

## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 21 February, 1996 at the Town Hall, Deddington, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

**Present:** Councillors Todd (Chairman), Mrs Brewer, Miss Hill, Mrs Lee, Clarke, Clinch, Colley, Drake, Flux.

#### **131/95 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Fisher, Cr Mrs Swash, Cr Mrs Stevens, Cllr Cosgrove, C Cr Matthews and Dist. Cllr O'Sullivan.

#### **132/95 PC Bob Donohue**

The Chairman welcomed PC Donohue and stated that it was good to have a village 'bobby' in our midst and that there were several concerns re: speeding, burglaries, vandalism etc. PC Donohue was then invited to introduce himself to the Council.

PC Donohue gave a résumé of his police service (22 yrs) and stated that he took over from Dave Keats at the beginning of January and that his area included 10 parishes. He stated that police policy was changing and that Superintendent Holmes (Banbury) was turning policy on its head. He believed in beat policing and listening to the problems of the general public. He pointed out that Sgt. Keith Latham should have been present and also showed the Council a map of the Banbury area and detailed the different areas, showing his area of cover (which extends for 52 mls) from Deddington Market Place and back. He stated that the constables involved including PC Wallington would cover for each other but only in emergencies. If there was a problem then 3 officers plus a Sergeant would come to the village. He had spent a couple of days going over crime statistics and in the last year Deddington had 72 crimes, mostly involving car break-ins and theft from cars. These mainly took place between 4 and 6 am. There had been 1 car stolen in the last 7 days.

The Chairman said that two issues should be raised:-

- a) Medium of the Deddington News should be used (to raise awareness), and
- b) Neighbourhood Watch should be utilised.

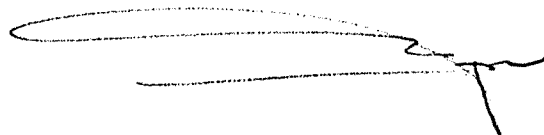
PC Donohue replied that a meeting of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme had been arranged for 6 March in the Town Hall and he hoped that there would be liaison between Neighbourhood Watch and himself.

The Chairman said that all crimes were reviewed by the Crime Reduction Unit who would know if Deddington became a problem area.

Cllr Flux suggested that PC Donohue be given a copy of the Parish Appraisal. This was AGREED..

The Chairman offered the assistance of the PC if PC Donohue should need it at any time. PC Donohue also stated that he hoped to reduce crime statistics for Deddington by 20%. He can be contacted by calling 01865 266615 in non-urgent cases or 266722 (answerphone).

The Chairman thanked PC Donohue for a very informative talk and invited him to attend the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 1 May to present again his role and statistics as he thought this could be a useful exercise. This was AGREED and PC Donohue left the meeting.



**133/95 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 17 January 1996**

The minutes of the above meeting which had been circulated previously were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

✓ Cllr Hill asked the Chairman if PC could send condolences to Cllr Swash on the death of her mother. This was agreed. The Chairman passed around a card for Mr Blakey prior to contacting him the following day.

**134/95 Matters Arising**

**120/95C** Referring to minute 120/95C, Cllr Colley said that there was no Grit Bin at Clifton and proposed that one be provided. This was **RESOLVED**. (price gone up to £110.)

**Woodland Trust - report from Cllr Flux**

Contributions to date were £2,920 some of which were covenanted giving an approx. Total of £3,400. He understood that 2 other charities may be prepared to contribute. He read outline of 2 letters:-

- 1) from Sylvie Spenceley in favour of asking for support
- 2) from Squirebrook Hall saying that there was some misunderstanding re: sale and that they would like to meet a member of the PC to discuss relevant thoughts but the Clerk thought this was not necessary. The Trust had offered vendors what they paid for the site. The Trust said there was a great deal of wild life on the site including badgers, squirrels etc and the land was strongly recommended to the Council and asked for a) donation and b) support.

The Chairman stated that the alternative site was not available.

