

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Town Hall, Deddington on Wednesday, 15th November, 1995 at 7.30pm.

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

83/95 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Stevens and Cosgrove and County Councillor Matthews.

86/95 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 18th October, 1995.

The Chairman stated that he was in full agreement with the agreed resolution in Min. 69/95. Cr Mrs Swash proposed and Cr Flux seconded that the Minutes be approved and it was agreed nem con and they were subsequently signed by the Chairman.

87/95 Matters Arising.

(a) The Clerk reported the receipt of a Special Resolution signed by 5 members, which was in order, in the following terms:-

To discuss the Parish Precept in an open session of the December Meeting (1995) of the Deddington Parish Council.

(b) The Chairman reported upon his attendance with the Clerk, at the Annual Meeting between the District Council and its Parishes. Matters discussed were as follows:-

i. the possible extension of Dog Fouling Byelaws to cover enclosed areas of Parish Open Spaces.

ii. a possible Concessionary Bus Fare Scheme for the whole of the District

iii. Extension of the "Dial a Ride" scheme to more Parishes.


iv. Encouragement of house building by Housing Associations, and the present questionnaires which were in circulation regarding Housing Needs.

v. Detail of the District Council's Scheme for the presentation of petitions and/or addressing Committee/Council Meetings.

(c) The Chairman thanked Members, the local branch of the Royal British Legion and the Parish Church for the excellent manner in which the Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service were conducted.

88/95 Scheme for Coaching Grants.

A scheme prepared by Mr Cresswell for the above was discussed in detail and there appeared to be a general desire to implement certain grants, but there were major problems. It was moved by Cr Flux and seconded by Cr Miss Hill that the Clerk explore how the present academic grants can be extended to other areas. The motion was approved by 8 votes to 3.



✓ 89/95 Rent of Hempton Stonepit.

It was moved by Cr Miss Hill, seconded by Cr Clinch and agreed unanimously that the rent payable half-yearly in advance by Mr R West for the Hempton Stonepit for the calendar year 1996 be £320.

90/95 Prioritisation of Capital Schemes.

Following a detailed debate it was agreed that individual Committee Chairmen with the Clerk obtain estimated costs for each of the schemes set out on the schedule circulated by the Clerk for report to the December meeting.

91/95 Environment Committee.

Cr Mrs Brewer reported as follows:-

- ✓ (a) Resurfacing of High Street/New Street Footpath.
At a meeting with Mr Carritt and the District Council Conservation Officer it had been agreed that the footpath, subject to Council approval, should be constructed of conventional bituminous material to be later dressed with a natural gravel surface. By so doing the contribution requested by the County Council will no longer be required and the improvement will extend beyond Hudson Street on either side. Two forms of kerbing were displayed, concrete and granite sets. The latter would cost £2 per linear metre additional estimated at a contribution of £1,200 for the scheme as a whole. Blue brick paving and kerbs and flagstones would be salvaged and held for future use in the village e.g. Market Place. Debate ensued upon the expending of capital monies following a general feeling that a period of restraint in capital expenditure should have commenced. Cr Mrs Brewer proposed and Cr Miss Hill seconded a proposition that granite sets be used as kerbing at a cost to this Council of approx. £1,200 such sum to be financed from the Traffic Management budget. The motion was carried by 6 votes to 4.

(b) Clifton to Deddington Footpath.

This matter was also discussed at the meeting with Mr Carritt and he agreed to promote the tarmacing of this footpath on their priority list. Due to lack of funds for such work it could however, be several years before the works could be undertaken.

- ✓ The footpath would be rolled and chemically sprayed in the Spring of next year and pressure would continue to be exerted on the OCC for an early start to a footpath usable by prams etc. A letter was received from Mrs J Nichols expressing her concern that there is to be no action to make good the surface of this footpath.

(c) Closure of B4031.

The B4031 would be closed to traffic between the A361 and the Barford Road for 3 weeks during weekdays 9 am to 4.30 pm commencing on 4th December, 1995 for tree felling to take place on the Great Tew Estate.

(d) Footway Obstructions.

Letter received from the County Council asking if the Parish

Council would forward statutory letters to owners who failed to remove overhanging vegetation obstructing highways and footways within a reasonable time of asking. Agreed to take on such duties as it will be a rare occurrence when a parishioner does not cooperate.

✓ (e) Hempton Road - The Daedings Footpath.

Letter from Heather Doole regarding the poor lighting of this footpath. Agreed that steps be taken to cut back the trees adjoining the footpath to enable maximum spread of the illumination from the existing light and that future consideration may be given to an additional light.

(f) Bloxham Bridge Wood - Woodland Trust.

