

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Town Hall, Deddington on Wednesday, 14th June, 1995 commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present:- Councillors Todd (Chairman), Mrs Brewer, Clarke, Clinch, Colley, Drake, Mrs Fisher, Flux, Miss Hill, Mrs Lee, Oddy and Mrs Swash.

**10/95 Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Cr Mrs Stevens, District Councillor O'Sullivan and County Councillor Matthews.

**11/95 Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 24th May, 1995.**

The Minutes of the above meeting, (which had been circulated previously), were confirmed as a true record, subject to (a) the amendment of the rate of interest in Minute 6/95 from 8% to 7.5%, and (b) in Minute 185/94(b) inserting 'with matching funds' after the word financially, and were signed by the Chairman.

**12/95 Vacancy on the Parish Council.**

The Clerk reported that a requisition had been made for an election to fill the vacancy and that nominations would be invited by notice to be displayed on the 29th June, 1995. Should there be more than 1 nomination an election would take place on 3rd August, 1995.

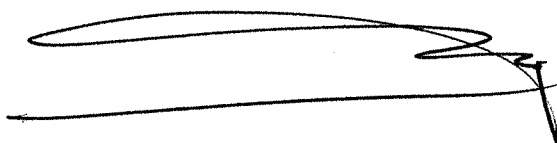
**13/95 There were no items of Urgent Other Business raised.**

**14/95 Recreation and Grants Committee.**

Cr Drake reported as follows:-

(a) Loan Application from Deddington Church Council Fund for a loan of a maximum of £15,000 to assist with the payment for a new heating system for the Parish Church. He stated that the total cost was estimated at £23,000 and the call on Council funds was on the basis that the Church was the only building in the Parish which could accommodate 400 people, with reasonable acoustics, for concerts and other similar events. The Committee were recommending a maximum loan of £15,000 repayable over 10 years at a concessionary rate of interest of 5% and Cr Drake put the motion which was seconded by Cr Mrs Fisher. Upon the basis that 5% interest over a period of 10 years may involve this Council in a considerable loss of interest, Cr Miss Hill moved an amendment that a maximum loan of £15,000 repayable by a ½yrlly annuity over 10 years be granted, subject to (a) any grants received being immediately repaid and (b) an initial rate of interest of 5% to be reviewed at every 2nd anniversary of the loan period. This amendment was seconded by Cr Clinch and on being put was agreed by 5 votes to 3 with 3 abstentions.

(Cr Flux declared a non-pecuniary interest in this matter)

  
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(b) Tithe Lane Open Space. Cr Mrs Brewer had obtained quotations for harrowing and reseeded this play area varying from £1,150 to £1,700. It was mentioned that Mr A Welford had offered to undertake this work later in the year, free of charge, and the Clerk was asked to write to confirm the veracity of this offer. It was also stated that it was possible that some of the damage could be the result of motor cyclists and horseriders using the area and enquiries were to be made to verify this statement and if correct to take steps to ban such use.

(c) Castle Grounds Open Space. Requests had been received from North Aston/Banbury United and Deddington Town Youth Teams to use this area for football in the forthcoming season. The Committee were recommending that the local side, Deddington Town, should be supported and recommended a rent of £150 contingent upon the pavilion being repaired as soon as possible and the goalmouths at the end of the season. Reference was made to the fact that the request was in respect of a youth team - under 12's - and Cr Drake moved that Deddington Town Football Club be granted a lease, for the 1995/96 season, of the Castle Grounds, on the following terms (a) the establishment of 1 or 2 pitches be explored, (b) the pavilion be put into good order, (c) the Club be responsible for winter maintenance and the refurbishment of goalmouths at the end of the season. Cr Clarke seconded the motion and it was agreed unanimously.

(d) Grant to Tennis Club for Coaching. Further to Minute 185/94 the Tennis Club had applied for a grant of £300 towards estimated coaching costs of £600 for the further training of promising members of the Club who required coaching beyond the capabilities of in-house coaching. The Committee recommended that the request be supported. Comments were made that such a grant may create a precedent. Cr Drake put the motion which was seconded by Cr Miss Hill and upon being put to the vote the motion was lost by 3 votes to 5 with 2 abstentions.

