

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Town Hall, Deddington on Wednesday, 18th January, 1995 at 7.30 pm.

Present:- Councillors Clinch (Chairman), Bowen, Mrs Brewer, Clarke, Colley., Drake, Mrs Fisher, Flux, Miss Hill, Mrs Lee, Oddy, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Swash and Todd.

119/94 Apologies for Absence were received from County Councillor Matthews.

120/94 The Chairman wished all present a Happy and Prosperous New Year

121/94 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14th December, 1994.

The Minutes of the above meeting, which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record, subject to the addition of the declaration of interest in CHN CA 656/94 (min. 111/94) by Cr Todd, and signed by the Chairman.

122/94 Any other business.

The Chairman allowed a request by Cr Miss Hill to discuss the siting of the plaque on the Town Hall.

123/94 Environmental Sub-Committee.

Cr Mrs Brewer reported that, at last, work had commenced on the first stage of the work on the Clifton Footpath.

Problems had arisen in several locations regarding the backing up of drains which she had reported to the County Council.

The Cosy Lane/Milton Gated Road Bridleway sign at its junction with the Mill Road had been removed by persons unknown, and arrangements had been made for its replacement to avoid persons becoming 'lost' at the Mill.

Confirmation of the siting of the 2 dog litter bins and agreement to pay the annual charge of £210.60 for their emptying had been received from the District Council. Agreed that the siting is appropriate and that payment should be made.

The summary of the parking survey in the Market Place and its environs was underway and information regarding traffic flows on the Hempton Road had been supplied to More O'Farrell in connection with the proposed Bus Shelters.

Cr Todd reported upon discussions with the County Council regarding improving the lighting within the core of the Conservation Area and that estimates of the costs were awaited. It was agreed that the cost to this Council should be met from the Grants budget subject to a maximum of £3,750. It was also agreed that if possible the columns should be painted brown.

124/94 Recreation and Grants.

Cr Mrs Lee reported that the consulting engineers for the Gaveston Gardens development had requested the Council's views

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on the development of the Open Space on this site. The Council were in favour of considerable tree planting on the east, west and southern boundaries with the remainder being put to grass. X The opening onto the Hempton Road should be blocked by continuing the stone wall.

X It was agreed to once again employ RoSPA at a cost of £85 plus VAT to undertake the annual inspection of the playground equipment on the 2 sites.

The District Council had offered the sum of £500 to the Parish Council to assist in the commemoration of VE and VJ Days later this year. It was agreed that, in addition to the 2 interdenominational church services, subject to the approval of the PCC, this Council illuminate, on a daily basis, at its expense the Church Tower. Cr Todd agreed to investigate this proposal and to report back at an early date. X

The Best Kept Village report for this village was read which in the main was complimentary.

The Sub-Committee recommended that in connection with the application of the Bowls Club for a grant and loan to purchase a mower, that the Council should acquire a Dennis FT510 machine, the Club's choice, at a cost of £2,441 plus VAT and that the Club should pay £244 per annum for 5 years, thus reimbursing 50% of its cost. A motion in these terms was proposed by Cr Mrs Fisher, seconded by Cr Mrs Swash and approved by 13 votes with 1 abstention - Cr Bowen, who declared his interest. X

Cr Clinch stated that he had shown the revised plans of the Tots Play Area to 7 adjacent occupiers and had received unanimous support. The Clerk reported that the District Council had approved grant support of £11,817 or 50% of total costs, whichever was the lower and it was agreed that the scheme should be commissioned by a contract with Messrs Iron Mountain Forge.

125/94 Planning and Property Sub-Committee.

Cr Miss Hill reported as follows:-

Applications:-

X CHN CA 708/94 - Stable End, 1, St Thomas St - Demolition of lean-to porch and proposed 2 storey extension. - No objection.

X CHN LB 702/94 - Castle View, Goose Green - Reopening of 2 bricked up windows, alterations to 1 first floor window opening and various internal alterations. - Overlooking from 1st floor window should be further avoided by limiting the bottom opening as well as utilising obscure glass.

X 4632/2 - Land north of the old site of Manor Farm - Infilling of Low Spot for agricultural use. - No objection subject to soil being imported to the low spot across fields and not via the highway.

Discussion ensued regarding the dates of the LPA decisions on applications. In particular Application CHN CA 656/94 - the part demolition of a wall at Foxgloves, Hopcraft Lane - which was approved without the adverse comments of this Council being reported to the North Area Planning Sub-Committee. This

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Council's comments were sent to the District Council on 28th December, 1994 and the last date for formal decision was 10th January, 1995. The notification to this Council was not dated but it was not received in time for the November meeting of Council. Agreed that clarification of procedures be obtained at an early meeting with representatives of the LPA as has been promised.

Approvals.

CHN CA 656/94 - Foxgloves, Hopcraft Lane, - Demolish corner of boundary wall.

CHN 633/94 - Johnson & Co, Chapel Square - Replacement sales office building and demolition of existing and small store.

CHN 628/94 - Plots 13 & 14, The Beeches, Earls Lane - Erection of 1.5m chain link fence or post & rail fence in lieu of 1.8m close boarded fence along rear boundary. Letter from LPA stating "that as the fence lies within the boundaries of the site and separates the domestic garden area from the planted area its lowering will not affect the privacy of the adjoining occupiers."

CHN 616/94 - 8, The Beeches - Erect larger house than already approved. Letter from LPA stating that "they felt that given the upheld appeal on the adjacent plot, a refusal was no longer considered sustainable without an undue risk of an award of costs against the Council at appeal."

126/94 Windmill Sub-Committee.

