

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Town Hall, Deddington on Thursday, 16th June, 1994 commencing at 7.30 pm.

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

**15/94 Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Crs Bowen and Mrs Brewer. County Councillor Matthews also apologised.

**16/94 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 18th May, 1994.**

The Minutes of the above meeting, which had been previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman, subject to the addition to Min.9/94 of "The Clerk produce a schedule of the Council's Assets".

**17/94 Coat of Arms Sub-Committee.**

Cr Oddy produced a further schedule of the receipts and payments related to the 16th April event which showed a current deficit of £2,060. (Copy filed in the Minute Book). He stated that the remaining sales of Tankards and Spoons would generate further receipts of £3,000 thus disposing of the deficit. Tankards and spoons would be on sale at the School Fete to be held on Saturday, 18th June. Videos and Official Photographs of the event would be on sale at a cost of £12 and £6.50 respectively, cash to be paid with order, the order list to be confirmed at the next Council Meeting. It was agreed that a programme would be given with each further sale of a tankard. Cr Oddy circulated a copy of the wording of a revised plaque to be placed on the Town Hall and the Clerk was asked to request Mr Brooke-Little to verify the wording. It was also agreed that a permanent record of the event be made and that parishioners, via the Deddington News, be asked to donate photographs taken on the day for inclusion. Cr Todd agreed to organise the production of the record. Cr Oddy agreed to investigate the possibility of the production of a postcard of the Arms.

**18/94 Environmental Sub-Committee.**

Cr Colley reported that he had been appointed the Chairman of this Sub-Committee and that at their first meeting a review had taken place of matters within their perview as follows:-

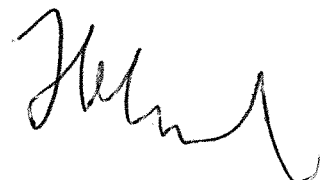
Car Parking - problems in the Market Place exacerbated by the dislodgement of cars from the Hudson St. garages.

Traffic Calming - many problem areas in the villages.

Recycling Facilities - need for improvement & extension.

Noticeboards - Need for areas adjacent upon which local events can be publicised.

Large trees in the Bull Ring - problem of the blocking of



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light to the flats. The Clerk reported that the County Council, the owners of the trees, would allow them to be felled but as they are in a conservation area this would require planning permission. The majority of members were against felling but it was suggested that the Clerk obtain planning permission for severe pruning on an annual basis.

Grasscutting - it was stated that this was not being done well and was not helping with the Council's Best Kept Village entry. Various sites were mentioned, and the fact that Council were paying for only 7 cuts per annum. It was agreed that a meeting be arranged with Mr Boss, the Council's contractor to discuss these matters.

Litter Bins - more required.

Traffic Survey - it was reported that a grant of £2,000 could be obtained towards a survey and it was agreed that this matter be further investigated.

Strong smells and Health Hazards - These should be reported to Mr Lowther on 0295 252535.

Street Lighting - Cr Colley read a quotation from the OCC regarding the costs of erecting and servicing the 3 lights which the Council had agreed to install, which was as follows:-

Hopcraft Lane - Column - £548

The Stile - Column - £548

The Tchure - Bracket - £660 to £960 dependant upon the type of lantern as this will be attached to a listed building. Cr Todd stated that at the recent liaison meeting with the District Council they had announced the availability of a grant towards the redesign of street furniture within a conservation area. It was agreed to postpone accepting the above quotations until full details of the grant scheme were available.

Clifton Footpath - Cr Lee announced that the way was now clear for the Circular Walk to be progressed, which incorporated, as new construction, part of the path to Clifton. It was resolved by 6 votes to nil with 6 abstentions that this work be put in hand and the County Council be informed of the position and asked to upgrade the balance of the path. She also reported that the signing of footpaths in this area would take place between October and the year end.

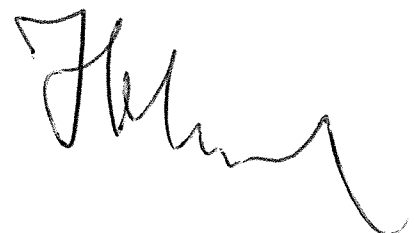
Cr Colley produced a plan showing land in the flood plain of the Cherwell which Mr Welford was prepared to offer to the Council as a nature reserve. It was agreed that the offer be acknowledged and that the Environmental Sub-Committee investigate the matter further.

Cr Colley reported a letter from Cherwell District Services stating that the plans of the Earls Lane Traffic Calming Scheme would be completed on 24th June and forwarded to the County Council for approval, with a copy to this Council. The Clerk was asked to circulate the plans when received.

#### **19/94 Recreation and Grants Sub-Committee.**

Cr Lee reported upon the following grant applications:-

(a) Under 15's Cricket Team - £200 to provide kit for a new



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team to be established. Resolved that prior to making a decision in this case the Cricket Club be asked to submit their accounts for the past 3 years and the excess cost of equipment from a previous application requires resolution

(b) Deddington Magpies - Under 16's Netball Team. Sponsorship of kit. Resolved unanimously to make a grant of £200.

(c) Deddington Summer Playscheme - Resolved unanimously to make a grant of £100.

(d) British Legion, Club Extension - Members were of the view that insufficient information had been provided and requested sight of a business plan for the new development, prior to making a decision on this application.

The Clerk was asked to enquire whether Deddington was to be included on the District Council's schedule of Playschemes for this summer.

Plans were displayed of several alternative Tots Play schemes which had been provided by equipment suppliers initially in order that consideration could be given to the amount of land required so that possible sites could be investigated. It was agreed that a joint meeting of the Windmill Committee and the Parish Council be convened in order to further this project.

