

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday,
17th February, 1993

Present:-

Councillors Oddy (chairman), Bowen, Clarke, Clinch, Canning, Mrs Lee, Miss Hill, Mrs Garvey, Mrs Swash and Todd. District Councillor Croft in attendance.

127/92 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Stevens, Reed, O'Brien and County Councillor Matthews.

128/92 Minutes of the meeting held on 13th January, 1993.

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

129/92 Councillor O'Brien.

With reference to Minute 110/92 it was resolved to discuss the matter further at the next meeting of the Council.

130/92 Urgent repairs to the roof of the Town Hall.

The Clerk reported that the work had been let to J Spencer of Deddington being the cheaper of 2 quotations received.

131/92 "Parishes in Partnership - Providing Care in the Local Community".

Cr Todd, the Council's representative at the above seminar, summarised its content. The speakers represented the Health Authority, Family Health Services and the County Council Social Services who, under the revised NHS arrangements together with GP Fundholders, would be the purchasers of service, the providers being District Nurses, Horton G H, Age Concern etc. To provide a link between communities and the purchasers the County has been divided into localities which do not follow Local Authority boundaries. Cr Todd advised that Deddington was to conduct an Appraisal and could possibly assist in identifying local health requirements. The offer was quickly accepted and the Appraisal Group now has a number of questions for analysis. Speakers were informed that Parishes did not have resources to expend on Health Care and the Windmill Centre was offered as a location for a day centre. Cr Todd was thanked for his attendance and report.

132/92 Changes to the functioning of the Horton General Hospital.

The Chairman addressed Council upon the considerable number of papers which had been forwarded for consultation. As referred to in the previous minute, from the financial year 1994/95, the Health Authority wishes to change its purchasing contract with the Horton which will have a considerable effect upon the services currently provided. The proposals arise from changes in technology, but the main reason is that the Health Authority is facing a cut of between £3.5 and £4 million. The services most likely to be affected are



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Surgery, Maternity and Accident and Emergency. An example quoted was that a birth at the Horton costs on average £1,600 whereas at the JRH the cost is £1,200 the latter hospital dealing with the higher number of complex and high risk cases. How does one cost the patient care aspect of a very local service in this matter? It was agreed that this Council inform the Oxfordshire Health Authority that it regrets any reduction in service at the Horton General Hospital but would accept that certain acute cases be transferred to the JRH subject to their hospitalised convalescence following the operation being at the Horton. However the Accident and Emergency Unit should be maintained as a 24 hour service, particularly in relation to the proximity of a large stretch of the M40 and due to the difficulty of reaching Oxford for visitors the Maternity Unit should also be retained.

133/92 Traffic Calming.

The letter from the County Council, detailing their comments on each of the areas of road suggested for action, is attached as an appendix and had been forwarded to Members in advance of the meeting. The Council's decisions in respect of the numbered paragraphs in the letter are as follows:-

1. The County Council should be asked to look again at the possibility of a roundabout and whether 30 mph could be painted on the road.
2. Agreed.
3. Agree with priority given to traffic approaching from the East.
4. Agreed.
5. Agreed and estimate of cost required.
6. Agreed and estimate of cost required for a refuge immediately to the north of Hudson Street.
7. Accepted.

134/92 Windmill Sub-Committee.

The Clerk reported that the Consultants had that day assured him that the development scheme was progressing in accordance with the agreed time schedule. Meetings had taken place with the centre users, informing them of the dates of closure of the building and the alterations to be effected, and with Wilcon Development Group Ltd relating to the open space area on the Barleyfields development which will be adopted by this Council.

135/92 Grants Sub-Committee.

Application No 23. Purchase of Syringe Drive for the Health Centre. This piece of equipment is capable of administering drugs into a patient continuously, giving the patient the opportunity of boosting medication if necessary should pain increase thus keeping the patient in control. The cost is £545 if purchased prior to 31st March, 1993. Recommendation - Any expenditure on such items would be a sec.137 matter, the syringe



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could assist only one patient at a time and the area covered by the Centre encompasses many parishes outside Deddington and it is therefore recommended that though sympathetic no grant be made in this instance. Resolved that the recommendation be approved.

Application No 33. Deddington Art Society. Grant towards advertising the Society and to provide equipment to start a group for the children of the Community. Recommendation - that as the costs referred to are seen as the normal running costs of such a group no grant be made. Resolved that further information be obtained including the Society accounts for the past few years.

Application No 34. The Holly Tree Club. Contribution to the costs of repairing dangerous boundary wall. The Club have an estimated balance of £500 to meet the cost of such repairs which in mid 1992 were quoted as £3000 ex Vat for the total job or £2,625 ex Vat for the dangerous areas. Recommendation - the dangerous wall is against a footpath, very well used by children, and subject to further local quotations being sought it is recommended that a grant equivalent to the cost of the lowest quotation for the dangerous part of the wall less £500 be made. Resolved that the Clerk obtain quotations from local contractors in respect of the dangerous part of the wall and report back to the next meeting of the Council.

