

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Town Hall, Deddington on Wednesday, 13th July, 1994 commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillors Clinch (Chairman), Bowen, Mrs Brewer, Clarke, Colley, Mrs Fisher, Miss Hill, Mrs Lee, Oddy, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Swash and Todd. County Councillor Matthews and District Councillor O'Sullivan in attendance.

29/94 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Councillors Drake and Flux.

30/94 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 16th June, 1994.

The minutes of the above meeting, which had been previously circulated, were, subject to the addition of Cr Mrs Swash as present at that meeting, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

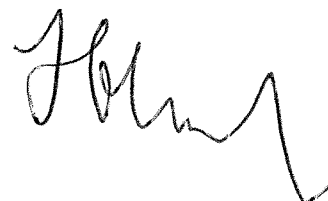
31/94 Coat of Arms Sub-Committee

Cr Oddy informed members that no reply had been received as yet from Mr Brooke-Little regarding the wording on the replacement plaque, and that £173 had been raised from the sale of spoons and tankards at the school fete following the deduction of a payment of £22 to school funds. It was agreed that tankards be made available to members at the next Council meeting for sale to friends etc. He was to contact Mr Smith at the Post Office re the production of postcards of the Arms. It was agreed that a suitable cabinet be made to display the Scroll of the Arms, including its case, in the Parish Church subject to agreement to its siting by the Vicar and Churchwardens.

32/94 Environmental Sub-Committee.

Cr Mrs Brewer reported that (a) in company with Cr Mrs Stevens she had attended a meeting at Green College, Oxford to promote and explain the benefits of a Parish Environmental Plan. Such a plan would be of lasting interest to the Parish and it was agreed that Deddington should proceed with this project working with the aid of a procedural pack, towards an Autumn meeting of knowledgeable and interested parishioners.

(b) on the 4th July an abortive meeting had taken place regarding a traffic survey with a consultant from Rural Action. However it was recommended and approved that application be made for a speed/flow/vehicle classification survey for Hempton Road and High St/New St by the Oxfordshire County Council. (c) the No Parking Sign at the Horsefair layby had been vandalised. The Clerk was asked to write to the O.C.C. requesting detail of the need for "No Parking" in the layby, and subject to a satisfactory reply for the sign to be placed on the verge to the left of the Holly Tree Club gate. (d) the Clerk had copies of the



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application to severely prune the lime trees in the Bull Ring which would be submitted shortly.

(e) asbestos roofing, in the former garage area behind Hudson Street, had been removed without treatment and a complaint made to the District Council. The D.C. was asked to inform the Clerk prior to future asbestos activities taking place.

(f) grants are available for street lighting in conservation areas and an early meeting with Sally Stradling of the C.D.C. was to be arranged. In the meantime the Clerk was instructed to take no further action in respect of the 3 sites for which quotations had been received.

(g) the footpaths between Hempton, Clifton and Deddington had been impassable due to lack of grasscutting. Following complaints being made to the County Council a swathe had been cut, but this had not cleared the Hempton path at the Hempton end where the path is situated behind the trees. Work was due to start shortly to rectify this situation.

(h) The Clerk reported that he had received stickers from the County Council, to be stuck on lamp posts, indicating the telephone number to be rung should a lamp fail.

33/94 Recreation and Grants Sub-Committee.

Cr Mrs Lee reported (a) upon a further draft submission of a tots playscheme and it appeared that a satisfactory one could be completed for a sum of approximately £25,000 against which grants could be obtained. It was unanimously agreed that the most suitable site was the one on the Wilcon site adjacent to the Windmill Centre which was to be handed over to this Council following 12 months satisfactory maintenance. The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with the Company to discuss a prior handover subject to a payment to this Council in respect of the saving by the Company in groundworks and maintenance expenses.

(b) that the R.O.S.P.A. playground inspection was carried out on 27th June, 1994 and apart from the tightening of certain bolts and the replacement of 2 tube ends on the Tithe Lane site, the equipment was satisfactory. A dog ban sign was suggested for the Tithe Lane site.

(c) letters from North Aston Boys Football Club and Deddington Town Football Club the former requesting permission to play on the Castle Grounds site, with changing accommodation, and the latter asking permission to demolish the pavilion on the site. It was agreed that the best way to respond to these two opposing requests was to meet both Clubs.

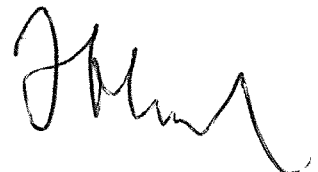
34/94 Planning and Property Sub-Committee.

Cr Miss Hill reported upon Applications.

CHN LB 377/94 - 2, St Thomas Street - Construction of replacement staircase and alteration to rear elevation.

No objection.

CHN 353/94 - OS Parcel 4900, The Chapel House, Main St. Hempton



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Stables, workshop/store and bridge. (Retrospective). No objection.

