

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 23RD FEBRUARY, 1983

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

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Garvey.

1. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 26th January, 1983, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

Kings Arms It was reported that the transfer of the Licence application had been deferred by the Justices as it appeared that the transferee was to hold the Licence but not re-open the premises. RESOLVED that the owners be asked to give an assurance that the premises will be opened as soon as possible and that in the meantime they keep them in a clean and tidy condition. FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk attend the adjourned hearing if suitable assurances were not received.

Highway verges The County Surveyor and Engineer has replied stating that the works requested by the Council could only be given a low priority.
Precept 1983/84 The District Council are prepared to pay the full amount on 1st May.

3. Items of Correspondence

Benfield Appeal It was reported that Benfields had now withdrawn their Planning appeal as an amended application had been approved.

Summer Fair It was agreed that an application from Mr. Harry Wigfield to stand at the Summer Fair be refused as this fair has long since ceased to operate.

Castle Grounds A complaint from Miss Betty Hill on recent dumping of rubbish was considered and it was stated that this had probably occurred when the Scouts were clearing their site. RESOLVED that the Scouts be asked to remove the rubbish and to leave their site in a generally tidy condition. FURTHER RESOLVED that the gate remain unpadlocked.

OALC Circular was made available for Members to read.

4. Possible bus concessions to Banbury In response to an inquiry on the running of the Adderbury pensioners' bus, Heyfordian Travel Limited gave details of how such a service could operate from Deddington to Banbury either within the existing service or by a special bus. After some deliberation, when the loading of the present service was commented upon, RESOLVED that there is no need for such a scheme to operate at the present time.
5. Byelaws for recreation grounds A copy of the existing byelaws for Castle Grounds and of model byelaws for recreation grounds had been circulated to all Members with a view to new byelaws being made to extend to the Windmill Community Centre sports field. Members were not happy about certain minor aspects of the model byelaws and the Clerk was instructed to draw up a suitable draft for consideration after he had obtained the views of the Windmill Community Centre committee.
6. Revised postal arrangements Further consideration was given to these when it was requested by Councillor Hayward that all complaints be channelled through him as the member on the POAC with full supporting evidence. A Member stated that he had experienced delay in receiving a letter over that on a similar delivery to Banbury and the Clerk was instructed to take this matter up with the Head Postmaster. It was further stated that a larger postbox would shortly be placed at the Post Office.

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7. Grass cutting The Clerk reported that Robs Gardening Services had advised him verbally that they were prepared to cut the grass for 1983 on the same terms as those which applied to 1982 and RESOLVED that this offer be accepted.
8. Market stall An application from Deddington Playgroup to hold a market stall on 30th April was approved, subject to no liability falling on the Council.
9. Windmill Community Centre The Vice Chairman reported that negotiations with the builder were hopefully nearing a successful conclusion.
10. Planning application An application for a re-opening of a previous vehicular access in Hempton Road to The Old Manor Farmhouse with the changing of the use of the existing one in Banbury Road to a pedestrian one was considered to be unsuitable as it was too close to the traffic lights and not so convenient as the existing one: the existence of the previous vehicular access there was also queried by some of those Members who had long memories of the site.
11. Street lighting The Clerk was instructed to draw the attention of the Electricity Board to the continual burning of a lamp at Piers Close and to another in The Paddocks.
12. Accounts for payment were approved as follows:-

Johnson & Co (Deddington)	Timber - W. C. C.	£48. 94
Public Works Loan Board	Annuity payment	106. 98
Southern Electricity	Street lighting	11. 09
do	Town Hall	14. 61

The meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

Douglas V. Ward
Chairman