**135/95 Cllr Miss Hill's Report on feasibility of providing Public Toilets in Village Centre.**

Cllr Miss Hill suggested that before any decision was taken the council should be aware of the responsibility of cleaning and monitoring the toilets and then offered the following alternatives:

1. the existing facilities at the Town Hall should be upgraded.
2. to provide two new toilets under the Town Hall. This would obviously involve more expense. She recommended that the Council should go for the cheaper option.

Cllr Colley expressed concerns re: vandalism and running costs. It was felt that the facilities would be used mainly in the tourist season and it was envisaged that the most likely users would be families, perhaps passing through the village as locals could use the local pubs and hotels.

The Chairman asked whether the Steward could service it but this was thought most unlikely along with his other duties. Cllr Mrs Brewer said that Cllr Mrs Stevens might have some ideas. Cllr Colley raised the subject of insurance and Cllr Flux asked if other villages had been consulted as maybe they could point out some of the problems. He agreed with Cllr Hill to use the facilities we already have. The Chairman expressed concern re: equipment presently stored in the Town Hall but was assured that this would be stored in a new shed at the Holly Tree Club. The Chairman asked if the Council wished to explore further the various implications. This was **AGREED**.

The Chairman summarised that other area's experience should be sought and that maybe Environment could assist and that existing facilities should be used but with improvements. Cllr Hill to investigate this with the assistance of the Planning & Property Sub-Committee and obtain estimates from Spencer and Gibbs.

**136/95 To consider quotations for**

- a) **Repairs and Redecoration of the Parish Church Clock**
- b) **Repairs to the Town Hall**

a) Cllr Mrs Brewer reported that the Environmental Sub-Committee had yet to study the 2 estimates received and therefore was unable to make a recommendation at this time. Cllr Flux agreed and suggested that the Sub-Committee make the decision. The Chairman asked the sub-committee to report back in 3 weeks time and handed a further letter on the subject to Cllr Mrs Brewer.

b) Cllr Miss Hill said that Mr Spencer's price was £4,940 and that Mr Gibb's was £5,570 (both plus VAT) allowing for nominated contractor to repair window from the scaffolding.

Cllrs Clinch and Flux suggested that both contractors should be asked when they intended to start and finish the contract and Cllr Colley suggested that a penalty clause might be incorporated. The Chairman asked Cllr Colley if he could assist in this. No work can start until the Electricity Board has completed the work on the North gable but it is anticipated that we should be able to start by April 1. Cllr Flux asked what was in the budget for it and the Chairman replied that it was within the budget (£5000). Cllr Hill suggested that the work for the toilet could be incorporated (if it is decided to go ahead) and that all the work could be rolled over into one contract.

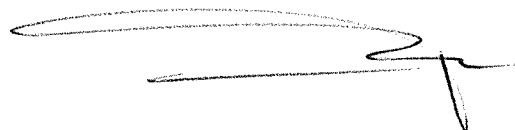
**137/95 Best Kept Village Competition**

Cllr Mrs Brewer said that Deddington was in the 'medium' class with 1,799 residents. Both Clifton and Hempton would be in the 'small' class category. Cllr Colley was asked to find out the views of Clifton residents re: entering the competition and it was suggested that many local people were unaware of the competition and it should be publicised more in the Deddington News.

**138/95 Recreation and Grants Committee**

Cllr Drake reported as follows:-

- ✓ a) The two play areas should be annually inspected by the ROSPA at an annual cost of £44.50 for the inspection (which is necessary for insurance and legal obligations). This covers 5 items with each extra item of apparatus costing £1.50. It was agreed that £160 should cover everything. The proposal was AGREED.
- ✓ b) The Summer Playscheme are asking for a grant of £400. This had proved to be a popular and successful scheme which catered for 60 children (last year aged 12-16) at a cost of £7 per child. Insurance costs had risen from £40 last year to £100 this year. The Grants Committee recommended a grant of £100. This was RESOLVED to underwrite the scheme to £100 subject to provision of accounts.
- / c) The Day Care Centre were asking for a grant of £1000. This centre caters for up to 15 frail and elderly people run by Social Services.. The Grant is to cover equipment for chairs, wheelchairs and ramps. It was pointed out that this facility was principally for local people. Cllr Drake proposed that a Grant of £1000 be made available for setting up the Centre. Cllr Hill seconded Cllr Colley proposed an Amendment *up to £1000* subject to requirement. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Brewer. The vote on the Amendment was 4 people in favour, 3 people against and Cllr Flux abstained declaring an interest.