#### 15/95 Environment Committee.

Cr Mrs Brewer reported as follows:-

(a) Conservation Lighting in the Market Place. The Committee had considered the offer of grant from the District Council - Min.8/95(f) - and recommended that the Council proceed with the scheme at an estimated net cost of £9,442.78 to be met from the interest on the grants budget. Cr Clarke seconded the motion and it was agreed nem con.

(b) Kill your speed signs. Investigations were ongoing as were Village signs incorporating the Coat of Arms.

(c) Millenium projects. An advertisement was to be placed in the Deddington News inviting ideas, towards which it was possible to obtain grants.

(d) Seat between Hempton and Deddington. A request had been received and siting and costs were to be investigated.

(e) The provision of a litter bin in Hempton was also being considered.



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(f) Upon receipt of costings for the 'Village Centre' signs it was agreed that the proposal should be abandoned but the County Council were to be requested to move the 'Market Place' sign on the north traffic flow to the main direction indicator sign.

(g) A letter from Mrs Ward was read regarding the lack of cover and paving provided by the bus shelters. Agreed that the Clerk should write to her stating that alterations were agreed at the last meeting of the Council.

### 16/95 Planning and Property Committee.

Cr Miss Hill reported as follows:-

#### Applications

95/817 Adv - Holly Tree Club - 2 illuminated information boards - Objection on the grounds that this development was incompatible in the Conservation Area.

95/835,836 - Church Cottage, Church Street - Conservatory - No objection but would query the use of the wall of the adjacent property.

95/841 - Plots 1,3,4 & 5 Manor Farm Barns - Conversion and extension of barns to form dwellings - Approve in principle but would expect Velox or equivalent roof lights to be installed and would query the number of car spaces provided.

95/844 - Plot 2 Manor Farm Barns - Conversion and extension to form dwelling - Observation that overlooking windows should be of frosted glass.

95/883 - The Knowle, Philcote Street - Installation of Wallguard air vents - No observations.

95/894 - High Street Garage - Removal of condition 5 to approval 95/610 - Council gives full support to removal.

95/921TCA - 3, Holly Tree Cottages - Remove Lime Tree - No observations.

95/923,924 - Crossways, Hempton - Single Storey Extension - No observations.

All the above recommendations were agreed.

#### Approvals

95/453 Featherton House - Internal Alterations

95/481,482 - Grove Lodge, High Street - Internal & External Alterations

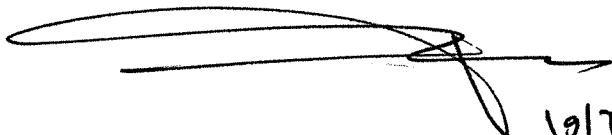
95/579 Manor Farm, Hempton Road - Erection of Open-fronted Garage and Store.

95/580TCA - Manor Farm, Hempton Road - Fell 1 poplar and 2 conifer trees.

95/610 High Street Garage - Change of Use of part of building from filling station to dental surgery.

It was also reported that the number of 'A' boards being placed in the village was on the increase and the Environment Committee was asked to investigate and report back to the next meeting.

In regard to the Barleyfields Open Space it was agreed that Mr Boss be asked for a quotation for removing the tall weeds and mowing the balance of the area. Mr Sacha of the District Council was to advise regarding planting.



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Similarly Mr Sacha was consulted regarding the design of the Persimmon Open Space in which he required a through footpath to the Hempton Road, shielded by a pedestrian barrier at the southern access to the Hempton Road footpath.

#### 17/95 Windmill Committee.

Cr Flux reported:-

(a) that the final costs of the main Windmill extension contract was £312,000 as compared to a contract price of £311,814.11, a minimal overspending of £185.89.

(b) A letter had been received from Messrs SGS Environment requesting fees of £8,880 in respect of all the 3 consultants. This sum included £1,955 due in respect of the original agreement and it was agreed that ex Councillor M O'Brien, who negotiated the original fee agreement be asked for his views.

(c) The Bowling Club were anxious about the levels on the Green and had requested an inspection by the contractors, which had been arranged.

(d) Time limits were now being imposed on the payment of letting accounts as certain users were falling into arrears.

(e) The Committee had investigated the establishment of a recycling centre at the Windmill but had recently received a petition against the project from nearby residents and it had been agreed that the project be abandoned.

