

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Town Hall, Deddington on Wednesday, 13th March, 1996 commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present:- Councillors Todd (Chairman), Mrs Brewer, Clarke, Clinch, Drake, Mrs Fisher, Flux, Miss Hill, Mrs Lee, Oddy, Mrs Stevens and Mrs Swash. County Councillor N Matthews in attendance.

147/95 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Crs Cosgrove and Colley and District Councillor O'Sullivan.

148/95 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21st February, 1996.

The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman subject to the addition of an apology from Cr Oddy and the insertion of an interest rate of 3.625% in Min.143/95.

149/95 Matters arising.

The Chairman reported that no member was able to attend the Community Plan meeting on 12th March. However members would attend subsequent meetings on either 19th or 28th March.

The Clerk thanked Members for their card and good wishes regarding his recent operation.

150/95 Any other business.

The Chairman allowed the following items:-

- Cr Clarke - Representative School Governor and
- Cr Flux - state of footpaths in village.

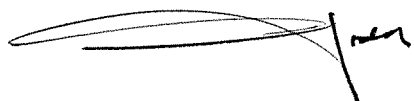
151/95 Quotations for Works

The Chairman moved, and it was agreed unanimously, that this item be discussed in private session at the end of the meeting, as, due to its financial nature, it would be prejudicial to the public interest to discuss it in open session.

✓152/95 Deddington Millenium Wood.

The Clerk reported that pledges received were still £1,809 short of the £9,000 target but an anonymous donor was willing to match any contribution made by the Parish Council as he had done with the contribution from the World Wildlife Fund for Nature. The local branch of WWF were very keen to see the project proceed and had undertaken to continue to fundraise on its behalf. 77 pledges had been received representing almost 10% of households in the village, but this was said by a member to indicate only a minority support for the project. Various suggestions of loans and grants were made and Cr Clinch moved that an interest free loan be made of a sum which would enable the project to proceed which was seconded by Cr Mrs Brewer. The motion was approved by 7 votes to 3.

(Note- It has since been confirmed that the aforementioned anonymous donor will match the contribution by way of



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underwriting and, taking into account a further pledge of £25, the Council's requirement to underwrite the scheme has been reduced to £892.)

153/95 Coat of Arms Committee

Cr Oddy reported upon a financial statement prepared by the Clerk, (a copy of which is filed in the Minute Book) which showed a current overspending of £1,617.68 on the project but there were unsold stocks of 17 Silver Spoons, 5 Videos and an unknown quantity of Tankards which when sold would significantly reduce the deficit. Discussion proceeded on the means of realising the stocks and it was agreed that local retailers and hoteliers be approached in this matter.

154/95 Environment Committee.

Cr Mrs Brewer reported as follows:-

(a) Tree surgery High and New Streets. A meeting was to be held between the County Council, their contractor and herself on 15th March and any interested frontager was welcome to attend.

(b) Clifton Footpath. A letter had been forwarded to our Euro MP requesting a capital grant for this project. Cr Matthews stated that the OCC were to spray the path this Spring and undertake further minor works, but Council were of the view that the surface would be far from satisfactory for the use of prams.

(c) Clifton Car Parking. PC Donahue had been informed of the problem and was prepared to investigate.

(d) The Time Capsule had been duly buried on 29th February, 1996 and the Council's contribution of £30 made to Katherine House Hospice.

(e) Draft Dog Control Byelaws had been received from the District Council which the Committee were assessing prior to making recommendations.

✓(f) Best Kept Village Competition. No response had been received from either Clifton or Hempton and it was proposed that Deddington be entered in the medium sized village category and that the War Memorial Competition be also entered. The proposal was agreed by 7 votes to 3.

(g) Closure of Chapel Square. Notification had been received from the County Council of the closure of Chapel Square on Sunday and Monday, 17th & 18th March for urgent sewer works to take place. The alternative route was either by Philcote St and Hopcraft Lane or by Church Street. Council were of the view that such diversions would create difficulty, particularly on Monday and suggested that the Clerk take up the matter with the County Council citing Earls Lane as a preferable diversion.

155/95 Planning Committee.

