

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 23RD MARCH 1988

Present: Councillor Fenemore (Chairman), Councillors Allen, Cole, Fuller, Garrett, Garvey, Gibbs, Hayward, Mrs. Kedge, O'Neill, Stevens, Mrs. Swash and Webber.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Marmion.

1. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 17th February 1988, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

A423 A letter from the County Councillor setting out the proposals for Deddington Hill, which did not meet either his or the Council's wishes on safety grounds, was read. RESOLVED that the assistance of Adderbury and Steeple Aston Parish Councils be sought on the problems of Deddington and Danes Hills.

The Old Stores, Clifton The Clerk reported that Conditional Approval had been given to this Planning application, which the Council had been against.

Maunds Farmhouse The Clerk reported that the Planning Authority would be taking action against this unauthorised access if it was not closed.

Land at Hempton The decision dismissing this Planning appeal was reported.

Bus tokens Receipt of a petition was reported. RESOLVED that this matter be considered in more detail at the next meeting.

Market Place Telephone Kiosk It was reported that the Department of the Environment had listed this kiosk. RESOLVED that English Heritage be asked to consider the listing of the kiosks at Clifton and Hempton.

3. Items of correspondence

Castle Grounds - barbecue RESOLVED that permission be given to the Forestry Adviser to have a portable barbecue unit on the Grounds on one occasion during the "Clean Up" campaign.

Liaison with Parish Authorities Preliminary notice was given of this meeting on 15th September at Bodicote House.

Refuse Collection Service Notice was given of possible changes in days, which had now taken place. Notice was also given of the Easter, May Day and Spring Bank Holiday arrangements.

Castle Street A letter on the state of the verges at the Hopcraft Lane junction was reported and RESOLVED that the Area Surveyor be asked to consider re-inforcing the verges in a similar way to that at the south-eastern corner of Market Place.

Holcombe Hotel Notice of the proposed change in the Licensee was reported.

Bus service The decision of the County Council to continue to subsidise the Thursday "shoppers" bus service until 4th November 1989 was reported.

Village Theatre Workshops This matter was referred to the Home-School Association.

Banbury Community Play A newsletter was reported.

Programmed Highway works The programme until the end of April was reported.

Children's Play Areas Notice of a County Conference was reported.

Review of Non-Metropolitan Counties The Commission's proposals for Buckinghamshire were reported.

County boundary The minor alteration in the County boundary at Clifton would come into effect on 1st April was reported.

Cherwell District Council Receipt of the 1986/87 Abstract of Accounts and the 1988/89 Estimates were reported: it was noted that the Parish Rate for Deddington was now higher than the District Rate.

4. Grass maintenance programme One tender, in the sum of £25 per cut for the Cemetery only from Mr. John Boss, was reported. RESOLVED that the Clerk discuss the possibility of adding the Castle Grounds to his tender with Mr. Boss and then, if suitable, he be authorised to accept both tenders provided that the Chairman is also satisfied. It was noted that the areas around the seats in Castle Grounds would need special attention.
5. War Memorial Detail was given of the division of Cakebread's estimate and the receipt of a petition supporting the move of the Memorial was also reported. A suggestion that a mini-Memorial giving the names of the Fallen only might be erected in Market Place. RESOLVED that the latter view be given to the local Branch of the Royal British Legion with the query whether their National Headquarters might financially support the work.
6. List of Chairmen This suggestion from Councillor Marmion was deferred until he could elaborate on his idea.

Castle Grounds - proposed parking area Copies of all letters from people who had commented on the proposal had been circulated to all Members. The Clerk reported that English Heritage had not yet dealt with the application and then Planning permission would be needed as well as further investigation made into the ownership of the access road. RESOLVED that English Heritage be reminded of the application, that the other improvements be proceeded with, and that the Forestry Adviser be asked whether the estimates still stood. Councillor Allen declared an interest in this matter and did not take part in the discussion nor vote thereon.

8. Windmill Community Centre

Lease The Clerk reported that the lease operated from 25th December last and gave a brief resume on its provisions.

Phase II Copies of letters from those who wished the Council to negotiate with the builder had been circulated to all Members. The Chairman gave a report on Phase II since the Council had first been recommended by the financial working group to exchange the pieces of land with the builder which had been the subject of the contract completed in December last; he also stated that he understood that the builder was not prepared to re-negotiate the boundaries: the Council's aims had to be initially to see that the new playing field was up to the required standard, the Planning conditions for the Centre were complied with and the loan debt be repaid: only then could consideration be given to the disposal of other moneys which were still in hand. The Council supported the Chairman.

The Clerk reported that the adviser for the playing field had resigned and that Mr. Andrew Barnes had been asked to undertake the work.

Joint consultative committee Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 1988 were received.

9. Planning Committee The Chairman reported that the Committee had met and (a) had no objections to the retrospective application for the change of use of a dwelling to an office at The Bullring; (b) with the proviso about the poor sewerage system at Clifton, had no objections to a two-storey extension at St. Anne's Cottage, Clifton; and (c) whilst they welcomed the idea of an extended Health Centre, they felt that there was insufficient parking space for the anticipated increase in patients and staff and considered that the space on which it is proposed to build a house would be needed. The Clerk reported amended plans had been received for (c) but that they did not overcome the objections.

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10. Planning applications No objections were made to (a) extension to form swimming pool at The Orchard, Clifton; (b) new porch, and bedrooms and bathroom in existing roof space at The Duke of Cumberland's Head; or to (c) amended plans for flat over Oak Cash and Carry Stores and rehabilitation of 4 Market Place. Councillor Allen declared an interest in (a) and did not take part in the discussion nor vote thereon. A letter objecting to (c) was reported.

11. Accounts for payment were passed as follows:-

Oxfordshire County Council	Castle Grounds mowing	£316. 96
Oxfordshire Rural Community Council	Entry Fee,	
	Best Kept Village Comp.	6. 00
Southern Electricity	Street lighting	580. 30
A. Gardner	Salary and expenses	246. 11
D. Pritchard	Town Hall cleaning	6. 50
Lane Fox	Allotments rent	62. 50

12. RESOLVED that, owing to the confidential nature of the next business, the public and press be excluded.

13. Windmill Community Centre

Phase II The Chairman introduced Mr. Andrew Barnes to Members. Mr. Barnes then presented his report, a copy of which had been given to each Member. The Clerk read a letter from Rockwell Developments. RESOLVED that the report be accepted and that Mr. Barnes would continue to advise the Council; that an early meeting be arranged with Rockwell with the Chairman, Vice-chairman and Councillor Fuller being present to discuss the matter on site; and that the builder be advised not to do any work which will prejudice the implementation of the scheme meantime.

Mr. Middleditch A brief progress report from the solicitor was reported.
Covenant A letter from the solicitor giving the advantages and disadvantages of offering £7500 to the County Council to release the covenant. RESOLVED that the offer be made.

14. The Clerk The Council considered the review of the Clerk's salary and RESOLVED that it be increased by £200 per annum from 1st April 1988. The Clerk withdrew during the discussion of this item.

The Meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.



Chairman