the pavilions one after the other.

Cr Todd - When will the works to the bowling green be finished? - the sub-contract period for this item is 10-12 weeks.

Cr Todd - What is the cost of the loss of one years maintenance

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of the green? - The first year's cost is £16,300 and the second year would have been £10,000 to £12,000.

Cr Bowen - It is usual for bowling greens to be maintained by local groundsmen.

Cr Clinch - It is an urgent matter for the Council to decide who will maintain the grounds in totality. The Chairman stated that the Windmill Sub-Committee would be recommending to Council regarding future maintenance.

Cr Clarke - The initial cost of the sports field was financed by the Council, could not the bowling green be treated on a similar basis? - Initially the bowling club asked the Council for a grant of £20,000 and a loan of a similar figure when the estimated total cost was £45,773.

196/92 Grants available to finance the Works.

Mr Mattinson reported as follows:-
Grant aiding body

	Grant possibility
Cherwell District Council- general	£ 28,110
do - perimeter planting	?
Forestry Commission - woodland planting	1,000
Sports Council -	nil
Football Trust - hard play area	1st week in June
Fund for Sports & Arts - general	?
Institute of Sports Sponsorship - general	50/50 over £1,000

The Clerk reported that he anticipated a small grant from the County Council in respect of the works to the hall.

197/92 Future maintenance costs of the Centre.

Mr Mattinson reported that his estimate of future maintenance costs of the external areas after the first year, which was chargeable to the contract, was as follows:-

Bowling Green	£		£
Hedge, Tree and Shrubs	8,000	of which labour	6,400
Present sports field	4,500	do	3,600
			5,000
			<u>17,500</u>

Cr Barlow commented upon the enormity of these costs and that it was essential that a reasonable apportionment between the Council and the clubs was agreed.

198/92 It was resolved that the Council proceed into closed session to discuss property matters.