Application

✓96/0285LB Duke of Cumberlands Head, Clifton - Extensions and alterations to public house and restaurant - No observations.
Approval



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✓96/0088TCA New Street and High Street - Fell 1 Cherry Tree, repollard 2 Lime Trees and maintenance work to 26 other Trees. CDC would encourage the replacement of the felled cherry tree.
Public Toilets

Cr Miss Hill together with Crs Mrs Brewer and Clinch had met Mr Mellotti of CDC and questioned him regarding the maintenance of toilets which is one of his responsibilities at Cherwell. It was apparent that the costs of maintenance were considerable and that the District Council were looking to close such facilities rather than open new ones. Cr Miss Hill proposed and Cr Clinch seconded that the scheme for developing the toilets at the Town Hall be dropped and local hostelrys and cafes be so informed and requested to assist tourists etc. This motion was accepted unanimously and also the provision of a frost stat to the existing toilet as an addition to the Town Hall repairs contract.

156/95 Recreation Committee.

Cr Drake had no report to make.

157/95 Windmill Committee.

Cr Flux reported that the Centre was continuing to be well used and that the recent Dickens Evening went very well. In regard to the finances of the Centre provisional figures for the year ended 31st January, 1996 showed income of £11,800 and expenditure of £11,200 which latter figure included £3,500 of repairs and upgrades.

In connection with the previous discussion regarding the Badminton Club he had made certain calculations as to the return on capital being achieved, which, based upon the insured value of the Centre, showed a return of less than 0.5% - certainly not a commercial proposition.

Cr Flux again drew attention to the Open Day to be held on 27th May at which it was hoped that most village organisations would be represented.

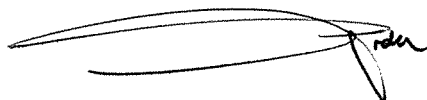
✓ Cr Oddy referred to the grant application by the Badminton Club which had been left in abeyance pending detail relating to the return on capital. Cr Clinch moved, seconded by Cr Miss Hill that a grant of £200 be made for the purchase of equipment for members aged 16 and under thus following the Council's policy of giving assistance to junior sport. The motion was agreed unanimously.

158/95 Accounts for Payment.

Accounts totalling £8,658.69, in accordance with a schedule circulated at the meeting, were approved for payment.

159/95 Investment of the Council's Funds.

The Clerk reported that at close of business on 12th March, 1996 the balances were as follows:-



160/95 Correspondence.

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contractors concerned pointing out the problems and requesting that they bear in mind the problems being created and do their best to eliminate them.

162/95 Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at the Town Hall, Deddington on Wednesday, 17th April, 1996 commencing at 7.30 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a long, sweeping horizontal line with a small, stylized flourish at the end.

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Minutes of the Closed Session of the Council Meeting on 13th
March, 1996

163/95 Quotations for Works.

✓ (a) Repairs to Town Hall.

Three quotations had been requested but one firm declined to quote. Quotations received were

J Spencer

£4,938 plus VAT

H R Gibbs & Son

£5,570 plus VAT.

A further quotation had been delivered to the Clerk today but had not been opened. Resolved that as the above prices had been presented to Council at the previous meeting the envelope be not opened. Resolved that the quotation of J Spencer be accepted with a contract duration of 1 month. Work could commence once the SEB had completed the erection of the new Street Lights on the Town Hall.

(b) Repairs to Parish Church Clock.

A further quotation requested by the Environment Committee had not been received and they wished to consider this in conjunction with the 2 received. A letter had been received from Mr Walsh indicating that between November 1994 and December 1995 he had visited the clock on 43 occasions the majority of which were to adjust the time, but 6 visits were to replace and adjust the winding gear switches which had been bought on behalf of the Church. He indicates that repairs were not part of the free service but would be at a reduced rate as agreed and that it would be as well to leave the invoicing until such time as the clock is in proper working order. It was agreed that the further quotation be taken into account when received but that Mr Walsh be asked to render his account for the works of repair as soon as possible.

✓ (c) Annual Maintenance Works - Windmill Field and Surrounds.
Quotations received were as follows:-

DesignGro

£4,296.00 plus VAT

OCC Commercial Services

£4,271.33 plus VAT

DesignGro had the 1995 contract and the above quotation is in the same price. Previous work by the OCC Commercial Services had been below standard and in the circumstances it was resolved that because of the small difference in price the contract be awarded to DesignGro of Adderbury.