136/92 Planning Sub-Committee.

Applications.

CHN 620/92 Windmill Centre, Hempton Road - Extension to main hall and formation of new lounge/bsr, storage and ancillary accommodation. - No objection.

CHN 1/93 Featherton House, Chapel Square. - Provide covered passageway to existing cottage. Modify and extend cottage into 2 bedsitting rooms with en-suite bathrooms. Extend existing room 3. Make temporary access to garden and provide gate. - No objection.

CHN 10/93 Windmill Community Centre, Hempton Road - Provision of 6 rink bowling green, 3 sports pavilions, multi-use court, toddler play area, associated footpaths, hard and soft landscaping. - No objection.

CHN 46/93 'Midhill', Philcote Street - Demolition of single storey outbuilding & replacement with single storey extension & conversion of loft space. - No objection.

CHN 47/93 Field west of new playing field, Hempton Road - Construction of farmhouse & garage, new farmstead - fertilizer store, workshop, spray store, grainstore & lean to implement shed, hay barn covered stock building. - Recommend to the planning authority (a) that the house and garage be constructed in natural stone with stonesfield roof slates,

(b) heavy landscaping of the site including the outbuildings (c) that the house be tied as the agricultural dwelling for Manor Farm

(d) query as to whether the massing of the



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whole project can be reduced.

CHN 48/93 Land adjacent to 'Greencourts', Earls Lane - Revision to dwelling type on plot 7 permitted under approval CHN 178/92. No objection.

CHN 60/93 'Swere Paddocks, Hempton Road - Extension to provide 4th bedroom to house and granny flat over rebuilt double garage. - No objection.

137/92 Village Appraisal.

Cr. Todd reported upon the meeting held on 5th February, 1993 which noted the P C reply regarding chairmanship of the Group. The group sees the questionnaire as a consultative document designed to (a) identify the developments people wish to see in the future (b) make improvements in the quality of life (c) identify currently perceived problems (d) assess future likely "threats", and (e) assist with the management of change.

Various members had undertaken to produce questions for the survey and the proposed timetable including a public meeting is expected to be set at the next meeting on 3rd March, 1993.

138/92 Cemetery.

The Clerk stated that the fees had not been reviewed since 1st November, 1988 and asked whether Council wished to take action currently. Resolved that the Clerk prepare a report for the next meeting.

139/92 Parish Environmental Initiative.

It was resolved that the scheme for the village to submit to the District Council would be as follows:-

(a) Planting of 2 trees on the east side of the Market Place ensuring that parking spaces were not lost.

(b) Purchase, planting and maintenance of flower baskets around the Town Hall

(c) Creation of flower beds adjacent to each of the village signs - 8 in all.

Cr Bowen agreed to take responsibility for oversight of the scheme.

140/92 Investment of the Council's Funds.

The Clerk reported that at close of business on 16th February, 1993 the balances were as follows:-

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1,000,000.00	fixed to 26.2.93 at 7.0625%
27,762.78	subject to 7 days notice at 4.75%
1,817.71	overnight at 3.625%
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141/92 Accounts for Payment

Resolved to pass the undermentioned accounts for payment:-

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Goggin and Baker Ltd - 2 Amstrad Discs	3.98
Banbury Tree and Landscape Specialists - Tree Work	220.00
Nicholson Nurseries - Trees and Shields	32.96



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Southern Electric - Electricity Town Hall	16.25
Inland Revenue - Valuation ex St James Church	188.00
Woolerton Truscott - 4th Instalment of fees	3,526.89
D H Blakey - Salary and Expenses February	266.95
Imprest Account - Reimbursement	1,315.00

Make up of Imprest Account

D Freeman - Wages w/e 16,23,30 Jan,6 & 13 Feb	1,176.45
Nicholson Nurseries - Trees and Shields	26.32
Archway Garage - Petrol, Mini-bus	16.50
Centrepont - Photocopying	55.73
Council for the Preservation of Rural England - Subscription	15.00
Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association - Cont'b'n	25.00
	<u>1,315.00</u>

142/92 Correspondence.

(a) Letter from Mrs Josephine Mace thanking members of the Council for their condolences on her sad loss and requesting permission to site a seat under the Town Hall as a "farewell gesture to the village" from Bill. The Council thought this would be a very fitting tribute to former Councillor Bill Mace and resolved to accept the seat with grateful thanks to the family

(b) Letter from the President of the Deddington Women's Institute wondering, should the Holly Tree Club be closed, whether the Parish Council could buy, restore and possibly enlarge it. She felt that a village hall in such an ideal location would be much valued and used, the Windmill Centre not being an acceptable location for her membership a proportion of whom are elderly and without cars. The Council were aware that there were financial problems in maintaining the Club building and that a meeting regarding its future was to take place in the near future. The Clerk was asked to obtain an appraisal of the condition of the building and report to a future meeting.

(c) Letter from the County Engineer's Department enclosing a detailed plan of the route of the Hempton Road cycletrack and footpath. The probable programme was as follows:-

Detailed design - 1 month

Tenders to be received - March, 1993

Start on site - April, 1993.

