

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1982

Present: Councillor Ward (Chairman), Councillors Mrs. Cheeseman, Gardner, Garrett, George, Hayward, Marshall, O'Neill, Mrs. Robinson, Stevens, Webber and Mackenzie.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Fuller and Garvey.

1. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 25th August, 1982, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

Gas supply to Hempton The Clerk reported that he had been advised verbally that it was unlikely that the gas main for the Barfords would be constructed owing to the cost.

Street lighting improvements It was noted that the improvements, including the one at Tay's Gateway, had now been completed.

Planning decisions The Clerk reported that among the Planning decisions made there had been two refusals which were at variance with the Council's observations - the bungalow at the rear of Holcombe Hotel and the six residential units at the rear of 8 Hudson Street.

3. Items of correspondence

Market stall An application from the Women's Institute for a stall on 16th October was approved subject to no liability falling on the Council.

Sunday bus services The proposed new bus timings on the Banbury to Oxford service on Sundays were noted.

Hopcraft Lane A complaint was received from a resident that a hole in the footway and an abandoned vehicle had remained unattended to for many months past. AGREED that the County Council repair the hole and the District Council be asked to take action to remove the abandoned vehicle.

4. Parish Liaison meeting

The Chairman and Vice Chairman gave brief reports on the meeting held at Bodicote House, which had discussed allocation of Council houses, snow clearing, conservation areas, bus concessionary fares, cost of District Council Annual Report prohibition of supplementary precepts, M40 extension, the lack of byelaws for stubble burning.

Arising therefrom, the Clerk reported that he had received a questionnaire from the District Chief Executive concerning concessionary bus fares: it was felt that the questionnaire could not be completed without canvassing the Parish, but half-rate fares ought to be provided for the elderly and infirm; it was agreed that the Vice Chairman make enquiries about a community bus service.

Concerning the M40 Extension, RESOLVED that the Clerk prepare a written statement for the Inquiry, a Member attend to give evidence if at all possible, and the sum of £25 be paid to the Support Group.

5. Bonfires Councillor Stevens asked whether anything could be done about bonfires which caused a nuisance to neighbours and the Clerk pointed out that there were no byelaws on the matter in Oxfordshire. It was generally agreed that this sort of problem was one which could be best dealt with by people having consideration for each other.
6. Bridlepath off Hempton Road The Vice Chairman noted that dumping was still causing a problem on this bridlepath and that there was the possibility of a health hazard RESOLVED that the Clerk remind the District Council of the problem.

7. Windmill Community Centre A further report was given on the developments taking place and it was agreed that, although the Council would like to know of general progress, detailed information was not required. In answer to a question, the Chairman explained that no body could have exclusive ^{use} of any part of the Centre as it was provided for and run by the community at large.
The Clerk reported that the proposal to reduce the rating assessment had been referred to the Valuation Court as the District Valuer considered that he could not reduce it.
It was reported that the land was now in the ownership of the Council.
8. Planning Committee It was reported that the Planning Committee had met and raised no objections to a double garage at Hazel Cottage, Clifton or to the division of a house into two at Wells House, Market Place.
9. Planning applications No objection were made to proposals to:-
Erect two houses at Castle Street (Reserved matters)
Instal new windows at Foresters Hall (Councillor O'Neill declared an interest in this and took ^{no} part in the discussion nor voted thereon)
Office extension at Stoneleigh, Horsefair,
10. Accounts for payment were approved as follows:-
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| Oxfordshire Rural Comm. Cncl. | Draft leases | £2. 50 |
| Rob's Gardening Services | Grass cutting | 37. 95 |
| Southern Electricity | Street lighting | 2234. 75 |
| A. Gardner | Salary and expenses | 168. 00 |
| D. Pritchard | Wages | 6. 50 |
11. RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded for the next item of business owing to its confidential nature. The Clerk also withdrew.
12. Clerk's salary The Chairman raised the question of the salary paid to the Clerk and RESOLVED that, as from 1st October, 1982, the salary be £680 per annum, which approximates to the agreed National scales: this salary does not include any approved expenses.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Mary Robison
Chairman