

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 22ND JUNE 1988

Present: Councillor Cole (Chairman), Councillors Allen, Garrett, Gibbs, Hayward, Mrs. Kedge, Stevens, Mrs. Swash and Webber.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Fenemore, Garvey and Marmion.

1. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 25th May 1988, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

Weight Restriction on B4031 The Clerk reported that this had now been advertised.

Cherwell in Bloom Councillor Mrs. Swash reported that these baskets were now in position and the Chairman thanked Councillor Mrs. Kedge and her for their efforts in this matter.

Skip service A letter from Mrs. Elsley suggesting that a suitable place might be the lay-by at the top of Deddington Hill and it was agreed that this be put to the District Council.

3. Items of correspondence

Bus service X59 The Clerk reported that Midland Red wished to discontinue the 9 a.m. service from Banbury and the return journey from Oxford at 10.25 a.m. and that he had objected to the County Council on the proposal. He also reported that Midland Red were prepared to re-route this service to avoid Hudson Street but that they had not yet done so and he was sending a reminder to them.

Programmed highway works The proposal of the County Council to re-place road studs on A423 to the north of the traffic lights was reported.

Village Ventures Competition The Council congratulate Deddington Playgroup on winning a Runners-up prize in the Community Buildings Section of the Competition and Deddington News on winning one of the fifth prizes in the Village Newsletters Section.

Cemetery The Council noted that the County Council had been asked to extend the footway on B4031 from Windmill Stores to the cemetery. They also thanked Councillor O'Neill for providing and Councillors Gibbs and Hayward for fitting the seat and Mr. Boss for the excellent condition in which he is keeping the cemetery.


OALC Annual Report and ORCC Newsletter were received.

4. Deddington Conservation Area The Clerk reported that basically the old part of Deddington village was now a Conservation Area and the District Council had asked the Council to distribute leaflets to residents advising them of this fact. Councillor Gibbs agreed to ask his father whether he would be prepared to do the distribution.
5. Rural Areas Local Plan The Clerk reported that the Plan had now been published and, so far as Deddington was concerned, did not make any alterations to the Draft Plan. RESOLVED that no comments be made thereon.
6. Notice of Audit The Clerk reported that Audit of the Accounts of the Council for the Year ended 31st March 1988 would commence on 25th July 1988.

7. Castle Grounds A copy of a letter from Department of the Environment on the application for scheduled monument consent had been circulated to all Members and the Chairman reported on a recent visit by officers of English Heritage, who had suggested, inter alia, that grazing was needed on the main area and that some sort of "natural" car parking area would be desirable. The Forestry Adviser, who was present at the meeting, asked whether he could continue with the seat placements and clearing the ridge path and RESOLVED that this work progress. It was agreed that other work await a written report from English Heritage. Councillor Allen declared an interest in this matter but did refer briefly to a letter in Deddington News. Reference was also made to the rather misleading notices recently erected at the traffic lights and the Clerk agreed to try to discover who was responsible for them.
8. War Memorial The Vice-chairman reported that Councillor Gibbs was prepared to undertake this work at the very low figure of £1000, but the Clerk stated that the County Council, on whose land the new site was, had not yet replied to the query as to whether they had any objection and the Council insurers were not happy in undertaking the risk of damage during the removal of the Memorial. RESOLVED that the offer of Councillor Gibbs be accepted subject to satisfactory arrangements being made with the County Council and the insurance risk. Councillor Gibbs declared an interest in this matter and did not take part in the discussion nor vote thereon.
9. Notice boards In response to the views of the Parish Meeting, the Council agreed that three other boards might be sited in Deddington- together with one in Clifton (on the bus shelter) and one in Hempton. The Chairman agreed to ask Councillor O'Neill if he had any suitable boards available.
10. Playing field for Clifton The Council accepted, with thanks the offer of Mr. Donald Welford of the site for a playing field at Tithe Lane provided Planning permission was forthcoming.
11. Windmill Community Centre
- Defects in hall A copy of a letter from the architect had been circulated to all Members but RESOLVED that the matter be deferred until finance was available to do the work.
- Phase II The Chairman gave a brief report on the construction of the playing field and stated that a quotation had been asked for a low perimeter wall between the car park and field.
- Architect RESOLVED that the solicitor be asked for an early report.
12. Planning applications No objections were raised to (a) conservatory at The Old Lodge, St. Thomas Street; (b) extension at rear of College House, Hempton; (c) lowering of kerb at 2a Hempton Road; (d) residential development (maximum 15 houses) at Boulderdyke Farm; (e) two building plots at Tithe Lane; (f) playing field at Tithe Lane. Councillor Mrs. Kedge declared an interest in (a) and did not take any part in the discussion nor vote thereon.
13. Accounts for payment were passed as follows:-

J. Boss	Grass cutting	£ 60. 00
British Gas	Town Hall heating	12. 83
Southern Electricity	Street Lighting	593. 18
A. Gardner	Salary and expenses	98. 33
D. Pritchard	Town Hall cleaning	6. 50
Ray West	Hanging baskets	21. 00

The Meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.


 Chairman