

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 24TH JUNE 1987

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

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Hayward.

1. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 27th May 1987, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

The Grove footway lighting The Clerk reported that the County Council considered this road to be adopted highway maintained by the public expense to the end of the development and then a public footpath.

Village Theatre Workshops A letter from the Parent-Teacher Association stated that this had been booked for Deddington from 17th to 21st August at a cost of £70 and asked for assistance. RESOLVED that £20 be donated.

Deddington Playgroup stated that they had applied to the District Council for a grant to construct a new hut and asked the Council for its backing, together with a discussion with Members on the proposals. RESOLVED that the application to the District Council be supported and that the Chairman and Councillors Mrs. Kedge, Marmion and Mrs. Swash be appointed to meet Playgroup representatives.

3. Items of correspondence

Public transport leaflets The County Council were preparing these for general distribution and asked how best to do so in Deddington. The Deddington News representative stated that these could be incorporated into an issue and undertook to ask the Editors if this was feasible.

Town Hall canopy An application from Deddington Playgroup for a cake stall on Saturday, 11th July was approved subject to no liability falling on the Council thereby.

OALC circular was reported on.

4. Castle Grounds

Playground equipment Councillor Webber reported on the damage to this and Councillors agreed to look at it before the next Meeting.

Pavilion Councillor Allen reported that improvements were shortly to be carried out by Community Volunteers who might also construct an adventure playground.

Grass cutting Councillor Allen stated that he had not yet done this as his machine had broken down but he would shortly do so. The question of the contract was again considered and Sibford Landscapes had stated that they would be prepared to take over RGS Landscapes work as the latter firm had now ceased to exist. RESOLVED that the offer be accepted on the same terms as applied formerly.

Moles It was noted that the moles had re-appeared and the Chairman agreed to ask Councillor Hayward about the molecatcher and get the work done.

Oxford United Football Club An application from Deddington Town Football Club to charge admission for a game against Oxford United in August, the profits going to charity, was approved.

5. Cemetery

Grass cutting Councillors Cole and O'Neill were thanked for cutting the grass twice since the last Meeting. Two offers were considered to carry on the contract and RESOLVED that Sibford Landscapes be accepted on the same terms as applied formerly.

5. Cemetery (continued)

Soil clearance Further consideration was given to this matter especially as there had been a burial recently. RESOLVED that the undertakers be advised that the soil must be removed right away from the site at their cost.

Lay-by A complaint was received about the presence in the lay-by on Sunday, 21st June of competitors and officials in a motor cycle rally which interfered with those wishing to visit the cemetery. RESOLVED that a complaint be made to the appropriate authority.

6. Visit of Area Engineer A brief report was given by the Chairman.

7. Parish Church clock A request from the Parochial Church Council for the Council to meet the cost of automatic winding which would be approximately £2000 was considered, but RESOLVED that, whilst the importance of the clock was recognised, no funds were available to assist for the time being.

8. Litter bins Councillor Mrs. Swash reported that five or six traders had offered to pay for bins and she was awaiting information on bins with locks after which she would report on costs and possible sites. Councillor Mrs. Swash was thanked for enthusiasm on this problem.

Windmill Centre

Lease The Clerk reported that the draft was still with the Charity Commrs.
Phase II The result of the Planning appeal, a copy of which had been circulated to all Members, and which had dismissed it on very narrow grounds which the developer could easily overcome, was discussed and RESOLVED that the matter be considered further in private when certain details could be made available. Reference was also made to the Recreation Ground fence and it was stated that the Cricket Club were adequately covered against third party claims.

Mr. Bishop A letter from the agent stated that Mr. Bishop acknowledged that he had no right of way through his side gate and would be dealing with the fence as soon as possible

Joint consultative committee The Vice-chairman reported that there had been a meeting of members and there were various points which might be better dealt with in private as they might be litigious.

Mothers' Union A complaint on the state of the Centre was reported and it was agreed that this was purely a management matter, although regrettable.

10. Planning applications No objections were made to (a) a new dwelling adjoining 2 Duns Tew Road or to (b) a vehicular access at 3 Hempton Road.

11. Accounts for payment were passed as follows:-

British Gas	Town Hall heating	£ 8. 90
A. Gardner	Salary and expenses	244. 20
D. Pritchard	Town Hall cleaning	6. 50

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

13. Windmill Community Centre


Phase II Letters from Rockwell Developments Limited pointing out that the ground for the Planning refusal could be easily overcome and that another application would be made provided the Council were prepared to enter into a commitment to continue were read. The various options for proceeding were considered and it was felt that Rockwell, with its option on the Bishop land had a big advantage over other possibilities. RESOLVED that the solicitor be instructed to draw up an agreement with Rockwell Developments Limited, subject to an upward negotiation of the prices being agreed by the District Valuer, and that a statement be made as soon as

13. Windmill Community Centre (continued)

Joint consultative committee The matters raised in Mr. Reed's letter on his interpretation of the meeting were discussed and RESOLVED as follows:-

- (a) that the question of commercial cleaning was a matter for the Centre committee and Councillor Webber stated that Mr. Reed's reply to the Mothers' Union was considered to be unsatisfactory by his own committee: a suggestion was made that a named representative of each organisation booking the hall should be responsible for its cleanliness;
- (b) that matters referring to constructional defects ~~were~~ be passed to the solicitor as he was responsible for agreeing the content of the building contract;
- (c) that certain security matters including those concerning the bar be remedied by the committee as tenant's fittings,

The Meeting closed at 10 p.m.



Chairman