

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday,
13th January, 1993

Present:-

Councillors Oddy, Bowen, Clarke, Canning, Mrs Lee, Miss Hill, Reed, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Swash and Todd. County Councillor Matthews and Councillor Croft in attendance.

109/92 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Garvey, O'Brien and Clinch.

110/92 Waiver of 6 month attendance rule.

It was resolved that Cr O'Brien be granted leave of absence from Council Meetings for a further period of 6 months on the grounds that although, due to the location of his workplace, he is unable to attend Wednesday meetings, he is performing excellent work for the Council as Chairman of the Windmill Sub-Committee.

111/92 Dr B E W Mace.

The Clerk reported the resignation of Dr Mace from the Council due to ill health and regretfully his subsequent death. A vacancy was declared and the Clerk was asked to convey the Council's condolences to Mrs Mace and family.

112/92 Minutes of the meeting held on 25th November, 1992.

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

113/92 Town Hall and Public Toilets.

(a) Members were unanimous in their view that provision should be made for Ladies and Gents Toilets and that the area shown as "storage" should be utilised to achieve this amendment. It was also agreed that the Clerk should write to the Trustees of the Deddington Charity Estates stating that for the Council to proceed it is felt that the Council should own the freehold of the building, particularly as the feasibility study showed an estimated expenditure of up to £135,000 as compared to the sum allocated of £26,000.

(b) The Clerk reported the receipt of a quotation for urgent works of repair to the roof. Resolved that the Clerk obtain a competitive quotation and let the job to the lowest quote.

114/92 Windmill Sub-Committee.

Report No.2 " Development at the Windmill Centre" which had been previously circulated to Members and is attached as an appendix to these minutes was considered. Surprise was expressed at the amount included for the Bowling Green and the Clerk advised that following a meeting with a representative of the Institute of Grounds Maintenance it was the intention to upgrade the path to the Green to a roadway. Matters requiring decision were resolved as follows:-



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6.1 The allocation of costs in the Appendix to the report was agreed subject to adjustment in respect of additional landscape costs and the upgrading of the path to the Green to a roadway.

6.2 Following debate mainly on the subject of car parking it was resolved by 7 votes to nil that subject to 2 matches not taking place at the same time the layout of the Castle Grounds be amended, for season 1993/94, to provide 2 football pitches, one of which will be offered to Barford United Football Club.

✓ 6.3 Resolved that local builders be asked to tender in addition to those set out in the report.

Additionally the Clerk reported that at a recent meeting Cr O'Brien had agreed to a revised schedule of fee payment dates, as set out in the consultant's letter dated 7th December, 1992, which is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

115/92 Planning Sub-Committee.

Applications.

CHN 595/92 Erection of rear sun lounge - The Old Lodge, St Thomas Street.- No objection.

CHN 604/92 Amendment to CHN 406/92 to extend outbuilding by 2 feet- 1, Victoria Terrace, Main Road, Clifton. - No objection.

CHN 585/92 Outline Residential Development - Land North of Earls Lane and East of The Leyes, Deddington.

Mr Broadbent had been given permission to speak to this application and made the following points - the application was a threat to the environment - current residential approvals meet Deddington's contribution to new housing in the Local Plan- would lead to traffic congestion on Earls Lane- the loss of the rural aspect of the north side of the village. These arguments found support with members, but a contrary view was put, that in total there was an under provision of housing as compared to the Structure Plan, Deddington was a category 1 settlement having the facilities available for limited growth. The recommendation for a refusal of the application was put and approved by 7 votes to 3.

Approvals.

CHN 506/92 Change of use from commercial to residential - Coniston House, New Street.

116/92 Circular Walks Project.

Cr Mrs Lee reported that a meeting was to be held on 18th January in order to endeavour to finalise a path diversion - discussions had taken place regarding grant which was anticipated- it was now possible to proceed with the works to the overgrown footpath on the Clifton Road.

117/92 Reports re Property.

The Chairman proposed that due to the confidential nature of this business the Council should discuss it in closed session. Such action was agreed unanimously.



