

Minutes of the Meeting of Deddington Parish Council held on 22 nd
February 1989

Present:

Cllrs. Cole (Chairman), Allen, Fenemore, Fuller, Garvey, Gibbs, Hayward, (Mrs) Kedge, Marmion, Stevens, (Mrs) Swash and Webber, O'Neil, (Mrs) Stevens.

2. Minutes of the previous Meeting were, subject to the following amendments accepted and signed by the Chairman:

Item 3 (a) Windmill Centre and Trust Fund

Insert full stop after "deferred" in 3rd line.

Delete remainder of sub-para and insert: "It was subsequently agreed that a special meeting would be convened, but before the next monthly Council Meeting, for the purpose of obtaining the Legal Adviser's (Mrs Rose) relevant guidance and advice.

Item 4(a) Castle Ground Gates

Delete "Hayward" in 2nd line and substitute "Chairman".

Item 8 - Windmill Community Centre

Delete "Webber" in 8th line and substitute "Gibbs".

Item 13 (d) Planning Applications

Planning application for renovation etc. of derelict cottage at Featherton House, add " Cllr. Gibbs declared his interest in this application.

Item 17 - Acknowledgement

Delete "Worton" in 2nd line and substitute "Holton."

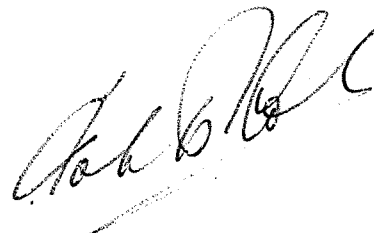
Item 19 - Legal Matters

Delete all after "to" and to beginning of 3rd line and substitute " a special meeting, convened before the next monthly Council Meeting, to provide advice on the establishment of a Trust Fund with the Windmill Centre proceeds and related matters. "

3. Matters Arising

a) Castle Ground Gates

The Chairman reported that he had arranged the removal of the Castle ground gates because of their dangerous condition. An estimate of £180.00 for their repair had been received, but the Contractor had offered to supply a pair of new gates at a cost of £110.00 only as a more economic alternative. After some discussion of the available options Cllr. Marmion's proposal that the cheaper solution (supply and fitting of new gates) be adopted, was approved.



4. Items of Correspondence

a) Litter Campaign

The Chairman reported that a letter had been received from the D.C. giving notice that a dynamic clean-up operation, similar to that of the previous year, would be inaugurated shortly. It was agreed that Cllrs. Kedge and Swash would undertake the necessary arrangements.

b) Benfields Old Garage Site

The Chairman said that notification has been received from the D.C. that the Developer has proposed that the housing expansion on Benfields Old Garage Site be named "The Leyes". There were no objections to the proposal; nor were there any counter suggestions for the naming of this development.

c) Mercury Communications

The Chairman said that an invitation has been received from Banbury and District Telecommunications Advisory Committee to attend a meeting being called on 14th March 1989, to explore the telecommunication developments being planned for the Banbury area by Mercury Communications Ltd. He (Chairman) confirmed that he would be attending the meeting and extended an invitation to any other Cllrs who might wish to accompany him.

d) Playing Feilds and Grounds - Maintenance

The Chairman reported that notification had been received from the Education Dept. of Oxfordshire C.C. that they would, because of the privatisation policy, no longer be able to offer a grounds maintenance service as heretofore. The County Surveyor and Engineers Dept. had, however, indicated that they might be interested in providing a future service. It was agreed that the existing arrangements for the Playing Field and Castle Grounds would be continued under the new service proposals.

e) Deddington Playgroup

The Chairman reported that in response to enquiries about the proposals of the Deddington Playgroup no decision could be made at present because the monies accruing to the Windmill Fund were dedicated to the discharge of obtaining debts. Cllr. Hayward's suggestion that an acknowledgement of the Playgroup's proposals be issued together with an explanation of the situation was accordingly endorsed.

f) Pedestrian Crossing at A423/Hempton Road Junction

The Chairman reported that a complaint had been made by the Grove Court Residents Assn. about the difficulties experienced by residents attempting to cross the road at the junction of the A423 and the Hempton Road together with a suggestion that a Controlled Pedestrian Crossing would be the optimum solution. He (Chairman) also recalled that the P.C. had voiced its concern on this very aspect when the development was first mooted. Following some discussion about the suitability of alternative locations, it was agreed that the establishment of a Controlled Pedestrian Crossing at A423/Hempton Road junction be supported.

5. Report on Window Community Centre

The Chairman gave a comprehensive report on the pros and cons of the options of the respective options which had emerged from the exchanges with the Legal Adviser (Mrs Rose) at the previous week's meeting. These options were:

- 1) P.C. to retain full control of the funds.
- 2) Establish Civil Trust Fund.
- 3) Establish Charitable Trust Fund.

Following some very considerable discussion of the issues involved it was agreed that the Chairman would seek further advice from Cherwell D.C., Barclays Bank and Steventon P.C. (which had recently established a Trust Fund in a similar situation) and report back before any final decision was taken.

6) Report on Joint Consultative Meeting (Windmill Community Centre - Present difficulties and future needs)

The Chairman said that there had been a detailed examination of a variety of subjects brought to the notice of the Joint Consultative Meeting. It was agreed that the tree-planting (Mr. Barnes had quoted a price of £1000.00 for his initiative) and other necessary work should be put in hand. It was also agreed that other urgent measures rectification of drains, switchboard etc. - should be implemented. Longer term projects were also considered.

