

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Town Hall, Deddington on Wednesday, 15th March, 1995 at 7.15 pm

Present:- Councillors Mrs Brewer, Clarke, Drake, Mrs Fisher, Colley, Flux, Miss Hill, Oddy, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Swash and Todd. County Cr Matthews and District Cr O'Sullivan in attendance.

148/94 On behalf of her family and in memory of her husband Mrs Garrett presented to the Council a display board showing the names of past Chairmen of the Council. Cr Mrs Swash, introduced as the 'mother' of the Council, spoke with affection of her service on the Council with the late Mr Garrett and the support he had given to her as a new member. The Council presented a bouquet to Mrs Garrett and thanked her and her family for the gift.

149/94 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Councillors Clinch, Bowen and Mrs Lee.

150/94 In the absence of Cr Clinch, Cr Todd, Vice Chairman took the Chair.

151/94 Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 15th February, 1995.

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

152/94 There were no matters arising.

153/94 The Chairman allowed a matter raised by Cr Mrs Swash relating to correspondence in the Deddington News as a matter of A O B.

154/94 Coat of Arms Committee.


Cr Oddy stated that he was endeavouring to finalise the financial position with regard to the event and urgently required the return of tankards and cash from Members.

155/94 Recreation Committee.

Cr Drake reported as follows:-

The Committee had received the following 2 grant applications each of which was recommended for approval:-

✓ 1. Windmill Committee for a grant of £1,900 for the provision of a permanent stage in the main hall of the Windmill Centre. Storage facilities would be provided beneath and it would not infringe on the badminton court. Application for grant had been made to 2 other trusts and any receipts therefrom would reduce the grant requirement from this Council. It was proposed by Cr Drake that the grant be made, seconded by Cr Oddy and approved



with 1 abstention.

2. Deddington Cricket Club for a loan of £290 and a grant of £400 to assist in financing the purchase of the following capital equipment :-

Nets	£697
Roller	£250
Catching Cradle	£195
Crease Marker	£100
	<u>£1,242</u>

Cr Drake proposed that the above grant and loan be agreed, the motion was seconded by Cr Mrs Fisher and agreed unanimously.

✓ A quotation from Oxfordshire Commercial Services of £33.99 per cut for the Castle Grounds field was accepted nem con.

✓ The school has shown an interest in commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations and it is hoped that a representative from the organisation can give a lecture to the children.

✓ The annual subscription to the C P R E at £15 was agreed nem con.

✓ Deddington Town Football Club had informed the Council that they were no longer to insure the pavilion on the Castle Grounds field. The Clerk was asked to write to the North Aston Boys Football Club to ascertain the current position regarding their interest in the ground.

Cr Mrs Stevens reported upon a meeting concerning the VE and VJ celebrations. Weather permitting all churches would combine in open air services in the Market Place at 3.00pm on 7th May and at 7.30 pm on 20th August with an alternative of using the Parish Church if inclement. The collections at the services would be for charity and out of pocket expenses - Orders of Service, hire of amplifier, road closure were estimated at £300. A request had been received for a race around the village to be organised. ~~Cr Mrs Stevens and Cr Mrs Fisher were asked to oversee arrangements for the 2 occasions.~~

156/94 Environmental Committee.

Cr Mrs Brewer reported as follows:-

Cemetery - Agreed that two viburnum bushes be planted on either side of the entrance.

Car Parking Survey - A summary of the survey was distributed to each member and it was agreed that Mr Goddard should speak to the results at the next meeting of the Council. It was noted that the District Council was to make grants available for rural parking in the next financial year.

✓ Traffic Lights at junction of A4260 and B4031 - A request had been received for a sound signal to be fitted for blind and partially sighted parishioners. The Clerk to liaise with the County Council on this matter.

✓ Persimmon Homes Development - Cleaning of the roads was now being undertaken in a more satisfactory manner, but several problems had arisen in connection with the laying of services by the statutory undertakers, viz lack of provision for pedestrians and failure to light hazards in the highway. They

had been rectified following intervention by Members and the Clerk. The Clerk was asked to write to the Developer and the statutory undertakers requesting better supervision of these works.

Bus Shelters - Erection was due to take place in 3 weeks time.

157/94 Planning and Property Committee.

