

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 24th.  
June, 1992.

**Present:**

Councillors Oddy, Clarke, Clinch, Mrs Lee, Miss Hill, Mace, Reed, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Swash and Todd. County Cr Matthews in attendance.

**15/92 Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Crs Mrs Garvey, Canning and O'Brien. District Councillor Croft also apologised.

**16/92 Minutes of the last meeting.**

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 27th May, 1992 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**17/92 Matters arising.**

The Chairman read a letter from Mrs M Dew stating her view that the Highway Authority and this Council could put their resources to better use than expending money on resurfacing the Tchure. The letter was noted.

**18/92 Update on Schemes by Lead Councillors.**

(a) Village Appraisal - Cr Mace. He reported that he had co-opted Messrs J Marmion and AFF Flux, that the project would take a considerable time. The aim was to integrate the assets of the Parish with the aspirations of the inhabitants and to prepare a long term plan to give effect thereto. He estimated the requirement of a budget allowance of £250 - £500 and would require a copy of the Electoral Roll and the Draft District Plan. A further report would be made to the September Meeting.

(b) Land Project - Cr Miss Hill. She had co-opted Mr J Lee and stated that it would initially be necessary to await the conclusions with regard to the Draft District Plan and to liaise with the Village Appraisal Project. A report to the October meeting was envisaged.

(c) Low Cost Housing - Cr Reed. Following the decision in Minute 12/92(e) ~~198t~~ it would be necessary to await the sale of the preferred site owner's Manor Farm site before further progress could be made.

(d) Community Bus - Cr Bowen. In his absence the Clerk reported that the bus should be available in a week's time and it was agreed that Cr Bowen be asked to report to the next meeting.

(e) Town Hall/Public Toilets - Cr Mace. He reported that a meeting with the owners was to take place the next day at which the future of the building would be discussed in detail. A fully operational Museum may mean that the Council would need to find an alternative venue for its meetings. The Trustees had requested a grant with which to employ an architect to prepare a scheme of refurbishment and possible extension. A report would be made to the next meeting.



## 18/92 (cont'd)

(f)Pathfinders - Cr Mrs Lee. Work was progressing and she hoped to be in a position to report to the next meeting. Mr R Barlow of Hempton, having given prior notice, spoke to the need for a footpath and cycle track from Hempton to Deddington. The Council had previously received a petition signed by 97 residents requesting such a path and he stated that since the opening of the M40 traffic through Hempton had doubled. Within 8 years national statistitions were suggesting that traffic would increase by 30%. It was suggested that Mr Barlow request permission to speak to the matter at an early meeting of the County Council Traffic and Works Committee, and though when the question was put to members no-one thought the provision of a path was a bad investment but were of the opinion that it should be provided by the responsible authority - the County Council. It was resolved that the County Council be asked for the specification for the footpath and cycle track, again asked to give priority to the scheme and to indicate that this Council was prepared to make a contribution.

(g)Grants Sub-Committee. No meeting.

(h)Planning Sub-Committee - Cr Miss Hill.

Applications.

CHN265/92 "Stoncroft", Clifton Road - Demolition of existing garage and forming new single storey extension. No observations  
 CHN.LB.270/92 "Bull Ring Cottage", The Bull Ring - Ground floor utility & first floor bedroom extension. Improvement on previous application and now meets the wishes of the Parish.  
 CHN531/91 Land off Hudson Street - Demolition of existing lock-up garages and the construction of 12 elderly persons flats. The Council is disappointed that no attempt has been made, in the resubmission, to amend the overall design to make it more in keeping with a site in the centre of the conservation area. However although the overlooking problem has been improved, the scale and height of the complex is still not acceptable.

Approvals.

CHN.LB.71/92 "Tay's Cottage", The Bull Ring - New porch/conservatory etc.  
 CHN.LB.170/92 "Grove House", New Street -Enlargement of existing window opening and opening up of previously sealed window opening.  
 CHN177/92 Field south of Sports Field, Hempton Road - Change of use from agricultural to recreational.  
 CHN834/92 "Barleyfields", off Mill Close - Construction of houses, garages, roads, sewers and ancillary works (amended plans moved the dwellings an acceptable distance from the existing properties in Mill Close).  
 CHN758/88 Manor Farm, - Demolition of farm buildings and construction of 62 dwellings together with ancillary landscaping (Outline).  
 CHN200/92 Workshop, St James Church, Clifton - Relaxation of condition attached to the jewellery workshop permission (CHN 237/78) to permit a general light industrial/office use of the building.

