

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 17th January, 1996 at the Town Hall, Deddington commencing at 7.30pm

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

113/95 The Chairman wished all present a Happy New Year.

114/95 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cr Mrs Fisher.

115/95 Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13th December, 1995.

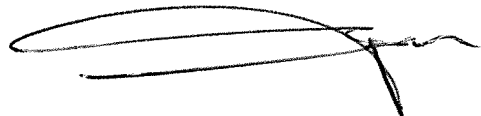
The minutes of the above meeting were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman subject to the addition to Minute 102/95 (Street Lighting), of the agreement of the County Council to the reuse of displaced lantern heads from the Market Place in other locations within the Parish.

116/95 Badminton Club.

Mr F Shaw, having given the appropriate notice, addressed the Council regarding the concerns and problems of the Club. It had originated and operated in Adderbury for 11 years and following the construction of the Windmill Centre, moved to this village. Financially it has been a struggle from year to year to generate enough income to maintain the Club. They play twice a week plus home matches for 2 hours per session- it is a social as well as a match playing Club and they have reduced costs as much as possible, by restricting their hours from 3 to 2 and were prepared to forgo the use of the lounge. In their first year at the Windmill numbers of members were restricted to 50, they have been as low as 17 but have increased this year to 24. Major expenditure included £770 rent; £6.50 per member to the Oxfordshire Association and £600 shuttlecocks and 5 years ago they received a grant of £500 from this Council. He stated that the Club would wish to have a fixed charge for their usage of the Centre as compared to the sessional charge currently levied. The Club has paid over £12,000 in rent and they feel hard done by. Summarising he asked for a fixed charge and an annual grant from the Council.

Cr Flux commented that though they paid for 2 hours use of the hall they regularly played for a much longer time and they were not charged for the use of the lounge.

Cr Clinch was of the opinion that financial help was required and whatever the Council can do within reason should be investigated. He also stated that he had not been aware of any fund raising activities by the Badminton Club which was a regular feature by other clubs. The Chairman thanked Mr Shaw for his address.



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**117/95 Response to the Government's Rural White Paper.**

There were 2 matters for consultation:-

- (a) Transport - To enable Parish Councils to take a more active role in developing flexible transport solutions to meet community needs. The resources for such activities would be a charge against the precept. The Health Centre Transport costs will therefore no longer be a charge against 'Section 137'. This proposal was agreed to be beneficial but that major transport matters remain with the District & County Councils.
- (b) Policing and Crime Prevention - To enable Parish Councils to work more closely with the police with power to contribute towards the costs of recruiting, training and equipping local neighbourhood special constables and to support crime prevention activity. Council had already determined not to support the provision of local special constables, but were in favour of assistance with crime prevention eg Neighbourhood Watch schemes.

**118/95 Best Kept Village Competition 1995 Report.**

The report commended the Village in general and members were surprised that, as a result, it was not included in the winners, possibly due to the large size of the map.

**119/95 Recreation and Grants Committee.**

Cr Drake reported upon three grant applications as follows:-

✓ (a) Deddington Badminton Club.

A request for a grant of £602 had been made in respect of shuttlecocks, 4 racquets for the use of juniors and fees to the Oxfordshire Badminton Association. The Committee were sympathetic to the request but recommended a grant of £120 for the aforementioned racquets. Cr Clinch proposed a £200 grant to assist junior play which was seconded by Cr Miss Hill. Cr Oddy moved an amendment that following the availability of the accounts of the Centre for 1995/96 an assessment of the costs of the Centre, taking into account the return on capital, be made upon which a critical appraisal of the charges to the Badminton Club could be made. Cr Colley seconded this motion and the amendment was carried by 9 votes to nil with 1 abstention.

✓ (b) Mums and Toddlers Group.

The request was for a grant towards the purchase of toys and the establishment of a toy library. The Committee recommended that no grant be made and this was unanimously agreed.

✓ (c) Warriner School Farm.

Central and local grants for the Farm at the school had dried up and grant aid was requested to enable this facility to be maintained and expanded as a community benefit. The Committee recommended and it was unanimously agreed that no grant be made.

✓ Gaveston Gardens Open Space

The revised plans for the establishment of the Open Space on the Gaveston Gardens development had been received for comment. The plans were accepted but the Clerk was instructed to

continue dialogue with the District Council regarding which authority should acquire the land following the first year's maintenance of the site after completion. At present no funds were forthcoming from the developer for such works and it was considered that for this Council to take on future maintenance costs a financial resource should be provided.

✓ Woodland Trust

The Clerk reported that he had been informed that an extension of time until the 29th February had been given for the appeal, but no reduction in the acquisition cost had been possible. He had also checked that the Estates Officer of the District Council had confirmed that the price to be paid was a fair market valuation of the land. No investigation had taken place with regard to an alternative site and the Clerk was asked to write to the Woodland Trust to register the Council's disquiet in the manner in which the scheme was proceeding.

