

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday
24th November, 1993

Present: Councillors Clinch (Chairman), Bowen, Clarke, Canning, Mrs Garvey, Mrs Lee, Miss Hill, O'Brien, Reed, Mrs Swash and Todd.

129/93 Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Crs Mrs Stevens, Oddy and Barlow. County Councillor Matthews and District Councillor Davis also apologised due to a Special District Council Meeting.

130/93 Cr Mrs Garvey.

Referring to Minute 110/93 the Chairman reported that he was delighted that Cr Mrs Garvey had decided to remain on the Council.

131/93 Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th October, 1993.

The above minutes, which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

132/93 Matters arising from the Minutes.

(a) Min. 117/93 Grasscutting. The Clerk reported that the arrangement referred to was in respect of Deddington village only and he had therefore asked the County Engineer to supply areas and costs in respect of Hempton and Clifton.

(b) Min. 118/93 Playgroup Fencing. The Clerk reported that he had now received the Consultant's specification for this fence and had passed a copy to the Chairwoman of the Group for their comments. The Group had requested two alterations - firstly it was a requirement of the Fire Officer that a second exit from the site be formed on the southern boundary for emergency evacuation purposes. Secondly the hedge on the northern boundary was prickly for the children and was sparse in places enabling dogs to gain access to the premises and they would wish to see a fence on that boundary also. It was agreed to meet the requests of the Playgroup and to seek tenders for the works as per the specification, which had been displayed, as amended.

133/93 There was no "other business" of an urgent nature.

134/93 Coat of Arms Sub-Committee.

Notes of the last meeting of the Sub-Committee, which are appended, were approved.

135/93 Environmental and Recreation Sub-Committee.

Cr Mrs Lee reported as follows:-

(a) Parish Constables. The sub-committee had discussed the Home Office reply to this Council's submission and had agreed



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that the best way of reducing crime was to increase the numbers of the police and special constables. Council concurred.

(b) Market Place Bus Shelter. Several types of shelter had been considered and their recommendation was that metal and glass were not suitable materials for this location and a stone shelter was therefore proposed. It was suggested that if the buses turned in the Market Place there would be no need for a second shelter and the problems of buses using Hudson Street would be overcome. However it was resolved to await the findings of the Parish Appraisal before proceeding with this matter.

(c) Street Lighting. The recommendations for new street lighting points were as follows:- The Tchure, The Stile, Hopcraft Lane and Chapel Close, Clifton. Resolved that the Clerk negotiate with owners of property where necessary, agree siting with the County Council and obtain an estimate for the works.

(d) Boulderdyke Farm Development. The District Council had requested this Council to suggest a name for the road on this development and the recommendation, which was approved, was Walnut Close.

(e) Castle Grounds. A letter had been received from English Heritage stating that a surveyor would shortly inspect the area proposed to be drained. The contractor had been given instructions to proceed with the cutting of the area which was formerly the rifle range and car park..

(f) Tree Planting. Mr J Scott had submitted a programme for 1994 which included tree planting at Hempton Road, Banbury Road and Castle Grounds and the completion of the hedge along Earls Lane. The estimated total cost - £340- was approved and the Clerk was asked to submit the programme to the District Council for grant purposes.

(g) War Memorial. The request from the British Legion for its resiting in the Market Place was seen by the Sub-Committee and the Council as very desirable, subject to the cost being reasonable. However in order to gauge the views of parishioners the Deddington News was requested to give publicity to the question of resiting in its next edition and meanwhile the Clerk should obtain estimates of the cost.

(h) Cr Miss Hill stated that the bushes and shrubs had now been obtained and would shortly be planted in the planters at the entrances to the villages.

136/93 Holly Tree Sub-Committee.

The Clerk reported that the work on repairs had commenced and that the Trustees of the Charity were in correspondence with the Charity Commission regarding transferring **the site to this Council**. The Chairman reported upon a quotation received for updating the electrical work at the Club to modern standards-(see financial appendix)-and the Clerk was asked to obtain further quotations.

