

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Town Hall, Deddington on Wednesday, 14th December, 1994 commencing at 7.30 pm.

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

105/94 There were no apologies for absence.

106/94 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 16th November, 1994.

The Minutes of the above Meeting, which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

107/94 Matters Arising.

Cr Todd stated that at the last meeting it had been agreed that the District Council be asked to place Tree Preservation Orders upon 3 trees within the Banner Homes - "The Beeches" development and the Clerk undertook to take the appropriate action.

With regard to the unsatisfactory reply from the OCC relating to the extension of the 30 mph limit on the Clifton Road (Min.93/94 refers) it was agreed that the Clerk should write again requesting that a meeting be held with County Officers to discuss alternative traffic calming measures.

The Clerk read a letter from the LPA regarding the Banner Homes appeals and infringement of conditions in their development of The Beeches Estate. Cr O'Sullivan read extracts from a letter from the LPA's Chief Planning Officer to the Chief Planning Inspector commenting upon the above and it was resolved that he be thanked for his action which is wholeheartedly endorsed by this Council.

108/94 Windmill Sub-Committee.

Cr Flux reported that bookings were healthier at the Centre, most of the internal repairs had been completed and purchases of crockery and tables effected. The final account was being considered by the Council's consultants but the roof to the extension was again letting in water.

He had had meetings with the Clubs using outside facilities regarding their agreements, there were no major obstacles and he hoped they would be signed early in the new year. Regarding the Badminton Club he reiterated that no "special deal" was possible and any assistance should be by way of a grant application to the Parish Council. The Council agreed without commitment to the result of any application. He announced that the Deddington Players had presented a proscenium arch to

the Centre and the organisation was thanked for its generosity. Problems were still outstanding regarding the All Weather Pitch and a meeting was to be held with the contractor in the next week.

109/94 Recreation.

Cr Mrs Lee stated that she was concerned about the landscaping adjacent to the proposed Tots Play Area. Cr Clinch displayed a revised plan of the area, which omitted a house tower and one piece of equipment and so enabled the total area to be foreshortened thus taking the development further from the adjacent properties. The remaining area towards the estate would be landscaped and seats provided. He had shown the original plans to occupiers of adjacent properties and he was of the view that the revised plans, which he undertook to show to the aforementioned occupiers, should receive their approval. The Clerk reported that an application had been made to the District Council for grant and an application form had been requested from the National Lottery. It was proposed by Cr Bowen and seconded by Cr Flux that the revised scheme be accepted and commissioned, subject to the District Council grant being approved, and was agreed by 11 votes to three against.

A letter from Mr H D Spottiswoode was reported which requested that a plaque be erected on the Town Hall commemorating the end of the Second World War. Council agreed that the only commemoration should be that already agreed, viz an Interdenominational Service in the Parish Church.

The District Council had notified this Council of their intention to create a linear park based on the Oxford Canal roughly stretching from Cropredy to Enslow. The Canal in proximity to this Parish is in South Northants D C but the Clerk was asked to inform the District Council of the ongoing discussions with Messrs Welford regarding public access to their land in the vicinity of the Canal.

110/94 Environmental Sub-Committee.

Cr Mrs Brewer stated that investigations were continuing regarding the provision of Bus Shelters.

A scheme for the provision of Street Lighting on the Persimmon Gaveston Gardens development was approved.

A request had been made for an additional street light at the Tuckers Corner of the Market Place. Cr Todd stated that there was the possibility of a grant from the District Council for the improvement of lighting in Conservation Areas and it was agreed that Cr Todd investigate a scheme for improved and more sympathetic lighting in the core of the Conservation Area. Cr Mrs Swash said that additionally she was aware of a grant scheme for the lighting of dark areas of the District as a Crime Prevention measure. (Cr Todd left the meeting at this juncture). Two of this Council's current proposals for new

lights - The Tchure and The Stile - appeared to fit into this category and the Clerk was asked to follow up this matter.

Cr Mrs Brewer stated that the analysis of the results of the parking survey was underway and thanked Mr John Goddard for his help in computerising them.

It was agreed that local notices affecting Hempton could be displayed on the Council's noticeboard and that the Clerk would insert them if approached.

A letter had been received from the County Council stating that only 18% of the reinstatements of the highway by statutory undertakers were able to be inspected by them and requested this Council's cooperation in reporting any unsatisfactory reinstatements.

Several volunteers had expressed an interest in assisting with the production of a Parish Conservation Plan but a coordinator was urgently required. The Deddington News was asked to publicise this matter, any volunteer to contact the Clerk.

111/94 Planning and Property Sub-Committee.

Cr Miss Hill reported as follows:-

Applications.

CHN 680/94 - Priory Dene, Hudson St. - Change of use of ground floor from residential to Dentist Surgery. It was understood that this would be a NHS practise. The Council were delighted with this application and no objection be made.

CHN LB 667/94 - Clifton Mill, Main Road, Clifton - Replacement of existing boundary fence with stone wall. No objection subject to the approval of the Highway Authority.

CHN 639/94 - College Farm, Hempton - Outline of Proposed redevelopment of redundant farmyard to residential development of 3 dwellings with garaging. Object that this is unsatisfactory development, but Council would be prepared to consider the conversion of redundant farm buildings to form 2 dwellings and appropriate garaging.