Cr Flux reported that though no agreements had been signed discussions with users had continued and several of the problems had been resolved. The Bowling Club had requested that they be responsible for the hire of the green to non club members but the Sub-Committee are insisting that they agree hire charges, in particular those for parishioners. The Council endorsed this view.

The final account is still under discussion between the Council's consultants and the contractor and it was anticipated that the Sub-Committee will shortly be informed of the financial position.

Rain penetration was still affecting the new extension even following the replacement of more extensive lead flashing and the contractor is about to undertake further works to rectify the situation.

The Beeches Bowls Club were planning to open the Green on 29th May with a major match and the Sub-Committee will be considering whether to make this a larger event.

127/94 Accounts for payment.

Accounts totalling £7,971.14, in accordance with the appended schedule, which was circulated at the meeting, were approved for payment.

128/94 Investment of the Council's Funds.

The balances at the close of business on 17th January, 1995 were as follows:-

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450,000.00	at 7.2% 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 and Bingley Building Society Timesaver Account.
160,000.00	at 5.5625% fixed to 3rd February, 1995.
15,954.02	at 4.25% at 14 days notice.
6,864.62	at 2.875% overnight.
<u>632,818.64</u>	

129/94 Concessionary Fare Tokens - 1995/96.

X Councillors Mrs Stevens and Swash again agreed to issue the tokens - thanks due to them - which will take place on Wednesday, 15th March, 1995 at the Holly Tree Club. It was resolved that, to take into account the increased cost of Bus Fares, the issue be of £19 value of tokens upon payment of £1.

130/94 Correspondence.

X (a) Letter from the Oxfordshire County Council asking whether this Council would be prepared to undertake the weed killing of Highways within the Parish upon payment of a contribution of £25 per kilometre of Urban Highway. Resolved that, as a person has to be qualified to undertake highway weed control, the offer be declined.

(b) Request for publicity from Oxfordshire Energy Advice Centre to their project 'Energy Conscious Village of the Year' for which a £2,000 prize will be awarded for energy saving measures at the village community centre. The winning village will be the one from which the greatest number of households receiving energy saving advice through the OEAC combined with actual measures combined with actual measures taken up by those households in relation to the size of the village. Entry forms are available from the Clerk.

(c) Letter of thanks from the PCC for the Council undertaking to maintain and repair the Parish Church Clock. One of the auto winding electronic switches has been changed but a second switch has to be modified. It is anticipated that the repairs will not exceed £70.

(d) Combined Application for Transfer of Licence and notice of Application for a Gaming Permit at the Unicorn Hotel.

(e) Notice from the Keep Britain Tidy Group that the Annual Spring Clean will be held from 1st to 10th April, 1995.

(f) Notification of programmed Highway Works - A4260 at Deddington - Arch Saddling to be commenced during January and February, 1995.

(g) Letter from the Bishop of Chichester, President of United Nations Association U K seeking to encourage local authorities to contribute to the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the United Nations this year. This matter was referred to the next Recreation and Grants Sub-Committee meeting for consideration.

(h) Letter from the OCC inviting members of the public to join their Social Services teams inspecting homes which look after the elderly and needy.

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X (i) Notification of an open forum organised by the Banbury Magistrates to be held at the Magistrates Court on Wednesday, 8th March, 1995 at 7.00pm. Two members of Council are invited. Councillors Mrs P Swash and the Chairman were interested in attending.

X (j) Request from the Oxford Citizens Housing Association to widen the scope of applications for low cost housing to the immediately surrounding parishes in order to further the granting of an exception to the Rural Areas Plan. Resolved to extend the scope of applications to the Parishes of Barford St Michael and St John, Duns Tew and North Aston on condition that Deddington applicants take priority.

131/94 Any other business.

Cr Miss Hill stated that she was of the opinion that the plaque beneath the Coat of Arms on the Town Hall had been positioned at too high a level and was thereby difficult to read. Agreed that its positioning be investigated.

132/94 Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at the Town Hall, Deddington on Wednesday, 15th February, 1995 commencing at 7.30 pm.

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Accounts for Payment - January, 1995

<u>Creditor</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Beaufort Electrical	Emergency Exit Works - Windmill Centre	371.30
DesignGro	Turf Laying - Windmill Centre	2,507.75
Insignia	Drawings and Fixing - Coat of Arms Plaque	102.00
BNP Nameplates	Coat of Arms Videos	197.40
Jon Dixon Signs Ltd	Bronze Coat of Arms Plaque	300.80
Cherwell District C'l	Parish Election Charges	572.34
Inland Revenue	Quarters Tax and NHF	1,245.41
D P C Imprest Account-a-	Reimbursement	1,414.81
DesignGro	Further Turf Laying - Wind. Centre	778.00
D P C Imprest Account-b-	Reimbursement	182.46
D H Blakey	Salary & Expenses - January	244.05
Viking Direct Ltd	Stationery	48.45
Sigma Coatings Ltd	Rollers	6.37
		<u>7,971.14</u>
<u>Makeup of Imprest Account Reimbursements</u>		
-a-		
D Freeman	Wages 17,24 & 31/12 & 7/1/95	655.44
J Spencer	Christmas Tree Erection etc	35.25
	Supply of Slabs & Sand - Wind'l	15.27
D H Blakey	Salary and Expenses Dec.+ Arr's	463.20
Deddington Players	Revenue Subsidy	175.00
British Telecom	Office Telephone	63.05
Windmill Stores	Postages	7.60
		<u>1,414.81</u>
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D Freeman	Wages 14/1/95	158.64
Centrepoint	Photocopying	23.82
		<u>182.46</u>