Cr Drake reported that he had assumed responsibility for the Allotments, 13 plots were taken, and he was about to let a further plot. The vacant plots were however considerably overgrown with weeds. Resolved that the plot to be let be rotovated at the Council's expense and a quotation be sought for the rotovation of several more plots.

#### **20/94 Planning and Property Sub-Committee.**

Cr Miss Hill reported as follows:-

At the Public Enquiry re the additional house on the Boulderdyke Farm development held on 15th June she had supported the District Council, in that, because of the problem of overlooking, any development on Plot 3 should be of single storey construction.

#### **Applications.**

CHN LB 314/94 Cromwell Cottage, Market Place - Extension to form link with existing kitchen to form new WC and shower. No objection.

CHN LB 290/94 1, Castle House Cottage, Hopcraft Lane - Construction of new conservatory/garden room utility, shower and alterations to stair access and bathroom accommodation. No objection.

CHN 268/94 Rear of 1, Chapmans Lane - (Outline) 2 Bedroomed Bungalow with Garage. Object on the grounds of unsatisfactory backland development and poor access.

#### **21/94 Windmill Sub-Committee.**

Cr Flux reported that Cr Bowen had been made Chairman of the External Maintenance Sub-Committee and Cr Clarke the Internal Maintenance Sub-Committee. In July it was hoped to meet with



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the user Clubs in order to fill the remaining vacancies on the Committee and to acquaint them with the Council directive that the Centre should break even in four years time. Several items remained outstanding on the contract snagging list.

**22/94 District Audit.**

The Clerk reported that the Audit of the 1993/94 Accounts would commence on 14th July, 1994 and that they were now available for inspection.

**23/94 Student Grants.**

The Council considered this matter and the recommendation of the previous Council and resolved unanimously to continue the scheme, on a similar basis to that for 1993/94, the total to be financed from the Chairman's Allowance of a like sum.

**24/94 Investment of the Council's Funds.**

The Clerk reported that the balances at close of business on 15th June were as follows:-

£  
450,000.00 at 7.1% 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 & Bingley Building  
Society Timesaver Account.  
142,000.00 at 4.5625% fixed to 30th June, 1994  
10,000.00 at 3.375% subject to 14 days notice  
18,917.19 at 2.625% overnight  
620,917.19

**25/94 Accounts for Payment.**

The accounts as set out on the circulated report and filed in the minute book were approved for payment.

**26/94 Local Government Commission for England.**


A report setting out the draft recommendations for Oxfordshire had been circulated to Members and a copy filed in the minute book. It was resolved that the Clerk should endeavour to obtain 2 further copies of the full draft report for circulation to Members and that the Council will make a decision upon the option which they wish to support at the next meeting of the Council.

**27/94 Correspondence.**

(a) Letter from Mrs J Flux seeking permission to display posters around the village relating to the performance of the play 'Everyman'. Permission was granted subject to their removal following the event.

(b) Letter from the British Legion regarding the moving of the War Memorial to the Market Place. 38 signatories were in favour of the move and 5 against. Agreed that the letter be noted.

(c) Letter from Cr Miss Hill on behalf of the local group 'Shape Art' thanking the Council for allowing the use of the



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Town Hall for their recent exhibition, which had proved to be a very popular venue.

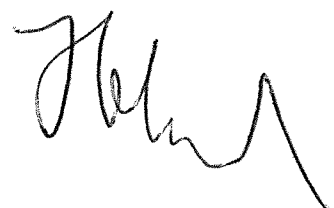
(d) Letter from Victim Support thanking the Council for the generous donation.

(e) Letter from the Managing Director of Persimmon Homes stating that though their recent planning application does not include bungalows, "we are currently carrying out market research in this respect and if our findings are positive, we may be in a position to submit a scheme for a few 2/3 bedroomed bungalows on a limited number of plots". Resolved that the LPA be advised of this letter.

(f) Letter from Mrs Spenceley Nichels, Editor of the Deddington News, welcoming the Council's decision to fix the dates of Council Meetings earlier in the month.

**28/94 Date of Next Meeting.**

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, 13th July, 1994 at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.

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# GRANT OF ARMS FINANCIAL SUMMARY (16/6/94)

<u>Expenditure</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>£</u>
Grant of Arms    5000	Programmes	543
Town Hall Arms 1299	T.H.Sponserers	1800
Painting Arms    612	Tankards	559
Tankards (500)  1840	Spoons	1400
Spoons (100)    1286	Club Users	100
Programmes       439	Commercial Users	0
Entertainment    574	PCC Grant	5000
Ch/Adv/Photo etc.457	Entertainment	45
<b>TOTAL</b> 11,507		<b>9,447</b>

Remaining sales of Tankards and Spoons will achieve revenues of £3000

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ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT - JUNE, 1994

Creditor	Detail	Amount £
Cornhill Insurance Plc	Annual Insurance Premium	668.20
J Spencer	Balance Playgroup Fencing	1,768.38
C & P Waters	Refill 9 Hanging Baskets	148.50
D H Blakey	Salary & Expenses - June	198.41
J Boss	Grasscutting	600.00
DPC Imprest Account	Reimbursement	843.55
Polysports Leisure Ltd	Cert. 3 All Weather Pitch	8,534.91
		<u>12,761.95</u>

Make-up of Imprest Account Reimbursement

D Freeman	Wages 21/5.28/5,4/6,11/6/1994	692.72
C P R E	Annual Subscription	15.00
Cherwell District Council	Advertising of Road Closures (Cheque for £104.90 cancelled)	89.28
Windmill Stores	Postage Stamps	7.56
Centrepont	Photocopying	38.99
		<u>843.55</u>