A request has been received from the Woodland Trust for a grant towards the purchase and maintenance of the above woodland. The District Council have offered to contribute £12,500. It was agreed that the matter be passed to the Grants Committee for a recommendation to be made to the next Council Meeting.

✓ (g) Kill Your Speed Signs.

Letter from Mrs G Brown requesting the erection of such signs in Earls Lane. Agreed that the Clerk inform Mrs Brown of the Council's Traffic Management Scheme for Earls Lane.

92/95 Planning and Property.

Cr Miss Hill reported as follows:-

Applications.

95/1202F 1, Manor Farm Cottages - Side Extension - No objection

95/1732F The Little House, Clifton Rd.- Replace flat roof etc.
- No objection.

95/1765F Tressan House, Chapmans Lane - Rebuild garage - No objection.

Approvals.

95/972F&95/974LB - Kings Arms, Horsefair - Extensions

95/1356F - Wakehurst, Castle Street - Rear extension

95/950F&95/951LB - The Hermitage, Market Place - Extensions

95/1201F - 1, Manor Farm Cottages - Side extension

95/1378F - Mourne Cottage, Market Place - New canopy

95/1386AD - Land west of Manor Farm - Advertisement

95/1404F - Rose Bank, Hempton - Porch & enclosure of verandah.

Appeal

CHNCA531/91 - Hudson Court Sheltered Housing Scheme - Removal of Condition 13. Appeal successful.

Resolved that the Clerk write to the District Council regarding the manner in which Banner Homes have acted in regard to their permissions at Hudson Court and The Beeches.

93/95 Windmill Committee.

Cr Flux reported as follows:-

(a) The works to insulate the roof of the original part of the Centre had commenced and it was planned that this should not interrupt bookings of the hall.

(b) The final report from our consultants is awaited regarding the condition of the Bowling Green.

(c) The final retention monies have been released in respect of

the extensions to the Centre.

✓(d) Cricket Club. They had written to the Deddington News concerning the payment for water used from the tap on the square, which is separately metered. The user agreement requires the Club to maintain the square, to a standard agreed by the Committee, at their expense. Water usage was not specifically mentioned in the agreement, but was mentioned in discussions and it is difficult to envisage how the square can be maintained satisfactorily without the use of water. The Parish Council in July 1995 (Min 28/95) confirmed the Committee's stance in that the Club should be responsible for the payment the aforementioned metered water accounts. Agreed nem con to reconfirm the Council's position in this matter.

✓(e) Badminton Club. The Club had written to the Council, copied to the Deddington News, repeating their views that the Club should receive special rates for their use of the Hall. The Club currently pay the lowest tariff and are only charged for 2 hour use of the facility when it is known that on many occasions they overrun. They are also not charged for junior practice time on a Tuesday evening. If such hours are costed the overall charge made is not out of line with the comparable Club charges quoted by them. They also have free use of the lounge if it has not been previously booked. They also made comparison with the rates charged to 'outside' users of the Centre facilities, but failed to take into account the maintenance costs which such users have to bear. Agreed nem con that the Council's support of the Committee's stance in this matter taken in September 1995, (Min 49/95(b) be confirmed.

94/95 Accounts for Payment.

Accounts totalling £9,313.10, in accordance with a schedule circulated at the meeting and filed in the Minute Book, were approved for payment.

95/95 Investment of the Council's Funds.

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

£	
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 6.7%
120,000.00	Treasury Deposit fixed to 7th December, 1995 - 6.25%
12,969.57	subject to 14 days notice at 4.75%
11,046.90	overnight at 3.375%
<u>594,016.47</u>	

96/95 Correspondence.

- (a) Letter of thanks from Oxfordshire Playing Fields Assoc.
- (b) Letter from the local MP confirming his opposition to the consortium plan for the redevelopment of RAF Upper Heyford.
- (c) Invitations from the CPRE to attend a seminar on 'Rural Traffic' and the AGM of the Banbury Branch. No member

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volunteered to attend either event.

(d) Letter of thanks from the Director of the Theatre, Chipping Norton, for the Council's contribution.

(e) Letter from the County Council stating that the Market Place and Horsefair Street Lighting Improvement Schemes should be completed by mid January, 1996.

(f) Letter from the Badminton Club regarding the delay in letters, addressed to the Council, being dealt with. The letter in question had been passed to the Windmill Committee for their recommendation, but was in similar terms to the letter dealt with by the Council in September. Agreed that copies of letters be forwarded to Committee Chairmen, the originals being retained for presentation to Council.

