

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 16TH DECEMBER 1987

Present: Councillor Fenemore (Chairman), Councillors Allen, Cole, Fuller, Garrett, Gibbs, Hayward, Mrs. Kedge, Marmion, O'Neill, Stevens, Mrs. Swash and Webber.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Garvey.

1. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 25th November 1987, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. The Council noted certain comments made by Councillor Webber.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

Primary School Governors The Chairman reported that he had seen Mrs. Cheeseman, who had resigned, and RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs. Kedge be appointed to succeed her. Also RESOLVED that Mrs. Cheeseman be thanked for her services.

Donated seats Councillor Hayward reported that these had been ordered.

Stone Pit at Hempton The Clerk reported the views of the District Council on the likely continued use and the value of this land. RESOLVED that the District Council be asked to re-let on a short term basis.

Windmill Street parking The Clerk reported that the Police were hoping for an improvement in this matter.

Windmill Community Centre Defects It was reported that the builder hoped that these had now been remedied. Street lamp It was reported that Southern Electricity were doing work to connect this lamp.

Christmas tree It was noted that this was now in position and RESOLVED that Mr. Roger Gardner be thanked for his generosity in again donating it.

3. Items of correspondence

Bus X59 - Sunday service It was noted that this had now been withdrawn owing to lack of demand.

Unicorn P.H. An application to transfer the Licence was noted.

Prohibition of Waiting Orders The intention to advertise these for Earls Lane and Hudson Street were noted.

The Envoy was made available for Members.

Recreation & Landscape Services Receipt of a letter from this firm was noted

4. Cherwell Clean-up Campaign 1988 It was noted that this would take place from 16th to 24th April. Councillors Mesdames Kedge and Swash agreed to co-ordinate this in the Parish provided other Members assisted them.

5. Castle Grounds

Planting, Benches and Path repairs The Forestry Adviser reported that he had staked out the car parking area and that it had been inspected by the appointed Members. The Chairman and Councillor Marmion reported that they had received adverse comments on the proposed car park and other matters but none of these had been committed to writing. Councillor Allen agreed to look at the existing car parking problem in Hopcraft Lane. The Clerk reported that he was acquainting English Heritage of the proposals and that the work would proceed as soon as possible. Councillor Allen declared an interest in this matter.

Playground equipment Owing to the absence of Councillor Webber at this stage of the Meeting RESOLVED that this be deferred until the next Meeting.

6. Future Meetings RESOLVED that the January Meeting be held on the second Wednesday (13th) and the February Meeting on the third Wednesday (17th).

7. Windmill Community Centre

Lease It was reported that the Charity Commission had now approved the draft Lease and it was now being engrossed.

Phase II The Clerk reported that the solicitor had assured him that contracts would be exchanged before the end of the month.

Architect RESOLVED that this be discussed in private.

8. Planning applications In addition to those appearing on the circulated agenda, there were two which had been included on the publicly displayed Notice of Meeting.

No objections were raised to:- (i) residential development on Benfields Garage site (reserved matters), subject to a ten-foot fence being erected on the eastern boundary and to the adequacy of the Earls Lane sewer; (ii) single-storey dwelling at rear of Grove House; (iii) extension to 45 St. John's Way; (iv) extension to 11 Mill Close.

Objections were made to the demolition of a building and the construction of a three-bedroomed cottage adjoining Deddington Health Centre owing to (a) the over-development of the site, (b) an additional access to a busy road, and (c) the encroachment of the already inadequate Health Centre car-park.

9. 1st Deddington Scouts The Chairman referred to a recent act of bravery when some Scouts rescued a man from a blazing car at the traffic lights. RESOLVED that the Scouts be congratulated on their action and that the sum of £25 be donated to the Funds to assist in the purchase of a new tent.10. Accounts for payment were passed as follows:-

Bloxham School	Photocopying	£ 29. 16
Southern Electricity	Street lighting	615. 88
A. Gardner	Salary and expenses	262. 06
D. Pritchard	Town Hall cleaning	6. 50
Lite Ideas Ltd.	Tree lights	16. 20
Marshalls Mono Limited	Seats	603. 26
1st Deddington Scouts	Donation - see above	25. 00

## 11. RESOLVED that, owing to the confidential nature of the next business, the public and press be excluded.

12. Mr. Middleditch A letter from the Council's solicitor, which had been circulated to all Members, was considered and, arising therefrom, RESOLVED that the solicitor be advised that his report lacked substance and that he be invited to attend a Meeting of the Council, on a date to be chosen by him, otherwise specific questions would be put to him in writing.

The Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Chairman