**120/95 Environment Committee.**

Cr Mrs Brewer reported as follows:-

(a) Footpath works - High St/New St.

There had been many complaints about unsatisfactory workmanship and even failure to drop kerbs where the footpaths crossed the carriageway. A meeting had been convened with Mr Carritt, which included a complete walk of the site, at which the problems were discussed. The vast majority of the Council's concerns were met and have subsequently been confirmed in writing.

✓ (b) Time Capsule

An advertising agency has approached a local businessman with a view to the burying of a time capsule containing current detail regarding local businesses. For each document included, a contribution to Katherine House Hospice would be required. The Council was asked to suggest a suitable location for the capsule. Following discussion a location was agreed.

✓ (c) Grit and Salt Bin. It was agreed that a bin be acquired from the County Council at a cost of £100 which would include the future cost of maintaining it in a full condition.

(d) Road Closure. Notification of the closure of the B4031 at Hempton for a short period from 12th February, 1996 for the purpose of resurfacing.

(e) Culvert, Clifton Road. Notification from the County Council that it is anticipated that these works will be carried out during 1996/97

(f) Water Quality Survey. Notification from Thames Water Utilities that Inspectors and Consultants will shortly be visiting customers' premises to take water samples which it is known are often discoloured due to the build up of iron deposits in the distribution system.

(g) Clifton Footpath. The Clerk reported that he was awaiting a reply to his letter to the County Council offering a loan facility.

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121/95 Planning and Property Committee.

Cr Miss Hill reported as follows:-

Applications

- ✓ 95/1907F & 1909LBD - Clifton Mill, Clifton - Extensions -  
Object on the grounds that this extends the built area in the Cherwell Valley Area of High Landscape Value and will lead to greater use of the substandard access onto the B4031. Should permission be granted a condition should be attached that the extended building should not be divided.
- ✓ 96/035/TCA - Parish Church, Church Street - Tree management programme for 4 years - No observations.

**122/95 Windmill Committee.**

Cr Flux stated that at the last meeting of the Committee it had been agreed to convene a meeting with user clubs and also to acquire a grit and salt bin for use on the car park.

**123/95 Placing of Orders for Capital Schemes.**

It was agreed that alternative quotations be sought for the works of repair to (A) the Town Hall and (B) the Parish Church Clock and a confirmation of the DesignGro quotation for works to the Clifton Playing Field be sought.

**124/95 Oxfordshire Structure Plan 2011.**

- ✓ The Parish Council had been asked for its views on modest additional housing development in the village - some 25 to 30 houses - in the 10 year period. The consensus of opinion was that the village had already been extended beyond the planned growth as a result of successful appeals, and subject to the erection of the Low Cost Houses on the Hempton Road no further permissions, excepting appropriate infill sites, should be granted for Housing development.

**125/95 New District Concessionary Travel Pass Scheme.**

The Clerk reported on the above scheme which would enable men over 65 and women over 60 to travel within the Cherwell District at 50% of the normal fares. The concession would be available after 9.00 am Monday to Friday but there will be no restrictions on return times, or at weekends or Bank Holidays. There will be a one-off administrative fee of £2 and applicants will need to provide 2 passport size photographs.

**126/95 Accounts for Payment.**

Accounts totalling £5,038.31, in accordance with a schedule circulated at the meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes, were approved for payment.

**127/95 Investment of the Council's Funds.**

The Clerk reported that at close of business on 16th January, 1996 the balances were as follows:-



£  
450,000.00 Privilege Bond with the Bradford & Bingley Building Society at 6.7% variable, for a 2 year period expiring on 10th May, 1997 with a break for full repayment on 10th May, 1996.

110,000.00 Treasury Deposit at 6% fixed to 9th February, 1996  
8,110.69 at 3.625% subject to 14 days notice  
7,774.54 at 3% overnight  
575,885.23

**128/95 Correspondence.**

✓ (a) Letter from the Oxfordshire Association for Young People Project enclosing detail of their mobile information and advice service for young people and requesting permission to site the Van in Deddington Market Square. The Van's visits usually take the form of one evening a week for 4 to 6 weeks between 7.00 pm and 8.30 pm. The Council were supportive of this service and authorised the Clerk to arrange suitable dates.

✓ (b) The Cherwell District Council proposed to develop a Charter for Parish Councils and had forwarded a questionnaire to assist in progressing the matter. It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk complete the form as an early return - 6th February, was requested.

(c) It was resolved that the Chairman and Cr Mrs Brewer be the signatories to the conveyance of the Wilcon Open Space site.