Cr Miss Hill reported the following recommendations:-

Applications.

- ✓ 95/211 - Deddington Primary School - Alterations, including new classroom. - No observations.
- ✓ 95/194 - Wesleyan Church - Conversion of schoolroom to dwelling - No objection in principle, restate previous observations and as regards the provision of on-site parking, 1. the accuracy of the car park slope and the effect on the gable end walls of the 2 adjoining properties should be checked 2. materials used should not be black tarmacadam and 3. detail of the footpath crossing should be sought.
- ✓ 659/94 - Hudson Court - Variation of Condition 13 - Object upon the basis that the variation would nullify the reason for imposing the condition viz additional traffic generation.
- ✓ 95/272 - Leadenporch Farm - Outline, erection of 2 agricultural workers houses. Object on the basis that the need for these houses on a green field site must have been known at the time of the initial application for the new chicken sheds and could well have affected that decision. There will be further increased use of the bridleway from the Clifton Road and there should be no exit via Chapmans Lane.

Each of the above recommendations was approved.

Approval.

CHN LB 702/94 - Castle View, Goose Green - Reopening of 2 bricked windows and other alterations.

Appeal.

CHN CA530/94 - Removal of barn roof - Appeal allowed.

158/94 Windmill Committee.

Cr Flux reported that each of the user agreements had now been signed, the A G M of the Management Committee had been arranged for 26th April and an Open Day was to be held on 29th May at which it was hoped many village organisations would participate.

159/94 Upgrading of Street Lighting in the Market Place and its environs.

Cr Todd reported that discussions were still ensuing with the District Council and an amended scheme may be approved for grant purposes.

160/94 Illumination of the Parish Church Tower and provision of Plaque.

Cr Todd stated that application had been made for a faculty and he was hopeful of an early decision.

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161/94 Accounts for Payment.

Accounts totalling £4,868.95, in accordance with the appended schedule which was circulated at the meeting, were approved for payment.

162/94 Investment of the Council's Funds.

The Clerk reported that at close of business on 14th March, 1995 the balances were as follows:-

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450,000.00	at 7.4% 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.
150,000.00	at 5.9375% fixed to 3rd April, 1995.
26,709.91	at 5.25% at 14 days notice.
3,538.87	at 3.375% overnight.
<u>630,248.78</u>	

163/94 Acquisition of Photocopier.

The Clerk reported upon an offer from BCM Group which would show a significant cost saving upon present arrangements. It was agreed that the Clerk purchase a suitable machine at a cost not exceeding £1,000.

164/94 Correspondence.

(a) Bulletin No 10 from OALC regarding the Review of Local Government stating that there are certain matters still to be determined relating to Oxfordshire viz- Status of the City, extension of Reading and whether there should be a Parish Council for Banbury.

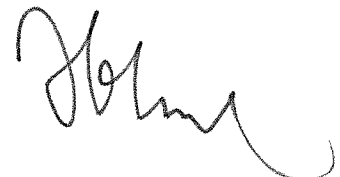
(b) The OCC Budget for 1995/96 giving details of the allocation of the cuts with particular reference to Education.

✓ (c) A letter from Deddington Town Football Club stating that they were no longer to insure the pavilion in the Castle Grounds. The Clerk was asked to write to the North Aston Boys Football Club to establish whether they still had an interest in using the ground.

✓ (d) By letter dated 25th January, 1995 the Benefits Agency asked that a space be reserved each Thursday in the Market Place for their Mobile Caller Office - a 29ft long trailer - commencing in March. Space was coned off for the first 2 weeks in March but no trailer arrived, and upon enquiry the B A said that they were revising the Schedule. The Clerk to write to the B A regretting their failure to communicate.

(e) An invitation to the Cherwell Sports Awards Night on 23rd March, 1995 at Exeter Hall, Kidlington. No member wished to attend.

(f) Letter from Mr W F M Hunt regarding the speed of traffic etc. in Earls Lane. The Clerk reported that he had now discussed the plans with Mr Fuller for the Traffic Management Scheme and would be asking the District Council to proceed with a scheme having no humps, but if possible 2 chicanes.



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(g) Grant application from the District Council re VE and VJ celebrations which has been returned requesting grant of £500.