CHN 342/94 - 2, Manor Farm Cottages, Hempton Road - Demolition of 1 dwelling and erection of 1 two storey house and garage. Object on the basis that (a) the double garage extends in front of the building line & (b) the access to the garage is too close to the junction of the estate access and the Hempton Road. This could be rectified by placing the garages to the north of the dwelling.

CHN 758/88(1) RM - Land at Manor Farm, off Hempton Road - Development of 62 dwellings.

Observations.

(a) the Council regret the reduction to 42 dwellings thus increasing the individual size of each dwelling and omitting 1 and 2 bedroomed houses and bungalows which were envisaged in the outline approval. See this Council's letter and the Persimmon reply dated 1st June, 1994.

(b) the open space at the front of the site in lieu of the central position as proposed in the first submission of Tay Homes is regretted as it will no longer be overlooked by many houses making the supervision by parents more difficult and from a road safety viewpoint, children collecting balls from the busy Hempton Road, it is thought to be dangerously positioned. For these reasons the Council object to its location and suggest that the Police Architectural Liaison Officer be asked for his comments.

(c) the Council would strenuously object to any possible increase in the size of the development and would wish to see the deletion of gap in the landscape area to the north of the site, the land planned as an access road being allocated to the adjoining plots.

(d) the developers should be required to contribute to traffic management measures on the Hempton Road which has been revealed in the recent village appraisal to be a major concern of residents throughout the village.

(e) the Council have not been appraised of the report of the Water Authority regarding the low water pressure in this part of the village, which was requested in the Council's letter of 5th October, 1993. Can we be assured that the increased demand from this development will not have a prejudicial effect upon existing properties?

(f) there is a problem of overlooking from the house types on plots 17 & 18.

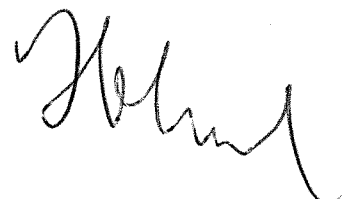
(g) the access to plot 43 has an obscured site line to the north.

(h) who will be responsible for the maintenance of the landscape buffer?

Appeal.

CHN 618/93

The Clerk reported that the appeal in respect of Plot 3 on the Boulderdyke Estate at Clifton had been resolved in favour of



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the developer subject to the height of the sills to the rooflights on Drawing 2964/13 being a minimum of 1.9m above first floor level.

35/94 Windmill Sub-Committee.

In the absence of the Chairman the Clerk read a report which contained the following matters. A good cooperative meeting had been held with users on 7th July at which times of regular usage, areas of storage for clubs, storage for all-weather pitch equipment and hiring charges had been agreed.

Charges for the all weather court for occasional and seasonal use, with and without floodlighting had been fixed bearing in mind those currently charged by the District Council.

A meeting had taken place between the Consultants, Barretts, Clerk and Chairman at which steps were agreed to complete all outstanding items within the next 6 to 8 weeks.

The summer sport scheme organised by the District Council will take place at the Centre on

July 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 between 1 and 3 pm and
August 29, 30, 31 & Sept 1 and 2 between 10 am and noon.

The District Council's Entertainments Scheme is being assessed and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

36/94 Local Government Commission's Recommendations.

It was resolved to hold a Special Council Meeting to determine this Council's response on Thursday, 28th July, 1994 at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.

37/94 District Council's Parish Centenary Grant.

A grant of £500 per parish has been offered to commemorate the Centenary of Parish Councils subject to the parish notifying the District Council of the details of the scheme for which the money will be used. It was proposed and agreed unanimously that this Council's grant be applied towards the purchase of the revised plaque to be placed beneath the Coat of Arms on the Town Hall.

38/94 Extension of 30 mph Speed Limit on the Clifton Road.

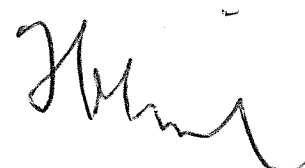
The Clerk reported that the District Council Grant Scheme was still operating and subject to conditions a grant of 75% of the cost of additional lighting was payable. It was agreed that the Clerk should advance the scheme and report back on the cost to this Council.

41/94 Accounts for Payment.

Accounts, in accordance with the Schedule circulated to members, were approved for payment. A copy is filed in the Minute Book.

42/94 Investment of the Council's Funds.

The Clerk reported that at close of business on 12th July, 1994 the balances on the various investment accounts were



as follows:-

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450,000.00	at 7.1% variable for 2 years expiring on 27.4.95 subject to the rate not being less than 4.5% above the base rate on the Bradford and Bingley Building Society Timesaver Account.
142,000.00	at 4.5% fixed to 31st July, 1994.
25,668.23	at 4.0% subject to 14 days notice
7,001.41	at 1.875% overnight
<u>624,669.64</u>	

42/94 Appointment of School Governors.