137/93 Low Cost Housing.

The Clerk reported that Application Forms would be available



from Crs Oddy and Reed from as from Monday, 29th November and also from the Clerk at Centrepont. The Housing Association was in touch with the preferred site owners regarding the acquisition of the land.

138/93 Planning and Property.

Planning Applications.

CHN 524/93 The Stone House, Market Place. Alterations to first floor workshop above double garage to form studio. No objection and the Council are pleased to note that due care has been taken to avoid overlooking of neighbouring properties.

CHN 525/93 Bloxham Bridge Barn, Milton Gated Road. Conversion of barn to dwelling with garaging and construction of architect's studio. No objection but would query whether the provision of a studio with a separate entrance is an appropriate use on a rural site. Should this be conditioned for use by the applicant only?

CHN 529/93 Plots 9-14, The Beeches. Erection of 6 dwellings plus ancillary works. The Council note the Inspector's recommendations and trust that the limit of floor area not to exceed 150 sq m will be adhered to and that the 10 m woodland will be in place before any dwelling is occupied. This development forms the final northern edge to the village in an area of high landscape value and it is not thought that the scale, materials and designs are appropriate to this area. It is noted that it is not intended to carry on the character established by Banner Homes in Phase 1 of the scheme.

Access. Concern is expressed that the stone wall, which is the northern boundary of the coservation area, is being removed and hope that the new wall will be built to the same height in stone and that due care will be given to the tree, which is the subject of a preservation order.

CHN LB 540/93 The Stile House, New Street. Relpce windows to granny flat. Demolish porch and replace with french doors and new french doors to gable end. Garage/ Stable block: replace corrugated iron roof with welsh slate & install 2 roof lights. Install 2 Hornton cut stone arches & pillar, build up to eaves with rubble finish reclaimed stone & fit plain oak doors and frame.

No objection - The work proposed has been drawn up with due care and consideration for the listed building.

CHN CA 546/93 Pretoria House, Market Place. Demolition of existing staircase, construction of new external staircase and porch on new first floor entrance. No objection.

Approvals.

CHN LB 394/93 Maunds Farmhouse, High Street. Conversion of outbuilding into studio.

CHN CA 489/93 Eldred House, New Street. Demolition of lean-to and construction of conservatory.

Public Inquiry into Cherwell Local Plan. The Clerk reported that the part of the inquiry relating to Deddington had been brought forward from Tuesday, 7th December, to Thursday, 25th November, 1993.

139/93 Windmill Sub-Committee.

Cr O'Brien confirmed that the present completion date was 9th December, 1993 and that the following new or amended works had been approved-

- Separate water meter for Bowling Green
- 2 additional showers in changing rooms
- Wall removed in shower area
- Personnel gates to Bowling Green repositioned to end of path.

It was agreed that Crs Bowen and Clinch would inspect and accept the development on behalf of this Council, an inspection to take place on 4th or 5th December. Users of the Centre were to be written to requesting that they report any faults and a users meeting, to allocate storage space, would be held possibly on 18th December.

Cr Bowen, speaking on behalf of the Bowls Club, asked for the Club's thanks to be recorded for what appears to be a first class bowls facility.

Fencing. The Clerk was asked to discuss the possibility of the boundary fence between the Wilcon development and the Bowling Green to be extended in a northerly direction to the Centre boundary.

140/93 Traffic Calming.

The Clerk reported as follows:-

(a) Chapel Square. The County Council had placed an order with their contractor to amend the priority from east-bound traffic to west-bound.

(b) Clifton. The signs are now in position.