**139/95 Environment**

Cllr Mrs Brewer reported on:-

**Time Capsule**

- a) The planned site is in the open brick area of the Town Hall involving lifting 12 bricks, re-laying and fixing a dulled brass plaque the size of one brick. Permission has been given from the Feoffees and Cherwell Conservation. The ceremony will be at 11.30 on the 29/2/96. Parish councillors welcome. The Parish Council will contribute the Deddington Village Guide and a copy of the Deddington News and it was agreed that they would pay £30 towards Katherine House Hospice. If viable it was decided to include the Village Page of the Banbury Guardian.

**Clifton Footpath**

- b) A letter has been received from O.C.C. stating that they are not prepared to accept our proposal of a loan. The Environmental Committee will continue to pursue, contacting our Euro MP requesting a Capital Grant from European funds.

Letter received from Mrs Hester Hanney of Clifton re: parking of cars outside Chapel and state of Clifton footpath.. It was agreed that PC Bob Donohue should be contacted regarding the parking of cars outside the Chapel. Letter to be replied to.

**High Street/New Street OCC.**

- c) Lopping of trees. Mr Richard Gauld from Cherwell District Council is taking care of our concerns as both OCC and Southern Electricity independently plan to lop these trees.

The present surface of the footpaths is not the final surface. The top surface will be laid after the frosts in May and guaranteed by the contractor for 2 years. Continuing to press for improved workmanship.

OCC have given permission for 2 tubs on granite sets outside Grove House. It was agreed not to supply the tubs at this time due to the slope on the granite sets.

**Environmental Strategy**

- d) Received draft from CDC with feedback. Cllr Mrs Brewer asked the PC if they were prepared to allow Cllr Miss Hill for Planning and herself for Environment to fill in the sheet. This was AGREED.

**Salt and Grit Bins**

- e) It was RESOLVED to purchase 3 bins including one for Clifton with the Windmill paying for one. Cllr Mrs Brewer to write a letter with an order and site sketches.

**140/95 Planning and Property**

Cllr Hill reported:-

**Planning Applications - Granted**

95/01765/F Tressan House - rebuild garage to form double garage and utility room.  
 96/00088/TCA The Maunds - High Street - Reduce height of conifers  
 96/00035/TCA St Peter & St Paul's Church - 4 year tree management programme.

**Planning Applications refused**

95/01907/F Clifton Mill - new dwelling and garage (outline).  
 95/01909/LBD.  
 91/ 1 Chapmans Lane - new bungalow garage and access.

## Planning Appeal

CHAPMAN'S LANE Cllr Miss Hill suggested that previous comments re: refusal of planning application be copied and sent directly to Bristol. still objecting on the same grounds as before.,

## Planning Applications received

96/00040/F Johnsons Yard - asking to keep the Sales Office building. Cllr Hill recommends  
96/137/6147/F Health Centre. Extension to existing building - to provide waiting room, treatment room, consulting room and WC. No objection.  
96/00182/LB Kings Arms - internal staircase. No objection.  
758/882 Persimmon Homes - Appendix - approved providing the barrier was within the site and a chicane for safety.  
96/00129/LB  
96/00140/LB The Old Bakery, Market Place and Tchure Cottage, High Street - for 2 lighting brackets. No objection.

## **141/95 Windmill**

Cllr Flux reported:-

At a recent Windmill meeting 10 clubs came up with suggestions on helping themselves and they would like an Open Day on 27 May - notice to be inserted in Deddington News.

AGM on 18 April at 7.30 pm in the Windmill Centre. Most of the work is moving ahead and repairs are well in hand.

## **142/95 Accounts for Payment.**

Accounts totalling £2239.99, Thames Water £112.32 and Public Works Loan Board £106.98 in accordance with a schedule circulated at the meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes, were approved for payment. Cllr Miss Hill proposed the payment of accounts. Seconded by Cllr Mrs Brewer.