CHN 659/94 - Land to rear of Pretoria House, Hudson Street - Variation to Condition 13 of permission CHN CA 531/91 to allow the occupation of the dwelling by a person aged 55 and over, together with any spouse, carer or dependant of such a person. No decision as applicant had not stated the amendment required. A letter from Mrs M Valentine was read in connection with this development regarding the overlooking of adjacent properties. The Clerk to forward a copy to the LPA stating that the Council fully supports its content.

CHN CA 656/94 - Foxgloves, Hopcraft Lane - Demolish corner of boundary wall onto Hopcraft Lane. Object on the basis of the loss of the amenity of a wall of a continuous height on this section of the lane, in the Conservation Area.

Approvals

CHN TCA 55/94 - Works to 3 Lime Trees, Bull Ring.

RM CHN 640/93(1) - Leadenporch Farm - Erection of 2 poultry rearing houses & ancillary buildings & relocation of Dutch barn

CHN LB 451/94 - The Hermitage, Market Place - Partial demolition & rebuild to north facing gable end and chimneys.

CHN CA 523/94 - Jandor, Castle Street - Demolition of single storey rear addition to house and construction of 2 storey rear extension to provide new kitchen and study/bedroom.

112/94 Accounts for Payment.

Accounts totalling £4,419.37, in accordance with the appended listing which was circulated at the meeting, were approved for payment.

113/94 Investment of the Council's Funds.

The Clerk reported that at close of business on 13th December, 1994 the balances were as follows:-

£	
450,000.00	at 7.2% variable for 2 years expiring on 27.4.95 subject to the rate being not less than 4.5% above the base rate on the Bradford and Bingley Building Society Timesaver Account.
160,000.00	at 5.0625% fixed to 30.12.94
25,077.87	at 4.75% subject to 14 days notice
3,677.41	at 2.875% overnight
<u>638,755.28</u>	

114/94 Rent of Stonepit, Duns Tew Road, Hempton.

The Clerk reported that Mr R G A West, the Council's current tenant, wished to rent the above land for a further year and it was resolved that the rent remain unchanged at £320 for the year.

115/94 Retirement of Mr R Powell from the Fire Service.

The Clerk reported that the Chairman had accepted an invitation to the retirement party for Mr Powell following 34 years service with the local service. It was resolved that Mr Powell be presented with a Silver Spoon and Tankard in recognition of his service to the village.

116/94 Parish Church Clock.

The Clerk reported that further to Min 102/94(h) the clock had stopped upon several occasions and it was now evident that repairs were required. A further request had been received from the Parochial Church Council for the Parish Council to maintain the Church Clock in accordance with Section 2 of the Parish Councils Act of 1957. It was proposed by Cr Bowen and seconded by Cr Miss Hill that the Council accept such responsibility and was approved by 12 votes to 1 with 1 abstention.

117/94 Correspondence.

(a) Letter from the District Council requesting a name for the new development off Hudson Street. Resolved that the flats be named "Hudson Court".

(b) Letter from the Clerk to the Parochial Church Council stating that their next meeting will be in the month of February "at which time I trust we will be in receipt of the certificate from the Diocesan Advisory Committee and will be able to progress" the matter of displaying the Coat of Arms Scroll by making a petition for a faculty.

(c) Notification from the County Council of their intention to place 30mph restrictions on all roads within South Newington.

(d) Application from the licensees of the Unicorn Hotel for a Gaming Machine Permit. No objection.

(e) Letter of thanks from Chipping Norton Theatre for the

Council's donation.

(f) Letter requesting that the Council promote the multi-agency campaign to Stop Parking on Pavements.

(g) Notification of the placing of a Tree Preservation Order on an Ash and a Birch at "Sedgehill", Clifton.

(h) Notification of a local meeting, regarding the Consultation on the Health Strategy for Oxfordshire, at Mollington Village Hall on Thursday, 19th January, 1995 commencing at 7.30 pm.

(i) Letter from Mrs Baker of 30, Mill Close wishing to purchase a piece of land, now incorporated in the Barleyfields open space, to straighten off her rear garden. Agreed that Mrs Baker be informed that the matter will be considered when the Council have acquired the Open Space.

(j) Notification from the County Council of the Winter Emergency Procedures for ice and snow on roads. The main North/South and East/West routes through the Parish are incorporated in the plans.

(the Clerk left the meeting at this juncture)

(k) The Chairman reported the receipt of the revised recommendations for Clerk's Salaries effective from 1st July, 1994. No increase had been paid with effect from 1st July, 1993. Resolved that the Clerk's salary be increased to 14/37ths of the lowest grade viz £10,548 per annum.

118/94 Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Council will be held at the Town Hall Deddington on Wednesday, 18th January, 1995 commencing at 7.30 pm.

The Chairman wished all present the compliments of the season.

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Accounts for Payment - December, 1994

		£
Design Gro	Sports Field Maintenance	1,874.12
Oxfordshire C C	Castle Grounds Grasscutting	659.18
D P C Imprest Account	Reimbursement	1,112.92
Design Gro	Further Maint. Sports Field	773.15
		<u>4,419.37</u>

Make-up of Imprest Account Reimbursement

		£
D Freeman	Wages 26/11, 3 & 10/12/94	475.92
White Hall Nurseries	Bedding Plants	88.00
Dedd. Cricket Club	Return of Grant not required	(65.66)
Centrepont	Photocopying	38.10
Boots the Chemists Ltd	Developing & Print'g Photographs	26.56
Chipping Norton Theatre	Donation	50.00
Windmill Man. C'ttee	Second ½ years Office Rent	500.00
		<u>1,112.92</u>