(c) Refuge, High St. A meeting, in accordance with Min.114/93(b) had taken place between Mr Evans of the County Council and Crs Clinch, Miss Hill and Bowen and the Clerk representing this Council. This meeting unanimously agreed that the most convenient place for the refuge would be immediately north of the Tchure. This would enable pedestrians to cross the road and proceed to the Market Place via the traffic free Tchure. Arrangements were made for this scheme to commence on site on Monday 22nd November and markings on the road were made in advance of that date. The Clerk and Cr Matthews were contacted by residents living in the High Street adjacent to the proposed refuge querying the safety of the scheme. The scheme had been approved by the County Council Safety Audit Engineer but because of the objections the Clerk had aborted the scheme in order that the Council may consider the

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ramifications. It was proposed by Cr Reed and seconded by Cr Bowen that the County Council be asked to proceed with the refuge adjacent to the Tchure. The proposition was approved by 5 votes to 4.

(d) Earls Lane. Following the meeting relating to the High Street Refuge, traffic calming measures were considered for Earls Lane. The proposition was for a road narrowing by Earls Farm buildings, four road humps in a westerly direction 2 of which would require new lighting points. A quotation from the County Council of the all-in cost for the scheme, including necessary signs, and OCC supervision costs is less than £8,500. It was proposed by Cr Reed that the County Council be advised that the Parish Council wish to proceed with the scheme and seconded by Cr O'Brien and passed nem con.

141/93 Village Appraisal.

Cr Todd presented a visual display of the first findings from the questionnaires which was appreciated by members. One surprising matter was that a large percentage of respondents stated that they, through lack of knowledge, were unable to determine their views as to the merit of the Council's decisions with regard to the expending of the Windmill Capital Receipts. The Chairman thanked Cr Todd for the presentation.

142/93 Locality Development - Community Care.

Cr Mrs Garvey reported upon the meeting she attended on 28th September to which representatives had been invited from parishes in the North Oxfordshire locality (Area A). Anne James, the Locality Development Manager for health and social services, stressed that it was not the intention to off load any statutory responsibilities on to parishes but rather they were inviting parishes to consider whether to complement statutory services in appropriate cases.

143/93 Investment of the Council's Funds.

The Clerk reported that at close of business on 23rd November the balances were as follows:-

£		
450,000.00	at 7.9% variable for 2 years expiring on 27.4.95	
	subject to the rate being not less than 4.5% above	
	the base rate on the Bradford and Bingley Building	
	Society Timesaver Account.	
315,000.00	at 5.375% fixed to 30th November, 1993	
10,829.76	at 3.625% at 14 days notice	
1,165.78	at 1.625% overnight	
<u>776,995.54</u>		

144/93 The following accounts were passed for payment:-

Viking Direct	- Stationery	£ 71.64
Michael Jollye	- Shrubs and Bulbs	137.57
Goggin & Baker Ltd	- Computer Ribbons	7.40
Imprest Account	- Reimbursement	937.05

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D H Blakey	- Salary and Expenses	/ 191.63
Thames Water Utilities	- Water by Meter	/ 20.46
Insignia	- Noticeboards	/ 128.00
M Neale	- Computer Entry, Village App'l	/ 385.05
Banbury C V S	- Printing, Village Appraisal	/ 15.00
J Boss	- Hedge cutting, Cemetery	/ 120.00
J Spencer	- 1st Inst. Holly Tree	/ 1,762.50
J Spencer	- Soil and Haulage	/ 64.62
		<u>3,840.92</u>

Make up of Imprest Reimbursement

D Freeman	- Wages	657.43
Inland Revenue	- N H I payment	175.00
Nicholson Nurseries	- Tree stakes	7.05
CB & PA Waters	- Plants	23.40
Royal British Legion	- Wreath	20.00
Centrepont	- Photocopying and Postage	29.97
O R C C	- Subscription	15.00
		<u>937.05</u>

145/93 Delegation.

It was resolved that, as there was to be no meeting in December, the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk be authorised to approve and pay accounts.

146/93 Correspondence.

(a) Letter from Rev K Reeves regarding his request to Banner Homes for them to erect a fence between the Vicarage and the new development which had been refused. He wished to alert the Council to the fact that it is important to consider the amenities not only of existing residents but also of potential residents when considering future planning applications.