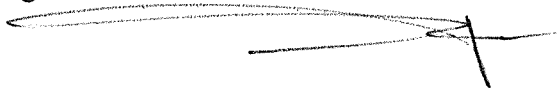
## **143/95 Council Funds**

The Chairman reported the following funds:

£450,000.00 at 6.7% to 10/5/96,  
£115000.00 at 5.8125% until 11/3/96,  
£8,110.69 at 14 days and at 3.625%  
£7,911.65 at 3% overnight totalling

**£581,022.34**

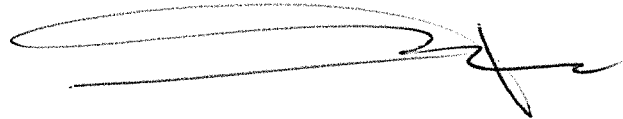
## **144/95 Correspondence**

- 1) Cherwell District Council - Community Plan - Parish Forums. Meeting on 12 March. The Chairman to attend and possibly Cllrs Flux and Miss Hill.
  - 2) CDC - Parish newsletter covering Community Plan, Environmental Strategy, National Lottery Grants, Parish Charter, Rural Health Update, events and useful contacts. Additional paper concerning right to buy.
  - 3) CDC Travel Pass and Travel Token Scheme. Copies available in Clerk's office. Cllr Colley asked for information to be put in Deddington News.
  - 4) CDC Tenant Liaison Officer - asking whether there is support for a Tenants' and Residents' Association dealing with housing and environmental issues.
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- ✓ 5) ORCC - Threat to affordable rural housing - Housing Bill 1996. Cllrs asked to write to MP. Clerk to write along similar lines also.
- 6) ORCC - Parish Transport Reps. Scheme and Oxon Community Transport Day on 9 March at Headington. Cllr Flux to report back.
- 7) Oxon CC - Parking in Grove - NFA
- 8) Traditional Clock Company - update of work completed 11/94 - 12/95.
- 9) OPFA - Facility Managers' Convention - 16 March, Kidlington.
- ✓ 10) Royal British Legion - 75th Anniversary Poppy Chain on 25 August 1996 requesting sponsorship at £36. Per yard. Cllr Mrs Brewer proposed that the PC contribute £36. Seconded by Cllr Mrs Lee.
- ✓ 11) Cherwell Valley Parishes - Upper Heyford development and the need to finance legal representation. Budget £5K - looking for parishes to contribute £100 - £350 each to reach target. Cllr Miss Hill had attended a meeting on subject. CDC are supporting 1000 houses but it was pointed out from the meeting that the infra-structure needed would support 5000 houses. There was concern expressed about the inadequate roads to the west of the Heyford site. Attention was drawn to the fact that there are other MOD sites within the district (Barford). The Chairman had impression that Cllrs were not willing to support the financing. This was AGREED.

**145/95 No other Business**

**146/95 Meeting closed at 9.57 pm.**

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Accounts for Payment - February, 1996

<u>Creditor</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Amount</u> £
J Spencer	Slabbing at Cemetery, removal of refuse and supply of sand & cement	187.76
Sharp Electronics (UK) Ltd	Photocopier maintenance	5.95
Southern Elect.	Electricity -Town Hall	11.16
Cherwell D C	By-election costs	721.92
Harrison Elect.	Christmas lights*	318.43
DPC Imprest Acc.	Reimbursement	<u>994.77</u>
		<u>2,239.99</u>

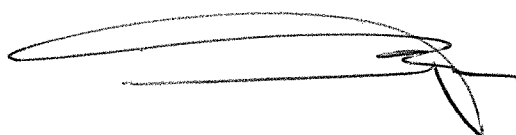
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Make-up of Imprest Account Reimbursement

D Freeman Specialist	Wages 20,27/Jan, 3,10,17/Feb	797.25
Fire Products	Fire Extinguisher - Rechargeable	64.92
Windmill Stores	Postage	7.60
Trysports	Grant re Crease Marker	<u>125.00</u>
		<u>994.77</u>

\* £213.85 the subject of an insurance claim.