**18/92 (h) cont'd)**Refusal

CHN LB 217/92 Post Office, Market Place - (Retrospective) Lean-to outbuilding in existing yard for preparation of newspaper orders.

(i) Windmill Sub-Committee - Cr Clarke. He reported that a budget had been prepared for the Centre and the Sports Ground which revealed a deficit to be funded by the Parish Council of £8,000. A meeting with the Football Club had satisfactorily settled outstanding matters.

(j) Castle Grounds - Cr Miss Hill. A report will be made to the July meeting.

(k) Allotments - Cr Clinch. He submitted a detailed report upon his investigation. There were 39 plots of which 21 were occupied. The condition of the vacant plots was poor and was creating difficulties for the tenants of adjacent plots and the absence of a water supply was a further difficulty. Only 2 tenants had paid rent for 1991 and none for the current year. In these circumstances he recommended as follows:-

1. that existing tenants be granted two years (1991 and 1992) free of rent.

2. rents from 1st January, 1993 be increased as follows

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| 1 full allotment  | £10.00 per annum |
| 2 full allotments | £17.50 per annum |
| 3 full allotments | £25.00 per annum |
| ½ an allotment    | £5.00 per annum  |

3. the approach to the site down Satin Lane should form part of the Council's mowing scheme

4. the unoccupied plots should be rotavated before letting, a cost per plot of £10 had been obtained.

5. vacant plots should be advertised in the Deddington News

6. a water supply should be made available by 1st April, 1993.

Recommendations 1 to 5 were agreed by the Council and it was resolved to seek quotations for a water supply for report to the next meeting of Council. Cr Clinch was thanked for his speedy report in this matter.

**19/92 Appointment of Village Steward.**

The Chairman reported that there were 2 applicants for the post, but that one had withdrawn. The job description for the post was as approved at the last meeting, and attached to these minutes, and the wage quoted was £200 per week for an average 4 days of 8 hrs each per week, 5 days to be worked in summer and 3 in the winter months. Annual leave entitlement will be 10 working days and the appointment would be subject to a probationary period of 6 months. The Chairman, Cr Clinch and Cr Clarke had interviewed the remaining applicant Mr Dennis Freeman, of 15, Hempton Road who was willing to accept the position on the above terms and the aforementioned members recommended his appointment. It was estimated that for a permanent appointment equipment costing approximately £1500 would be necessary and together with the employer's costs of the appointment a sum of some £150,000 of the capital receipts

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**19/92 (cont'd)**

would be required to be set aside. Certain savings would be effected on the Windmill and Town Hall budgets but the standard of cleanliness and maintenance in the Parish should be vastly improved. The Steward would be responsible to the Clerk for day to day operations and detailed records of work undertaken would be maintained. The proposal was put to the meeting and was approved by 9 votes to nil, Cr Mace abstaining.

**20/92 Educational Grants.** Following debate Cr Clarke proposed and Cr Miss Hill seconded a proposal that the criteria for grant to be payable should be as follows:

1. Applications to be received by 1st September annually
2. Applicants should be under 21 years of age on the aforesaid 1st September
3. Individual grants will not exceed £100 and the total paid will need to be strictly monitored to ensure that together with other payments made in accordance with Section 137 (as amended) the annual payment limits are not exceeded.
4. Each applicant should be entering or undertaking tertiary full-time education and will be required to provide proof of the particular course and the additional costs of books and/or equipment to be incurred.
5. A residential qualification of 3 years in the parish will be applied.

The proposal was approved nem con and the scheme will be administered by the Grants Sub-Committee.

**21/92 Draft District Plan.** Following a meeting with planning officers the Sub-Committee had decided to amend their recommendation in respect of land to the north of Earl's Lane. It is now considered that Deddington is already destined to grow by some 20% upon completion of schemes which already have planning permission. It was therefore recommended to Council that any development on land without existing planning permission should be opposed. The recommendation was approved nem con.