✓ (d) Grasscutting - Castle Grounds Field - 1996.

Quotations received were as follows:-

DesignGro

£45.00 plus VAT per cut

OCC Commercial Services

£38.82 plus VAT per cut

The latter contractor had the contract for 1995 and performed quite well and it was resolved that the quotation of £38.82 per cut be accepted.

✓ (e) Village etc Grasscutting - 1996

Mr Boss was the only contractor approached and the following is his quotation:-

		2.	1995
		£	£
Village Verges	per cut	455	425
Churchyard	do	45	40
Additional cuts			
Market Place & X Rds	do	18	15
Old Rifle Range	do	40	40
Barleyfields Open			
Space	do	20	20
Clifton Field	do	30	25
Cemetery	do	38	35

The number of cuts would be 7 with the exception of the Cemetery and Barleyfields 10 and the Clifton Field would depend upon progress with the remedial works.
Resolved that the above quotation be accepted.



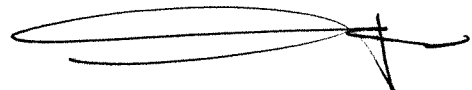
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COAT OF ARMS COMMITTEE

Summary of Receipts and Payments to Date

Receipts	£	Payments	£
	<u>1992/93</u>		
Allocation of Capital		Application Deposit	4,550.00
Receipts	5,000.00		
Interest Earned	46.43	Balance carried fwd.	496.43
	<u>5,046.43</u>		<u>5,046.43</u>
	<u>1993/94</u>		
Brought forward	496.43	Refunds Silver Spoons	5.00
Sale of Silver Spoons	465.00	Balance of Fee	450.00
Use of Arms - Clubs	50.00	Prod. of Replica Arms	1,191.00
Interest Earned	18.16		
Balance carried fwd.	616.41		
	<u>1,646.00</u>		<u>1,646.00</u>
	<u>1994/95</u>		
Sale of Silver Spoons	1,160.00	Balance brought fwd.	616.41
Replica Sponsorships	1,800.00	Purch. Silver Spoons	1,285.89
Programme Sponsorships	250.00	Painting of Replica	612.00
Programme Sales	285.00	Stationery	88.03
Fun Events	45.00	Marquee Hire	285.00
Sale of Tankards	825.00	Purchase of Tankards	1,840.00
Use of Arms - Clubs	50.00	Road Closure	89.28
Sale of Videos	165.50	Fox FM	50.00
C D C Centenary Grant	500.00	Advertising	77.36
		Programmes	465.91
		Kidlington Band	100.00
		Morris Men	70.00
		Pre Lunch Drinks	68.75
		Dress Hire	41.95
		Photography	50.00
		Video of Ceremony	161.60
		Use of Church	50.00
		Purchase of videos	168.00
		Travelling Expenses	20.00
		Plaque	358.00
		Engraving Plaque	90.00
Balance carried fwd.	1,605.68	Faculty	98.00
	<u>6,686.18</u>		<u>6,686.18</u>
	<u>1995/96 to date</u>		
Use of Arms-Commercial	100.00	Balance brought fwd	1,605.68
Sale of Tankards	30.00	Display Case	176.00
Sale of Silver Spoons	40.00	Refund re Photos	6.00
(Stocks held:- Silver Spoons 19 (£390) Videos 5 (£60.00))			

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Accounts for Payment - March, 1996

Creditor	Detail	£
Oxfordshire C C	Street Lighting - Horsefair etc	7,265.98
Cherwell D C	Emptying of Dog Litter Bins - 1yr	210.60
Cherwell D C	Legal Charges - Holly Tree	
	Custodian Trusteeship	130.00
Sharp Electronics	Photocopier Maint.	4.30
DPC Imprest Acc	Reimbursement	566.01
D H Blakey	Salary - Feb and March	481.80
		<u>8,658.69</u>

Make-up of Imprest Account Reimbursement

D Freeman	Wages 24 Feb, 2 & 9 Mar	469.48
Windmill Stores	Postages	7.60
Deddington Cricket Club	Contribution to Water Meter Supply	68.54
B & Q Ltd	Patio Broom	10.39
V Brewer	Typing	10.00
		<u>566.01</u>