* Thames Water	Salter Lane Water 24/6/93 - 21 Jan 96	112.32
Public Works Loan Board		106.98

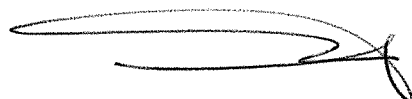


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## THE DEDDINGTON BUSINESS TIME CAPSULE

- Objective:** To raise the profile of Deddington businesses in local media and unite the business community.
- Timing:** Thursday 29 February 1996 1130
- Location:** Deddington Town Hall
- Capsule:** 16" deep/ 14" wide/ 4" high. The hole in which to bury the capsule will thus need to be slightly larger so as to accommodate the box.
- Plaque:** Wording to comprise the following - Here lies the Deddington  
Business Time Capsule  
29 February 1996
- Intention:** That the capsule will be uncovered in 100 years' time and will present a unique insight into the local business community of the 1990s.
- Contents:** Submissions from local companies that reflect the nature of their business. To date most submissions have been photographs, documents, leaflets etc.
- Charity:** Every participant in the scheme has been asked to donate £30.00 to the Katherine House Hospice. We have been submitting cheques as we receive them and will present a representative of the hospice with a outsize cheque on the day.
- School:** Deddington Primary School is also participating. The headmaster will be submitting photographs of the new classroom and the children are producing drawings/pictures.

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**Ceremony:** 11.30am Thursday 29 February. Proposed 'event' will include the levering up of a flagstone from under the Town Hall. The capsule will then be placed in the hole (which, to save time, should have been prepared beforehand) and the cheque presented to the Katherine House representative. Every participant has been invited to attend, and drinks will be provided by Dexters Restaurant. We would hope that the Parish Council, as well as submitting their own documents for inclusion in the capsule, will be able to have representatives at the event. Local print and broadcast media will be alerted and we expect them to send reporters to cover the event.

**Participation:** It is anticipated that of the 57 businesses contacted for this project some 25 will take part - raising approx £750.00 for the hospice.

**Agreement is still required on the following:**

When/where the hole will be dug beneath the Town Hall  
Where the plaque can be placed

**Contact:** Jamie Dexter Harrison  
Dexters Restaurant  
Market Place  
Deddington  
Tel: 01869 338813

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ENVIRONMENTAL SUBCOMMITTEE 21.2.96

- Planned
1. TIME CAPSULE Sheets supplied. Site in open brick area of Town Hall - involving lifting approx. 12 bricks, relaying and fixing <sup>dulled brass</sup> copper plaque (exhibited). All OKed with FIFIs and Cherwell Conservation. Ceremony 11.30am 29.2.96. Parish Councillors welcome. Ideas for PC contribution - Deddington Village Guide February issue of Deddington News and copy of Banbury Guardian. \* Brick size
  2. Clifton Footpath Letter received from OCC stating that they are not prepared to accept our idea of a loan (would be considered jumping the priority queue). Will continue to pursue - contacting Euro MP for a Capital Grant.

Letter received from Mrs. Esther Haney of Clifton re parking of cars outside the Chapel and state of Clifton Footpath (accepting that it is an OCC responsibility) as she is unable to push her oushchair passed cars and along footpath.

3. HIGH ST./NEW ST. OCC

A) Lobbing of Trees. Cherwell DC Arbouriculturist will inspect all High St/New St trees individually with contractor before work commences and prepared to talk to residents regarding their frontage trees. *Southern Electricity to also lob trees*

B) Surface of footpaths. The present surface is not the final surface, as some people think. Top surface will be laid after frosts in May and guaranteed by contractor for 2 years.

C) OCC have given permission for 2 tubs on granite sets outside Grove House. Permission to supply tubs up to £25 per tub.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY.

Received a Draft from Cherwell DC with feed back slip. Would the PC be prepared to let Councillor Hill for Planning and myself for Environment fill in the sheet?

5. SALT & GRIT BINS.

The price for supplying bins has risen from £100 to £110- to include salt, grit and maintenance.

6. CHURCH CLOCK. We have received both estimates for the Church clock repairs. Conferred with James Marmion of PCC. Needs careful consideration at sub-committee level before any final decision can be made.