(h) Acknowledgement of letter to Sir Iain Vallance, Chairman of BT re the erroneous Oxford directory. A reply has now been received stating that the errors will not be repeated in future BT publications.

(i) Letter from OCC regarding the closure of the road at Duchess Bridge, Adderbury and the subsequent diversion of traffic in a southerly direction through Deddington on the following Saturdays and Sundays.

7pm Friday, 31st March to 11.59pm Sunday, 2nd April

7pm Friday, 7th April to 11.59pm Sunday, 9th April

7pm Friday, 21st April to 11.59pm Sunday, 23rd April.

These dates have, by letter dated 13th March, been put back to Fridays 28th April, 12th May and 19th May.

(j) Letter from OCC informing the Council that Arch Saddling will be undertaken during March and April on the A4260 in Deddington.

(k) Notification from Royal Mail that a new form of post box plate will be in use from the end of April, which is virtually vandal proof and will give a better indication of the final Collection Time.

✓ (l) Request for a grant from Victim Support North Oxfordshire. Resolved that a contribution of £100 be made under Section 137 (as amended).

✓ (m) Letter from Rev K Reeves requesting permission to site crosses on the green in the Market Place during Holy Week. Resolved that the request be granted.

(n) Notification of National Farm Walk Week from 2nd to 11th June.

✓ (o) Letter from Mrs D Hailey requesting sponsorship for her entry in the London Marathon on behalf of the NSPCC. Resolved that sponsorship be on an individual basis.

(p) Receipt of the OCC Annual Report for 1994.

(q) An anonymous letter from a Hempton resident was not read.

165/94 Any other business.

Cr Mrs Swash commented upon the letters criticizing the Council which appeared in the Deddington News, which would be far better dealt with by corresponding directly with the Council. Members of the public may attend Council Meetings and, upon giving 7 days written notice, may speak at such meetings. Agreed that publicity be given to this matter in the Deddington News.

166/94 Due to a faulty electric socket it was not possible to view the aerial photographs.

167/94 Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Council will be held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, 12th April, 1995 commencing at 7.30 pm.



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Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting on 15th March, 1995

168/94 Recreation Committee.

Council considered the following quotations for Grounds Maintenance for the year 1995.

(a) Windmill Sports Field

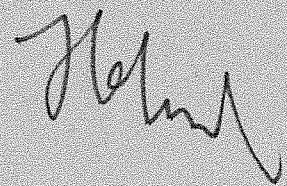
Oxfordshire County Council Commercial Services	£6,860.81
DesignGro	£4,296.00

Resolved unanimously that the quotation of DesignGro of West Adderbury be accepted.

(b) Grasscutting within the 30 mph limit.

	J Boss £	A R C Services per cut £
Grass Verges		
Deddington - 17,216 sq metres	250	120
Hempton - 3,540 sq metres	105	90
Clifton - 1,250 sq metres	70	70
Village Greens	15	47
Cemetery	35	40
Parish Church Graveyard	40	175
Clifton Playing Field	25	37

It was generally considered that the ARC quotation for the Deddington Grass Verges was too low a price for a reasonable job to be effected, particularly when compared with their quotation of £90 for Hempton, a fifth of the area. Resolved unanimously that the quotation of Mr J Boss of Windmill Street, Deddington be accepted.



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Accounts Payable - March, 1995

Creditor	Description	£
Clews Architects	Penultimate Payment - Parish Church Kitchen etc	1,405.75
J Spencer	Repairs to slates - Town Hall	69.79
Sigma Coatings Ltd	Paint	7.14
Urbis Lighting Ltd	Lighting Columns etc	2,102.64
Lane Fox	½ years rent of Allotments	75.00
DPC Imprest Account	Reimbursement	959.08
D H Blakey	Salary and Expenses - March	249.55
		<u>4,868.95</u>

Makeup of Imprest Account Reimbursement

D Freeman	Wages W/e 18, 25/2, 4, 11/3/95	646.32
B H A A	Photography	13.56
Deddington Gardeners	Fertiliser	6.80
Insignia	Sign - Bowls Club	134.00
Registrar of the Oxford Diocese	Faculty	115.13
C P R E	Millenium Contribution	15.00
Supasnaps	Photographs of standing water	11.68
Centrepoint	Photocopying	16.53
		<u>959.08</u>

John