

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 22ND APRIL 1987

Present: Councillor Hayward (Chairman), Councillors Cole, Fenemore, Garrett, Mrs. Kedge, Marmion, O'Neill, Mrs. Swash and Webber.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Allen, Fuller, George and Stevens.

1. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 25th March 1987, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
2. Matters arising from the Minutes

Castle Grounds - Moles The Chairman stated that there had been an improvement since the ground had been rolled.

B4031 Weight Restriction The Clerk reported that the County Council proposed to make an Order shortly restricting the road between Aynho and Deddington to vehicles not exceeding 7.5 tonnes Gross Weight. RESOLVED that this proposal be fully supported.

Castle Street footway A letter from the Area Engineer stating that footways would be repaired as finances were available was not felt to be satisfactory and RESOLVED that he be invited to meet the Council to discuss the matter and tour the village.

Litter bins Councillor Mrs. Swash reported that she had nothing to report on the provision of litter bins but stated that only a few people other than the youth organisations had helped with the recent Litter Blitz. RESOLVED that the thanks of the Council be recorded to those who did help on a wet day.

The Daedings junction It was reported that the Police had promised to keep a close watch on this problem.

Near Playgroup hut A letter from the County Surveyor and Engineer stating that he was not prepared to either erect warning signs or extend the speed limit was reported and RESOLVED that no further action be taken.

Buses The Parish Transport Representative reported that she had had complaints about the proposal of Heyfordian to withdraw their services and RESOLVED that these be referred to the County Council with a request that they financially support at least a reduced service.

Bullring/Horsefair Area The Clerk reported that the Traffic and Works Sub-Committee of the County Council would be considering the proposed one-way system but that the County Surveyor and Engineer felt that there were more important projects to be considered first.

Community Volunteer Scheme Councillor Marmion reported that no date had yet been fixed for training volunteers.

3. Items of correspondence

Road at Ilbury Farm A proposal of the County Council to reclassify this road as a public path was noted.

Public Lighting tariff It was noted that the Board did not propose to increase the tariff for the time being.

Guided walks The 1987 programme was given to Deddington News.

Lorry parking A complaint from a resident of Market Place was referred to the Police.

"New Homes Review" A copy was made available.

4. Castle Grounds (a) Visual amenities This would be considered at the next Meeting.
- (b) Playground equipment A report by Councillor Webber was considered and, arising therefrom RESOLVED that the equipment provided be "simple" and that the fifty-fifty offer of the Council extend until 31st March 1988.

5. Footway lighting Councillor O'Neill referred to the need for additional lighting at The Grove with the new development there and RESOLVED that the developers be asked for detail of their proposals.
6. Post Office footway In the absence of Councillor Fuller, this item was deferred.
7. Village Theatre Workshops A possible visit to Deddington for the benefit of children during the school holidays was referred to the Parent-Teacher Association.
8. Deddington Playgroup A letter requesting assistance to buy a new building was read and RESOLVED that, whilst the Council had every sympathy with the aims of Playgroup, they had no funds available and suggested that the Committee might look at the Windmill Centre after which a meeting could be arranged.
9. OALC RESOLVED that Membership be not revived.
10. Windmill Centre
- (a) Lease The Clerk reported that he was awaiting advice from the solicitors
  - (b) Cricket Club fence The Chairman stated that he had spoken to Rockwell on the possibility of having a fifteen-foot fence with the top five feet removable but that the Club wanted a fifteen-foot fence. RESOLVED that the Club be asked what the response was to their discussions with the neighbouring residents and that Rockwell be asked to advise on alternative costs.
  - (c) Phase II The letters of the chairman of the committee opposing the project was noted.
  - (d) Mr. Bishop The Clerk reported that on the concurrence with the Chairman, he had written to Mr. Bishop's agent with the request that he removed the fence from Council land and closed the unauthorised access to the driveway. A letter from the agent stated the need for the fence and the advantages of retaining the access. RESOLVED that Mr. Bishop be advised that he must set back the fence to his boundary but that, in the peculiar circumstances, he could retain the access provided that he gave a written acknowledgment that he was not creating a right of way.
  - (e) Official "opening" The Chairman gave a progress report.
11. Planning Committee reported that they had had no objections to either the re-roofing of Unicorn Antique shop, Market Place or to an extension to a sitting room at Ashley House, Clifton.
- Planning application An outline application at Hempton for residential development was objected to because it was (a) contrary to the Rural Settlement Policy; (b) outside the village envelope; (c) too large for the limited amenities of Hempton.
13. Accounts for payment were passed as follows:-
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| Bloxham School            | Photocopying      | £ 11. 50 |
| British Gas               | Town Hall heating | 18. 78   |
| Cherwell District Council | General rates     | 85. 09   |
| Cornhill Insurance        | Insurance         | 272. 22  |
| Hansford Durley Partp.    | Consultants' fees | 150. 00  |
| Presto Print Limited      | Invitations       | 23. 49   |
| Thames Water              | Water rates       | 9. 04    |

The Meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

Chairman