✓ (g) Parking at the Church Studios, Clifton. Letter from the LPA stating that Jane Johnson Interior Designs had informed them that they have reorganised the parking outside the former church so that cars no longer block the footpath. The firm have also asked visitors to park on the road but they cannot be responsible for parking by visitors to the Nursing Home opposite. Letter addressed to Cr O'Sullivan from Mr & Mrs Small of 'the Orchard', Clifton complaining of the difficulty of residents entering or leaving their premises as a result of cars parked on the road, blocking entrances and restricting visibility. Agreed that a copy of the latter letter be forwarded to the LPA - a difficult problem to sort out the priorities of the pedestrian and the motorist!

✓ (h) Letter from Mr Walsh stating that the Church Clock requires repairs which entail the erection of scaffolding within the clock tower to obtain access to the motion gears. He is preparing an estimate which should be available for the next meeting of the Council.

(i) Notification of a meeting at the Windmill Centre on 29th November with the object of forming a local committee to support elderly people and their carers in this parish.

97/95 Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 13th December, 1995 at the Town Hall, Deddington commencing at 7.30 pm.



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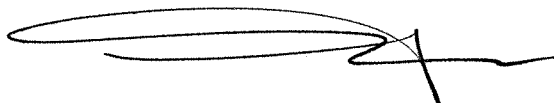
USE OF CAPITAL RECEIPTS & INTEREST EARNED

Adjustment of Balances and Inclusion of Estimated Interest

<u>Committee & Scheme</u>	Balance	Net Adj't	Est'd	Estimated
	31.3.96		Interest	Balance
	Prev.		1995/96	1.4.96
	Report			
	£	£	£	£
<u>Recreation & Grants</u>				
Grants	241,427	(148,952)	14,312	106,787
<u>Environment</u>				
Traffic Management	24,486	-	1,694	26,180
<u>Planning & Property</u>				
Land Acquisition	90,812	-	5,334	96,146
Town Hall	28,987	-	1,703	30,690
<u>Other</u>				
Village Steward	192,192	-	11,628	203,820
Admin/Precept	-	120,000	329	120,329
	<u>577,904</u>	<u>(28,952)</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>583,952</u>

* Previous report total was £549,635 ie £577,904 less net adjustments of £28,952 equals £548,952, the difference of £683 being the approval at the last meeting under Min 78/95(c) to additional costs of the Windmill roof insulation.

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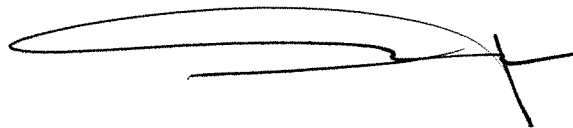
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Schedule of Accounts Payable - November, 1995

<u>Creditor</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>£</u>
Barrett Constructions Ltd	Windmill-Release of Retention Monies	5,434.38
E A Goundrey & Son Ltd	Fertiliser	322.55
Design Gro	Playing Field Maintenance	1,982.22
J Boss	Grasscutting	520.00
D H Blakey	Salary and Expenses	252.40
D P C Imprest Account	Reimbursement	801.55
		<u>9,313.10</u>

Make-up of Imprest Account Reimbursement

D Freeman	Wages 21,28/10,4,11/11/95	626.55
Chairman's Account	Additional Tertiary Grant	100.00
Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association	Annual Subscription	25.00
Chipping Norton Theatre	Annual Contribution	50.00
		<u>801.55</u>



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Results of Capital Scheme Prioritisation Survey

11 Replies were received

	Priority								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<u>Environment</u>									
Street Lighting Improvements	-	-	2	2	1	1	1	1	-
Further Traffic Management Works	-	2	1	-	-	2	2	1	-
Cleaning & Repainting Church Clock Face	1	1	-	4	-	-	1	-	-
Works to Clifton Footpath	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
<u>Recreation</u>									
Clifton Play Area Levelling Works	5	2	-	-	-	1	1	1	-
<u>Planning & Property</u>									
Acquisition of Town Hall	3	-	2	1	2	-	-	-	-
Acquisition of Land for Car Park	-	1	-	1	2	2	-	1	1
Public Toilets	-	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Other Schemes</u>									
Grants & Bursaries for Coaching	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Millenium Project	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

Notes made.

- (a) The Clifton Footpath is a County Council Matter
- (b) OCC must help with finance etc re Clifton Footpath
- (c) Would put Clifton Footpath higher but feel we should try OCC first - we do not want to end up funding every footpath in the Parish.
- (d) As far as the future is concerned I would prefer not to envisage any 'capital' projects. I feel very strongly that capital should be invested long term for the future and other Parish Councils in years to come.
- (e) The Town Hall is already on a fully repair lease so it is not necessary to spend extra money.