(d) 'Stop Parking on Pavements'. The Police, County and District Councils and Oxfordshire Council of Disabled People have been running a campaign with this heading since October, 1992. The nature of the campaign is one of persuasion and education rather than enforcement and hopes to change drivers attitudes so that they display more thoughtfulness and consideration to pedestrians and other pavement users. Agreed that the campaign be noted and any instances of such parking be reported to the Clerk.

(e) Village Grasscutting 1993. A quotation had been received from Mr J Boss of Windmill Street requesting the same price per

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with 1/2 month
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cut as for 1992. No problems had occurred in that year and it was agreed that Mr Boss's quotation be accepted for 1993.

(f) An application for a grant had been received from the Victim Support Scheme - North Oxfordshire and it was agreed that a grant of £100 be paid.

(g) Choosing Street Names. Referring to Min.107/92(b) a further letter had been received from the District Council stating that, following complaints from parish councils, the 100 years qualification period had been deleted and the policy now reads "that the name of any local, national or international political figure or any living person be not used for the naming of any street within the District".

(h) A Thankyou Card from Jan Walsh and all at St Annes - "Many thanks for the wonderful garden seat".

(i) Best Kept Village Competition. Agreed that the village again take part in 1993 at an entry fee of £8. The Clerk reported that he had requested Mr Langstaff to prepare a pictorial map of the Parish, a map being an integral part of the judging of the competition. The Parish Environmental Initiatives proposals should hopefully assist the Council's entry.

(j) The Clerk reported that he had received the Oxfordshire Family Health Services Directory which he would deposit in the Library.

(k) $\frac{1}{2}$ Term Sports Fun. The Clerk reported that this would take place at the Windmill Centre daily from 22nd to 26th February, 1993 at a charge of £1.50 per session for 5 to 16 year olds.

143/92 Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, ^{24th} 28th March, 1993 in the Town Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.



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My reference
AK/GAL/12.6.187

Your reference

Date
20 January 1993

This matter is being dealt with by Anthony Kirkwood

Direct line: (0865) 815704

Dear Mr Blakey

Traffic Matters, Deddington

Further to our site meeting on 7 December, I have now had an opportunity to discuss the measures with my Traffic Management colleagues. Our observations are as follows:

1. B4031 Hempton Road. As discussed, the main issue here is the speed of traffic. Road humps would not be appropriate, and although it would be possible to provide a mini roundabout at one of the side road junctions (which would help control speeds), there are concerns over the safety of a roundabout in this setting.

2. As a low cost measure, enhancements to the village signing could be made (for example, the provision of "please drive slowly" signs under the village name).

Also discussed was the possibility of upgrading the street lighting. This has been referred to the Street Lighting Engineer, but it is likely that any improvements would have to be funded by the parish.

2. Pinch point in Hempton. The possibilities of providing signing and road markings to indicate priorities here was discussed. Further inspection of the site shows that it would be difficult to establish a priority system that would ensure that the give way stream had a clear view of "priority" traffic. Also, there is a danger that the "priority" traffic would take less care in negotiating the pinch point, which might adversely effect safety, particularly for pedestrians.

3. Chapel Square pinch points. The provision of a priority system at the Church Street junction should present no difficulty. There may be problems with the suggested priority system for near Philcote Street, and this will need further investigation.

4. Clifton. No objection to the provision of warning signs advising drivers of pedestrians.



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20 January 1993

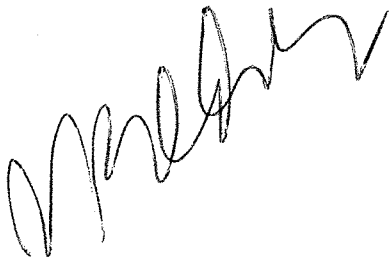
5. Earls Lane. No objection in principle to the provision of road humps.
6. A4260 High Street/New Street. No objections to the provision of refuges.
7. B4031 Clifton Road - extension of 30mph speed limit. As discussed, this is highly unlikely to have any significant effect on speeds, and would serve to lessen the respect of drivers for such limits. In view of this, such an extension would be resisted.

I hope that the above will be of assistance, and look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely



Ann Mortlock
Road Safety Group Manager



Deddington Parish Council
Minutes of the closed session of the Council Meeting held on
Wednesday, 17th February, 1993

144/92 Minutes of the meeting held on 13th January, 1993.

The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman

145/92 Former St James Church, Clifton.

The Clerk reported that he had still had no reply from the owner of the land adjacent to the premises and in these circumstances it was agreed to leave the matter over until the next meeting.

146/92 Allotment Land - Satin Lane.

An offer of £4,000 for the freehold subject to contract had been made by the Clerk via the owners agents. The agents had replied stating "once I have had an opportunity to discuss your offer with our clients I will write to you again". Agreed to await the agent's reply.

147/92 Priorities.

It was agreed that the priority order for property acquisitions be left over until the next meeting.

M. R. [Signature]