✓ (d) The Clerk reported that he had received notice of his hospitalisation for a hip operation as from 16th February for a period of 10 to 14 days. He was asked to seek a person to take and type the minutes of the next Council Meeting.

**129/95 Date of Next Meeting.**

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, 21st February, 1996 at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.

**130/95 Dates of Future Meetings.**

Dates of meetings until the Annual Council Meeting were agreed as follows:-

13th March, 1996

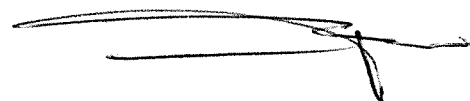
17th April, 1996

1st May, 1996 - Annual Parish Meeting

29th May, 1996 - Annual Council Meeting

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PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGED DATE FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING.



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Accounts Payable - January, 1996

Creditor	Detail	£
Inland Revenue	Income Tax and N H I - Dec. Qtr	1,144.55
L G Burton	Repairs to burst pipe, Town Hall	12.00
Bus Shelters Ltd	Alterations to Shelters	1,686.78
D H Blakey	Salary and expenses - January	252.90
J Spencer	Christmas trees, fencing repairs and paving at Bus Shelter	910.62
DPC Imprest Account	Reimbursement	1,031.46
		<u>5,038.31</u>

Make-up of Imprest Account Reimbursement

D Freeman	Wages 16,23,30/12/95, 6,13/1/96	801.00
Brit.Telecon.	Office Telephone	73.46
Deddington Players	Annual Subsidy	157.00
		<u>1,031.46</u>





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## OXFORDSHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

### JUDGES' REPORT 1995

#### DEDDINGTON, Large Village Class

The judges thought the village was exceptionally well looked after without being over-groomed. The public and private buildings are mostly excellently maintained. There was an interesting range of shops which are well-presented and a surprisingly unobtrusive garage. You are fortunate in having such a beautiful church and your care of it is to be commended, not least because you have retained the spirit of a village churchyard. Your dog-bins are an excellent idea and the judges hoped they were as well-used as your numerous litter-bins. They were most impressed by your magnificent new Sports Centre, so sensibly sited at the end of the village where it seems most needed.

The old pavilion in the Castle Field is an eyesore and might attract vandals. It was pleasing to see that some of the allotments are still under cultivation and well-tended.

Altogether, the judges felt that this was a community in which it would be pleasant to live and not as overpowered by the main road as it appears on driving through. It seems to have retained a sense of history to go with the warm beauty of its buildings.

The map provided, which is vital to the ease and efficiency of judging - was inappropriate.\* It was overlarge for managing in good weather, let alone wind and rain, and overdetailed. Too many houses clutter up the picture and it was difficult to pinpoint some features even where they were marked.

*\* This is the opinion of one pair of judges. Personally I don't agree and adjusted the marks so that you were not so heavily penalised. Nevertheless a smaller map would be more convenient. Probably as well if this was not published too widely.*

#### BEST KEPT WAR MEMORIAL COMPETITION (First Round)

This is a simple memorial, sensitively sited and refreshingly uncluttered and undecorated.

PL/RDF/BKV/LDEDD  
October 1995

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Copy: All County Councillors

My reference  
CJC/JC/7.3/25

Your reference

Date  
21 December 1995

This matter is being dealt with by Chris Cousins

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Dear Mr Blakey

### OXFORDSHIRE STRUCTURE PLAN 2011

During the present Structure Plan consultation exercise several people suggested that the plan should adopt a slightly more relaxed attitude than present policies towards development in villages and small towns. Their reasons included the fact that some new houses were needed to maintain rural population levels because of declining household size; the need for affordable houses; and the argument that some growth could help to maintain rural services. The Government has also recently made the point in introducing its Rural White Paper that some growth can be an indication of community vitality.

We shall be drafting a revised version of the Structure Plan in the next few months. It would be helpful to have an indication of how your council would view the prospect of some limited development (say, 3 to 5% of the housing stock over the ten years from 2001 to 2011: this would mean, for a village of 200 houses, 6 to 10 new houses over a 10 year period, or, for a small town of 1000 houses, 30 to 50 new houses in the same period). I should be grateful if you could indicate by 22 January 1996 on the attached slip whether you would find such a level of development broadly acceptable. Your reply will not in any way commit your council but will be most helpful in giving the County Council a general idea of how towns and parishes view the prospect of some limited development.

I appreciate that we are not giving you a great deal of time to respond. However, we are simply trying to get a flavour of local councils' views and do not, for instance, necessarily require a formal resolution from your council. I enclose extra copies of this letter for you to pass on to members of your council if you wish.

Yours sincerely,

*Chris Cousins*

Assistant Chief Planning Officer