

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 13TH JANUARY 1988

Present: Councillor Fenemore (Chairman). Councillors Cole, Fuller, Garrett, Garvey, Gibbs, Mrs. Kedge, Marmion, O'Neill, Stevens, Mrs. Swash and Webber.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Hayward.

1. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 16th December 1987, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
2. Matters arising from the Minutes
 - 1st Deddington Scouts A letter of thanks was reported.
3. Items of correspondence
 - War Memorial Letters supporting the proposal to move the Memorial were reported from the Royal British Legion and the Scouts and Girl Guides. This matter will be considered in more detail at the February Meeting.
 - Deddington Playgroup The programme for replacing the hut was noted.
 - A423 A letter from the County Surveyor and Engineer reiterating possible proposals for Deddington Hill and Danes Hill were being considered and the Clerk also reported on the action the County Councillor was taking since the fatal accident on Danes Hill the previous evening.
 - "New Homes Review" was available for Members.
4. Estimates for 1988/89 Consideration was given to the Estimates prepared by the Clerk, together with a letter from the District Council Treasurer, copies of which were appended to the Minutes, and RESOLVED that they be accepted. Further RESOLVED that a Precept of £10916 be fixed for 1988/89 with two equal payments of £5458 being made on 1st May 1988 and 1st November 1988.
5. Castle Grounds - playground equipment Councillor Webber reported that he had spoken to the Community Programme Project Officer of the District Council who had assured him as to a twenty-year life of the proposed equipment and that its safety would be checked by the Playing Fields Officer of the County Council. There was likely to be about eighteen months delay in the installation and early application was advised. The total cost given in the plan provided, a copy of which is appended to the Minutes, was £300 and Councillor Webber stated that he would guarantee £100 of the £150 to be raised, with the Council paying the balance as agreed December 1986. RESOLVED that application be made for the work to be carried out by the Community Programme Scheme of the District Council.
6. Cherwell District Parishes' Meeting The Chairman and Vice-chairman were appointed to attend this meeting at Kidlington on 2nd February.
7. Windmill Community Centre
 - Lease The Clerk reported that this had been engrossed and was with one of the Lessees for signature. RESOLVED that the Chairman and Vice-chairman sign the document on behalf of the Council.
 - Phase II It was noted that contracts had been exchanged with Rockwell Developments and that Mr. Taylor would be inspecting the new field on 16th January. RESOLVED that the Chairman, Vice-chairman and Councillors Fuller and Marmion meet him on site.
 - Joint consultative committee RESOLVED that this continue as necessary.

8. Planning applications In addition to the one appearing on the circulated agenda, there was one which had been included on the publicly displayed Notice of Meeting.

(a) No objections were raised to the conversion to flats of Wychway House, on a majority vote: two letters objecting to the proposal were read.

(b) Objections were raised to the proposal to demolish old barns and outbuildings, the closure of the access thereto, the improvement of the remaining access and the erection of a small dwelling and garage at The Old Stores, Clifton owing to the poor access.

9. Accounts for payment were passed as follows:-

Cherwell District Council	Annuity, Windmill	£984. 73
British Gas, Southern	Town Hall heating	16. 23

10. RESOLVED that, owing to the confidential nature of the next business, the public and press be excluded.


11. Windmill Community Centre - The Council's legal adviser was present.

Phase II Detail was given of the contract which had been completed with Rockwell Developments.

Mr. Middleditch The legal adviser answered questions on this problem and stated that all papers relating to the case were in his office. After considerable discussion, RESOLVED that (a) the legal adviser write to Mr. Middleditch to hold him liable in negligence for his work and to invite him to refer the letter to his professional indemnity insurers; (b) he try to negotiate settlement (upon terms satisfactory to the Council) with the insurers; and (c) he report back before pursuing the matter further. The legal adviser stated that work to this stage would not be likely to exceed £1000, in total, including obtaining an opinion from counsel.

The Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Chairman



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Estimates for 1988/89

Actual 1986/7		Rev. Est. 1987/88	Estimate 1988/9
£		£	£
	<u>Cemetery</u>		
20	Expenditure - General Rate	23	25
198	Maintenance	270	250
<u>214</u>	Loan Annuity	<u>214</u>	<u>214</u>
432		507	489
53	less Income - Interments	90	65
<u>5</u>	Memorials	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>58</u> 374		<u>106</u> 401	<u>81</u> 408
	<u>Street lighting</u>		
2292	Expenditure - Repairs, energy & maint.	2400	2500
	<u>Castle Grounds</u>		
422	Expenditure	520	500
<u>59</u> 363	less Income	<u>240</u> 280	<u>120</u> 380
	<u>Windmill Community Centre</u>		
3348	Expenditure - loan annuity (1)	3348	3348
<u>2248</u>	loan annuity (2)	<u>1970</u>	<u>1970</u>
5596		5318	5318
<u>-</u> 5596	less Income - rent	<u>-</u> 5318	<u>300</u> 5018
	<u>Town Hall</u>		
194	Expenditure - rent, rates, gas & elec.	240	250
236	repairs & cleaning	55	60
<u>-</u>	external redecc.	<u>328</u>	<u>-</u>
430		623	310
<u>8</u> 422	less Income	<u>8</u> 615	<u>10</u> 300
	<u>General</u>		
70	Expenditure - grants	168	150
<u>1240</u>	miscellaneous	<u>1450</u>	<u>1400</u>
1310		1618	1550
<u>35</u> 1275	less Income - Stone Pit Fund	<u>35</u> 1583	<u>35</u> 1515
10322	Balances carried forward	10597	10121

Note:- Windmill Community Centre - It is assumed that all revenue expenditure for the new hall will be self-financing after the two loan annuities are paid and that the completion of Phase II will not occur earlier than December 1988.

General Fund

Actual 1986/7		Rev. Est. 1987/88	Estimate 1988/9
£		£	£
987	Balance brought forward	885	918
10220	Rate income	10630	10916
<u>11207</u>		<u>11515</u>	<u>11834</u>
10322	less Nett expenditure	10597	10121
<u>885</u>	Balance carried forward	<u>918</u>	<u>1713</u>

Value Added Tax is excluded as it is re-claimed from H. M. Customs and Excise

Estimated Product of Penny Rate for 1987/8 is £1840 - therefore Rate is 5.78p
 Estimated Product of Penny Rate for 1988/9 is £1875 - therefore Rate is 5.82p

Allowance is made in Rate Support Grant for Cherwell District for an increase in expenditure of 2.7% for 1988/9: the increase suggested above is also 2.7%, but an increase of only 0.7% in Rate terms.

There is no provision for bus tokens, which is in keeping with Council policy that these should be provided for by the District Council.

Funds

31 March 1987		31 March 1988	31 March 1989
£ 523	Stone Pit Fund	£ 558	£ 593
£ 177	Allotments	£ 175	£ 165