

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 17TH DECEMBER 1986

Present: Councillor Fenemore (Vice-chairman in the Chair), Councillors Cole, Fuller, Mrs. Kedge, Marmion, Stevens, Mrs. Swash and Webber.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of the Chairman of the Council and Councillors Garrett, Garvey and O'Neill.

1. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 26th November 1986, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Vice-chairman.
2. Matters arising from the Minutes

Residential development at rear of Manor Farmhouse, Clifton The Clerk reported that Planning refusal had been given to this application.
Castle Grounds The Clerk reported that the Cricket Club were not interested in using the cricket net area.
Christmas tree The persons who erected and lit the tree were thanked.
Wychway House - change of use to hotel The Clerk reported that there had been four neighbour objections to this development and summarised the letters
Sewage treatment plant at Clifton A letter commenting on this application was reported.

3. Items of correspondence

Proposed Waiting Prohibition Order A proposed Order for Hudson Street and Earls Lane was explained and no objections were raised.
Market stall Approval was given to Deddington Bowling Club holding a plant and produce stall under the Town Hall canopy on 16th May 1987, subject to no liability falling on the Council thereby.
Proposed handbook for Deddington No objection was raised to Tower Publications publishing this handbook at no cost to the Council and to the free issue of 500 copies.
Refuse arrangements for Christmas and the New Year were reported, as was a leaflet on health and safety aspects of refuse collection.
John Fortescue A letter asking for his whereabouts was reported and it was suggested that he had gone to Canada.
Traffic conditions on A423 It was decided to support the complaints on these conditions from Mr. Cresswell, especially on Deddington Hill and Danes Hill.
The Envoy Receipt of the December issue was reported.

4. Castle Grounds

(a) Playground equipment The Clerk reported that the cost of a roundabout from Wicksteed Leisure could cost from £250 to £2000 fitted. Councillor Webber agreed to make further investigations locally and to organise fund-raising efforts and it was agreed that the Council contribute a similar amount to that raised by Councillor Webber for playground equipment. The Clerk reported on an inspection report on the existing equipment and it was decided to defer this until the next Meeting to enable Members to inspect.
 (b) Maintenance - with the Cemetery Members considered a specification for this maintenance work and RESOLVED that tenders be invited, either for one or both places, on the basis of the specification.

5. Parish Transport Representative This appointment was again deferred.
6. Proposed pedestrian crossing Councillor Fuller raised the need for a light operated crossing at the traffic lights and RESOLVED that the County Council be asked to consider such a provision on the same basis as that at Adderbury.

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7. Footway outside Post Office Councillor Fuller introduced a discussion on the state of this footway and on the continual erosion of the tiles from the Village footways: a letter from Doctor Edwards was also reported. RESOLVED that the Area Surveyor be asked to give urgent attention to this problem especially to the reinstatement outside the Post Office.
8. Bullring/Horsefair area A letter from Mrs. Allan complaining about the dangers from traffic in this area and asking for it to be closed except for residents' access. Members did not consider this suggestion to be practicable but a decision was deferred until the next Meeting during which time Councillor Marmion offered to look at the area and come back with suggestions.
9. Windmill Centre
- (a) Lessees The Clerk reported that in addition to Mr. W.F.M. Hunt, Messrs. Roger Rose and D. K. Symes were prepared to act as Lessees. RESOLVED that the Clerk proceed with the preparation of the draft lease for return to the solicitors as soon as possible.
- (b) Western boundary The Clerk reported that he had not yet heard from the committee.
- (c) Joint consultative committee The Clerk reported that he had not yet heard whether the committee wished to be involved and the matter was deferred until the next Meeting together with the appointment of the other Council representative.
- (d) Phase II Further information was given on this matter and RESOLVED that the Council agree in principle with continuing with Phase II and, in connection therewith, not to include the recreation ground in the lease.
- (e) Architect A letter from the architect asking for the balance of his fees was deferred until the receipt of the report of the independent assessors.
10. Planning applications Consideration was given to the procedure adopted in dealing with applications which are received between the agenda being despatched and the Meeting in view of a number of objections which had been made to the practice of considering them. The Clerk explained the legal procedure which gave the Council a time limit of less than two weeks to return any observations to the District Council and also said that residents had similar opportunities to make observations. RESOLVED that the present arrangements continue but that the Clerk write to Deddington News setting out that procedures.
11. Deddington News An appreciation of the hard work carried out by the editor and her team was recorded.
12. Accounts for payment were passed as follows:-

British Gas	Town Hall supply	£ 9. 38
E. J. Scott	Trees and stakes	42. 06
A. Gardner	Salary and expenses	236. 93
D. Pritchard	Cleaning Town Hall	6. 50
Lite Ideas	Christmas tree lighting	23. 40

The Meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.


Chairman

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

TENDERS are invited for the following MAINTENANCE WORK on Council land for the 1987 season (1st April to 31st October)

CASTLE GROUNDS

EITHER grass-cutting for the whole grass area by gang mower,

OR

grass-cutting for the playground area only,

with sufficient cuts to keep the grass short and tidy to the satisfaction of the Clerk AND keeping the undergrowth neat and tidy.

Equal payments will be made at the end of each month (seven).

CEMETERY

Grass-cutting for the whole area including lay-by area outside the gate with sufficient cuts necessary to keep grass areas weed-free and grass short and tidy to satisfaction of the Clerk.

Roadway to be kept weed-free.

Initial weed clearance will be carried out prior to 1st April.

Equal payments will be made at the end of each month (seven).

Any further information can be given on enquiry to The Clerk at 23 The Daedings, Deddington.

Completed tenders for all (giving separate sums for each work) or any of the above work must be delivered in a sealed envelope marked TENDER to The Clerk at 23 The Daedings, Deddington, Oxford, OX5 4RT no later than noon on Tuesday, 13th January 1987.

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender in any case.

A. CARDNER

23rd December 1986