**22/92 Deddington Transfer Sewer.** The District Council have advised that the contract to pump Duns Tew sewage to Deddington, from Deddington to Adderbury and from Adderbury to the Grimsbury Main Treatment plant has been let. The sewage works at Duns Tew, Deddington and Adderbury will become redundant and new pumping stations will be constructed at Danes Hill, - Chapmans Lane, Deddington, -and at Adderbury. Plans were displayed showing the route of the new sewers and it was resolved to thank the Council for the information. The completed works should be of benefit to this parish.

**23/92 Legal Action.** Counsel's conclusion relating to the legal action had been circulated to each member. The full opinion was being circulated and it was resolved that a final resolution in the matter be made at the next meeting of Council.



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24/92 Woolerton Truscott Report. Plans of the Land Survey and a preliminary Recreational Layout of the Windmill Site as extended by the "Potato Field" were displayed. The Clerk was instructed to inform the consultants that

(a) the Bowling Green should be moved to the southernmost position on the eastern boundary,

(b) the area to the north of the bowling green should be reserved for an extension to the car park,

(c) the sum of £35,000 be the maximum expenditure on the 3 pavilions and the football shelters.

These decisions were put to a vote and carried nem con.

Further discussion took place regarding the siting of the tots play area and the siting as per the plan was agreed. It was thought however that consideration should be given to the provision of an all weather surface for various games possibly on the present tennis courts and an alternative site be found for tennis.

25/92 Parish Clerk's Contract. The contract was due for review as at 1st July and the Chairman proposed and the Vice Chairman seconded the following amendments:-

(a) that an office be taken for a period of six months at Centrepoint from R M Prior and A E Sloan at a licence fee of £1,000 plus VAT, for use by the Clerk for 2 days per week,

(b) that an answer-phone be installed,

(c) that the Clerk's salary be increased to twelve thirty sevenths of the lowest grade as recommended by the NALC viz £3,153 per annum, and

(d) that the above changes take effect from 1st July, 1992.

Following debate the proposition was put to the vote and passed nem con.

#### 26/92 Correspondence.

(a) Cherwell Villager. The mini-bus had now been purchased and a letter had been received stating that it was hoped to start the services at the end of July. The only service running through the parish would be on a Monday to the following timetable:-

Outward		Inward	
Clifton Bus Shelter	10.15	Banbury Bus Station	14.35
Deddington Hempton Rd	10.20	Hempton Church	14.47
Hempton Church	10.23	Deddington Hempton Rd	15.10
Banbury Bus Station	10.55	Clifton Bus Shelter	15.15

The fares will be 75p single and £1.50 return from any stop.

(b) Deddington Cricket Club. A letter complaining at the non-compliance with the maintenance contract on the sports field by the County Council, this Council's contractors. The Clerk reported that a meeting had taken place this afternoon between a representative of the contractor, this Council and the Cricket Club and a promise was made of a better service being provided.

(c) Cherwell Summer Sports Roadshow. The District Council



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requested details of venues and dates upon which the roadshow could visit the parish during the school holidays. It was agreed that the Windmill and Castle Grounds could be used at dates to suit the District Council.

(d) Traffic Calming. A letter from the County Council asking whether the Parish Council was prepared to fund the provision of a pedestrian refuge. Agreed that this matter be deferred to the next meeting.

(e) Parish Liaison Meeting. This was to be held on Friday, 2nd October, 1992 and the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Cr Miss Hill were appointed as this Council's delegates.

(f) Parking - The Grove. A letter from the County Council promising Police involvement in stopping parking.

(g) District Audit. The Audit of the 1991/92 accounts would commence on 6th July, 1992.

(h) The Tchure. A letter was received from Mrs M Dew who was unhappy at the proposed expenditure by the County Council and the Parish in this street. The orders had already been placed and one of the objectives was to demarcate the footpath.

**27/92 To pass the following accounts for payment:-**

Creditor	Detail	Amount £
Cornhill Insurance	Annual Premium	289.00
Glasdon UK Ltd	Litter Bins	890.46
On-Centre Surveys Ltd	Land Survey	581.63
John Boss	Grasscutting etc.	234.00
Alan Healey	Cleaning Town Hall	14.00
D H Blakey	Clerk's Salary & Expenses	167.37
R M Prior & A E Sloan	Office Licence Fee	1,175.00

**28/92 Dates of Next Meetings.**

Extraordinary Meeting - Wednesday, 15th July, 1992  
 Ordinary Meeting - Wednesday, 22nd July, 1992.