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After initially proposing that the sum of £100.00 be allocated for the production of a suitable design for an appropriate storage shed. Cllr. Marmion then went on to explain that additional cover was required to finance the development of outline plans for the more significant ambitions (ie. Changing room bar etc.). Cllr. Allen's proposal that a sum of up to £1000.00 be allocated for the furtherance of these studies was subsequently approved. Consideration then turned to a request for the underwriting of the cost (£1000.00) of a rotary lawn mower the purchase of which would be funded by a loan from the Brewers. Insurance against the eventuality of the facility being withdrawn was, however, necessary. Following an intervention about the inadvisability of incurring capital expenditure in respect of the playing field when control of that project has not been secured by the P.C., it was agreed to let the matter rest sine die.

8) Bus Tokens

It was agreed that Bus Tokens with a face value of £12.00 would be issued to O.A.P's plus registered blind and disabled persons for the sum of £2.00. Details of the arrangements for their distribution would be publicised shortly.

9) Civil Protection Plan - Appointments and duties

Cllr. Marmion gave a comprehensive statement on this topic which in view of its content and all embracing concern is reproduced verbatim as an Annex to these Minutes.



10. Appointment of School Governor

Cllr. Steven's proposal that Cllr. Webber be appointed as the replacement for Mr. Garrett as School Governor to Deddington Primary School was unanimously endorsed.

11. Welford's Piece (Clifton Recreation Ground) - Tree Planting

Cllr. Webber said it had emerged that it was not practicable for the School to involve its pupils in the protection of the amenities of this Recreation Ground. The Headmaster took the view that the local residents should undertake such measures as were deemed appropriate.

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Cllr. Fenemore recommended a thorn hedge together with trees as the preferred solution. He suggested that Mr. Scott be advised accordingly but considered that the planting of the hedge should proceed in the meanwhile.

13. Planning Applications

No objections were raised to the following applications:

- a) Removal of partitioning etc. at Holcombe Hotel.
- b) Amended plan for the alterations and extension to Winmour Cottage.
- c) Report on Inspector's allowance of appeal on erection of dwelling and construction of vehicular access at Manor Farm House, Clifton.
- d) Refusal of Planning Permission for alterations/extensions to Post Office, 7 Market Place and front of house adjoining Tuckers.
- e) Renewal of application for change of use from vehicle servicing to office of premises at rear of Garage in Hudson Street.
- f) Amended Plan for the renovation of Garden Cottage, Featherton House. Cllr. Gibbs declared an interest in this item.

14. Lighting Scheme for "The Leyes"

Mr. Walkerdine reported that, during his discussions with Oxfordshire C.C., it emerged that the matter was due to be overtaken by events as the C.C. would be offering shortly to take over responsibility for all Deddington Street Lighting including that proposed for "The Leyes". It was agreed that further action on this matter should wait upon receipt of the C.C.'s offer.

15. Accounts Passed for Payment

Messrs. A.S. and C.R. Parrish (Hedge Cutting at Cemetery)	£180.00
Public Works Loan Board (Loan Repayment)	£106.98
Southern Electricity (Town Hall)	£ 31.54

16. March Meeting

To be held on Wednesday 22nd March, 1989

17. The Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

COUNCILLOR MARMION'S REPORT

CIVIL PROTECTION PLAN

Civil Protection is the title given by the Home Office to peacetime and war time emergency planning which places a responsibility upon Local Authorities to provide a planned response to crisis situations in which the normal Emergency Services would be overstretched or ineffective. Such emergencies might encompass natural disasters (gales, floods) man made disasters (Bhopal or Chenhobil) or conventional/nuclear . Operative words "Is overstretch or ineffective" so not really talking Clapham Rail or Lockerbie where all Emergency Services operate. At your meeting on 28th September 1988 the Council accepted the need to be involved in such a plan. We now need people to develop it.

The project is proving slow to develop. I reported to you previously in March 1987 and again in March 1988.

I have now finished a long series of lectures and instruction with Cherwell District Council to qualify as your Community Adviser because you (the Chairman and Members of the Council) will initially be responsible for implementing the plan in the event of an emergency.

WHAT has this entailed:-

WELL HERE IS BOOKLET AND TOPICS

Some aspects U.K. Warn & Monitor Organisation
Radiac Survey
Radiation Protection
Fire Fighting
Food and Water Control and Conservation
Emergency Feeding
Health Hygiene Case of Homeless
Law and Order

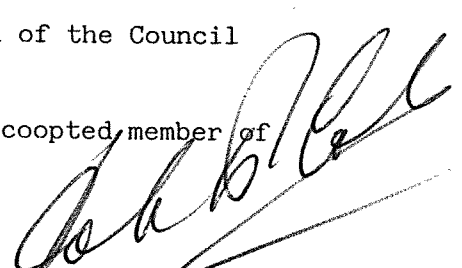
I am in process of writing an Emergency Plan and guide book for the Village so that should anything happen, we would have a "check list" of important actions to be taken.

I have for example organised a major return from farmers and businesses in the area of all their vehicles, equipment and capabilities.

I have the agreement of the Governors of the school to use the school as a refuge and shelter for homeless and I have co-ordinated with another resident to use his house as a control point for the plan once the Town Hall is no longer viable.

However, I have not had any response to my requests for Volunteer help and once I produce an outline plan and check list I shall be recommending to the Council that:-

- 1) The Civil Protection/^{Plan} should be a sub committee function of the Council under the Vice Chairman
- 2) The person designated as Community Adviser should be a coopted member of the sub committee



- 3) Councillors should be nominated annually to oversee the requirements of Feeding, Health, Technical and Welfare functions.

Strictly speaking such persons would need to under go training as I have done.