(f) Cr Flux was thanked for the organisation of the Open Day which had proved to be a great success and may be repeated on an annual basis.

#### 18/95 RAF Upper Heyford Parish Liaison Committee.

A report was made upon the attendance of the Chairman & Cr Miss Hill at the first meeting of this Committee which was addressed by various representatives of the County Council responsible for revising the County Structure Plan, to take account of the changed circumstances. They were of the view that it would be worthwhile retaining membership of this Committee.

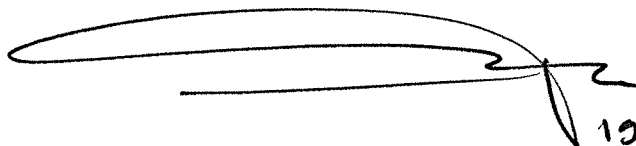
#### 19/95 Accounts for Payment.

Accounts amounting to £2,855.71, (schedule filed in the Minute Book), were approved for payment.

#### 20/95 Investment of the Council's Funds.

The Clerk reported that at close of business on 13th June, 1995 the balances were as follows:-

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450,000.00	Privilege Bond with the Bradford & Bingley Building Society for a 2 year period expiring on 10th May, 1997 with a break for full repayment on 10th May, 1996, variable at 7.3%
140,000.00	Treasury Deposit at 5.9375%
10,579.87	at 4.75% subject to 14 days notice
5,426.03	at 3.375% overnight.
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**21/95 Correspondence.**

(a) Letter from the District Council stating that they have appointed agents, ECOTEC Research and Consulting Ltd, to undertake a study of the economic, social and environmental issues which have and will affect the quality of life of those who live in the rural areas of the District. A questionnaire has been received which broadly follows the questions asked in the local Village Appraisal and it was agreed that the Clerk should complete this utilising the Village Appraisal Summary. Following the collation of the replies a meeting will be convened with this Council to discuss the findings.

(b) Information from the District Council that the revised form of the Cherwell Valley Project was now available at their offices for inspection.

(c) Receipt of the Horton Hospital Trust's Strategic Review 1995/2000 which is available for inspection in the Clerk's office.

(d) Letter from the Deddington Craft Group requesting permission to display the collage, which is presently in the library, in the Town Hall. Agreed to the proposal subject to its siting not interfering with the space utilised by the Council to display plans etc at its meetings.

(e) Letters from the village clergy regarding burials in the Council's cemetery of bodies covered in a shroud rather than a coffin. They unanimously agreed that should this be approved by the next of kin of the deceased, a graveside ceremony in such circumstances could be undertaken, but they were hesitant about a church service being conducted without a coffin. Agreed that the undertakers be so informed together with this Council's stipulation that only a single gravespace be used in such circumstances.

(f) Letter informing the Council of the retirement of Mr J Neild as coordinator of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the village. Agreed that Mr Neild be thanked for his services and that the Deddington News be asked to publicise the need for a successor to be appointed.

(g) The Oxford Citizens Housing Association had now applied to the District Council for an exception to the Rural Plan in respect of this Council's proposed Low Cost Housing Scheme.

**20/95 Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting of the Council was arranged for Wednesday, 19th July, 1995 at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.

  
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Schedule of Accounts Payable - June, 1995

Creditor	Detail	£
C B & P A Waters	Hanging Baskets	164.30
Design Gro	Landscape Maintenance	742.60
Oxfordshire C C	White Lining - Chapel Square	19.04
J Boss	Grasscutting	565.00
J Paull	Allotment rotovating	70.50
D P C Imprest Account	Reimbursement	1,022.91
D H Blakey	Salary and Expenses - June	271.36
		<u>2,855.71</u>

Make-up of Imprest Account Reimbursement

D Freeman	Wages W/e 27/5,3,10/6	488.33
O A L C	Subscription and Forms	183.35
Windmill Stores	Postage	7.60
Simply Rugs	Photocopying	8.81
Southern Electric	Electricity - Town Hall	20.84
Deddington Summer Playscheme	Grant	200.00
O R C C	Best Kept Village - Entry Fee	10.00
Deddington Church Council Fund	V E Service - Organist Fee	10.00
Holly Tree Club	Parish Council A G M	9.00
Registrar of Oxford Diocese Centrepoint	Faculty Payment	56.40
	Photocopying	28.58
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