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118/92 Accounts approved for payment in December, 1992 by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

	£
Woolerton Truscott - 1st Instl. Fees - Windmill	4,849.47
The College of Arms - Coat of Arms Application	4,550.00
Norman Machin Associates - Fees Town Hall	1,233.75
Deddington & District Youth Club - Grant	500.00
Centrepoint - 6 month's Office Rent	1,292.50
J Ancil - Water Supply - Allotments	1,351.25
Parish Council Imprest Account	1,028.12
Make-up of Imprest Account	
D Freeman - Wages W/e 28/11, 5,12,& 19/12	618.45
Oxfordshire County Council - Fees, Release of Covenant	250.00
T Griffin Wholesale Ltd - Christmas Tree	47.00
Countryside & Community Fund - Village Appraisal Software	50.00
Centrepoint - Photocopying etc	40.17
Archway Garage - Petrol - Community 'Bus	22.50
	<u>1,028.12</u>

119/92 Accounts for Payment.

It was resolved that the undermentioned accounts be passed for payment.

	£
Woolerton Truscott - 2nd Instl. Fees - Windmill	3,746.89
Weatherhead Electrical Services - Tree Lights	146.87
Nicholson Nurseries - Trees and Stakes	29.37
Inland Revenue - Valuation Fee	94.00
Milners of Banbury - Paint	16.43
Deddington Builders - Rubbish Removal	120.00
Cherwell District Council - Seminar Fee	10.00
T & H Agricultural Contractors Ltd - Works at Castle Grounds	481.75
Thames Water Utilities - Water - Sports Field	14.30
British Telecom - Office Telephone - Dec. Qtr.	57.72
J Boss - Christmas Tree erection and removal	20.00
Woolerton Truscott - 3rd Instl. Fees - Windmill	3,526.89
Banbury Tree & Landscape Specialists - Tree Surgery	520.00
Inland Revenue - Income Tax and NHI	879.84
Parish Council Imprest Account	565.64
D H Blakey - Salary and Expenses - Dec/Jan	529.58
Make-up of Imprest Account	
D Freeman - Wages 26/12, 2/1 and 9/1	459.51
Centrepoint - Photocopying etc	36.19
H M Land Registry - Registration of Potato Field	40.00
J Scott - Stakes etc	29.94
	<u>565.64</u>

120/92 Investment of the Council's Funds.

The Clerk reported that at the close of business on 12th



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January, 1993 the funds invested were as follows:-

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1,000,000.00	with the Halifax Building Society at 7.0625% fixed to 26th February, 1993.
37,762.78	with Barclays Bank plc at 7 days notice at 6%
<u>7,860.12</u>	-----do.----- overnight at 3.625%
<u>1,045,622.90</u>	

121/92 Pollarding of Lime Trees.

✓ The Clerk reported that Messrs Banbury Tree and Landscape Specialists were successful in tendering for the above work in the sum of £495.

122/92 Correspondence.

(a) Concessionary 'Bus Fares.

✓ Letter from the District Council confirming a 50% grant for 1993/94 and requesting details of this Council's requirements for the year. It was agreed that a similar issue of tokens as that for the current year viz £17 per qualified applicant at a cost of £1, be made for 1993/94.

✓ (b) The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents will be making its annual inspection of Playground sites in Oxfordshire in the week commencing 21st June, 1993 at a cost of £32.50 per site. Agreed that the Council's two sites be inspected.

(c) Parish Environmental Initiatives.

Details of this grant scheme, set up by the District Council, were circulated to each member with a view to a scheme being put to that Council for grant in 1993/94 from the next meeting. The sum of £3,000 is available for a qualifying scheme in this Parish.

✓ (d) Dead Trees in Castle Grounds. Mr Scott had received a quotation from Banbury Tree and Landscape Specialists for the felling and cutting up of several trees in the sum of £195. It was agreed that the quotation be accepted.

✓ (e) Village Appraisal. A letter from Mr J Marmion, who has chaired these meetings in the absence of the late Cr Mace, stating that the guiding principle has always been that it should be chaired by a Council representative, and requesting the appointment of one of the Council's representatives as Chairman. Resolved that the Group be asked to select a Chairman from within the Group, it not being a prerequisite that he or she should be a Parish Councillor.