The new Council, according to the rules of Management of the Deddington C E Primary School, should appoint the governors of the school. It was resolved that Councillors Mrs Lee and Clarke be appointed.

43/94 Correspondence.

(a) Letter from J Boss, the Council's grasscutting contractor, asking whether the Council wished the hedges around the Cemetery to be cut and the ditch tidied - he quoted a cost of £120. Resolved to accept the quotation.

(b) Letter and entry forms from the District Council in regard to the 1994 Cherwell in Bloom Competition. Agreed that the Council should enter the Town Hall and Village Greens in the competition and that the Hotel and Public Houses be advised of the competition.

(c) Letter from the Editor of the Deddington News advising the dates for the receipt of copy for the next 4 issues.

(d) Letter from the Banbury and District Citizens Advice Bureau requesting a grant for the ensuing year. Resolved that a grant of £150 be paid.

(e) Advice from the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre of the opening of a new Sports Injury Service. An initial consultation of 45 mins would cost £25 with subsequent appointments at £20.

(f) Details from the District Council of the recycling Adopt-a-Site Scheme. The Brownies and Scouts are interested in this scheme in respect of the Banbury Road Layby site and have been given the application form.

(g) The District Council have also advised that a Paper skip will be sited on the Banbury Road Layby in August.

(h) A letter of confirmation from the County Council that the signposting of Public Rights of Way in this parish will be undertaken in September and October.

(i) Request from Miss R Harvey to erect a market stall on Tuesday each week to promote and sell bulk pet provisions in Deddington Market Place. She is a member of the National Market Traders Federation and wishes to have a 1 month's trial period. Resolved that the application be approved, the stall to be sited at the Town Hall undercroft at a rent to be agreed.

(j) Letter and plan from Southern Electric who wish to site an "H" structure with a transformer on the corner of the Council's Stonepit at Hempton. The pole will be erected from

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the College Farm field side tight into the root of the hedge. The stays will be dug in against the root of the hedge on the College Farmyard side and it is not expected that any excavations will take place on the Parish Council land. Resolved that further details be sought prior to agreement being given.

(k) The County Council have forwarded copies of the following recent publications which are available for inspection in the office:-

Road Safety Casualty Report 1993/94
Casualty Leaflet "Just Another Statistic" and
Speed Camera Leaflet "Putting You in the Picture".

(l) Letter from Oxford Citizens Housing Association stating that Lane Fox have confirmed that their clients are still willing to supply the necessary land for 20 houses at a price equivalent to £15,000 per acre. The only proviso is that the road built is sufficient to support a scheme of 75 units. The Housing Association state that this does not present a major logistical or financial problem. Architects have now been re-instructed to produce some initial site layouts as a basis for discussion which will be forwarded to this Parish within the next few weeks.

(m) Letter from Katharine House Hospice requesting to publicise the Coffee Mornings held at the Unicorn Hotel by placing a display board on the green in the Market Square during the 2 hours when coffee is being served. Agreed that this may be effected by an addition to the existing Unicorn board.

(n) Letter from Joanna Barlow and Jessica England regarding the lack of maintenance of the Hempton footpath/cycle track. Work has commenced to make this footpath passable.

44/94 Any other business.

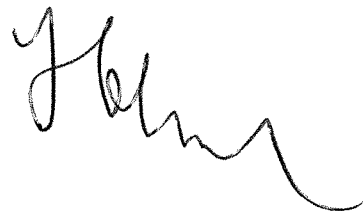
Cr Bowen raised the question as to whether any special events were to be arranged in the Parish to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of VE Day in 1995, the local British Legion Branch being interested in participating. Resolved that the Recreation and Grants Sub-Committee be asked to consider this matter and if agreeable, to place some suggestions before the Council

45/94 Date of Next Meetings.

28th July, 1994 - Special Council Meeting to formulate the Council's submission to the Local Government Commission.

17th August, 1994 - Council Meeting.

Both to commence at 7.30 pm at the Town Hall, Deddington.



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Accounts payable - JULY 1994

Creditor	Detail	£
Inalnd Revenue	PAYE and National Insurance	950.81
Banbury Fine Turf Consultants Ltd	Supply and erection of boundary fence and June maintenance	1,629.89
P Gattley	Bedding Plants	60.00
British Telecom.	Office Telephone	64.86
Viking Direct	Stationery	64.32
Centrepoint	Photocopying - June	39.64
Imprest Account	Reimbursement	1,319.67
D H Blakey	Salary and Expenses July	198.41
J Boss	Grasscutting	590.00
H P Beuzeval	Castle Grounds - Grasscutting	235.00
		<u>5,152.60</u>

Make up of Imprest Account Reimbursement

D Freeman	- Wages 18/6,25/6,2/7 and 9/7/94	662.46
Royal Mail	- Extension of Mail Change of Address	13.00
Deddington Magpies	- Grant	200.00
British Gas	- Payment of Balance of March Account re Windmill Centre	444.21
		<u>1,319.67</u>

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