(f) Traffic Calming. The Clerk gave the following details, which he had received by telephone, of the County Council's views on matters of Traffic Calming following their on site inspection last month.

1. B4031 Hempton Road - Road humps would not be appropriate and although it would be possible to provide a mini roundabout at one of the side road junctions, there are concerns over the safety of a roundabout in this setting.



2. B4031 Hempton pinch point - the possibilities of introducing a priority system has been discussed, and the conclusion reached was that this might adversely affect safety, particularly for pedestrians.

3. B4031 Chapel Square pinch points - A priority system at the Church St. junction should present no difficulty. There may be problems with the suggested priority system at the Philcote St. junction.

4. B4031 Clifton. Cut-back of hedges on south side being organised providing better site lines for vehicles approaching from the east. No objection to the provision of warning signs advising motorists of pedestrians in the highway.

5. Earls Lane - No objection in principle to the provision of road humps.

6. A4260 High St./New St. - No objections to the provision of refuges.

7. An extension of the 30mph speed limit on the Clifton Rd would be resisted as such would tend to lessen the respect of drivers for such limits.

It was agreed that these matters would be discussed at the next meeting of Council with a view to determining the Parish response.

(g) Notification of a change of licensee at the Crown and Tuns Public House to David Risato.

✓ (h) Council agreed to renew its membership of the Council for the Protection of Rural England at a cost for 1993 of £15.

✓ (i) It was agreed to make a contribution to the Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association of £25.

(j) Notification of an evening conference on Monday, 18th January entitled Parishes in Partnership - Providing Care in Local Communities. It was agreed to support any member who was able to attend.

✓ (k) Cemetery. The Clerk read a letter from the Rev K Reeves stating that the Bishop of Dorchester in 1973 consecrated the whole Cemetery and that there seems to be no reason why some deceased persons should be buried in one part and some in another. "As far as the Church of England in Deddington is concerned, we would prefer Christians of all denominations to be buried in the same area without distinction or separation". Council were pleased to have this statement of the position which had been concerning certain parishioners and it was agreed that the Vicar be thanked and that in future no distinctions be made in allocating grave spaces.

123/92 Date of Next Meeting.

Agreed that the next meeting of the Council be held on Wednesday, 17th February, 1993 at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.

124/92 The Council in accordance with Min. 117/92 went into closed session.



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124/92 Former St James Church, Clifton.

The Clerk reported the receipt of the valuation from the Inland Revenue of which the following are extracts:-

" State of repair

No structural survey has been made nor have the services been tested. The property is in generally good condition and appears to have been well maintained. I would however draw your attention to some deteriorating stonework on the western elevation close to the southern corner.

Valuation

I am of the opinion that the open market value of the freehold interest held in the property is in the sum of £80,000 with vacant possession.

Remarks

A change of use to a village community centre will require planning permission. The parking standards are quite onerous at 1 space per 4 seats or 1 space per 5 sq.mtrs which ever is the greater. However provision is made for the standard to be relaxed to facilitate the provision of such community facilities."

It was agreed that parking was a major problem and it was decided to await a reply from the owner of adjacent land as to its availability for the provision of an access and parking space.

125/92 Allotment Land Satin Lane.

The Clerk reported that the Inland Revenue valuation was as follows:-

" I understand that any sale to the Parish Council will include a covenant not to build on the land. In my opinion the freehold value of the land is in the region of £6,000 and I would recommend an offer be made on that basis."

It was agreed that the Property Project Group assess their priorities for acquisitions from the limited budget available - £100,000 and report back to the next meeting of the Council.

126/92 Acquisition of the Potato Field.

The Clerk reported that the Council now owned the freehold of the above land and that, subject only to the payment of this Council's legal fees, the cost was as follows:-

	£
Release of Covenant (ex VAT)	2,500
Purchase Price	10,000
O.C.C. Legal & Surveyor's Costs	
on covenant release	250
Land Registration Fee	40
	<u>12,790</u>

It was agreed that the report be noted.