(b) Letter from the District Council giving details of the proposals for the transfer of their housing stock to two housing associations, subject to an affirmative vote from tenants.

(c) Note from Mrs Herring of the Old Manor Farmhouse regretting that though the Council have had a considerable amount of money in the bank for several years, the village still does not have a play area for young children.

(d) A letter from the OALC giving detail of a new calculation of subscriptions from 1994/95 which was to be put before the meeting on 29th November. If approved it would increase this Council's subscription from £127 to £143.

(e) Letters from Messrs M Moreton, A Jones, A McCarter, J Fisher, F & J D Butlin, E Tothill and G Brewer each complaining about the sign which was erected in the Castle Grounds. The reasons for complaint were as follows:-

1. the vast majority of dog walkers take great care to avoid the fouling of any so-called "Play-areas".

2. it would have been more constructive to provide either one of the specially constructed dog waste bins or to designate a small fenced area with long grass which most dogs would use.

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3. occasional golf practice is quite inoffensive and banning is over-reacting to a minor risk.

4. negatively worded signs cause resentment and are counter productive.

5. what is the playing area? why is golf to be prohibited?

6. they each wish the Parish Council to reconsider its decision.

The Council approved by min. 94/93(f) a sign worded "DOGS PROHIBITED ON PLAYING AREA" and subsequently the Windmill Committee asked for the sign on their ground to include the words "AND THE PLAYING OF GOLF" in order to preserve the football and cricket field turf. The Clerk assumed that the latter addition would be also suitable for the Castle Grounds and ordered both signs with the full wording.. Resolved that the Castle Grounds sign be erected as a second sign at the Windmill Centre, and a new sign stating "PLEASE KEEP YOUR DOG OFF THE FOOTBALL PITCHES" under "DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL" be erected at the Castle Grounds.

(f) Notification from the OCC of a new street lighting fault reporting service using Freephone 0800 317/802.

(g) Request from the OCC for the appointment of 2 governors to the Deddington C of E Primary School. Resolved nem con that the Council's 2 present representative governors be re-elected for a period of 4 years viz Crs Mrs B Lee and B Clarke.

(h) Thankyou letter from Mr Hewitt-Hall for his Education Grant.

(i) Announcement of meeting to consider the preparation of Parish Plans as part of the Oxfordshire Nature Conservation Strategy to be held at Bloxham Parish Rooms on Monday 6th December, 1993. Councillors Miss Hill and Mrs Lee agreed to attend on behalf of this Council.

147/93 1994/95 Precept.

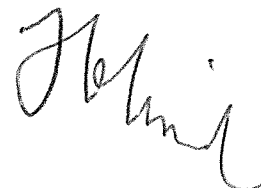
The District Council wish to receive details of this precept by the end of January, 1994 and the Clerk advised that it was estimated that a £1 per property precept would produce at Category D the sum of £739. He estimated that the expenditure required to maintain a similar service in 1994/95 to that in the current year would cost in the region of £18,650 or an average at Category D of £25.24 per property. The contingency allocation of the capital monies, which was utilised in the current financial year in lieu of a precept, retains a balance adequate to allow a further year without a precept. However it may be reasonable to make a modest precept in order that there is not a considerable rise when a precept is necessary. The choices are therefore:-

(a) to charge a precept of an average of £26 per property, enabling the contingency sum to be used for further capital works

(b) to have no precept and meet the Council's costs from the contingency fund.

(c) to levy a modest subsidy.

It was resolved that a decision on this matter would be made at



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the next meeting of the Council.

148/93 Next Meeting of the Council.

Wednesday, 12th January, 1994 commencing at 7.30pm at the
Town Hall.

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"Grant of Arms" Sub-Committee

A meeting was held on 22nd November, 1993, at the "King's Arms".

Present : Clr. Clinch, Clr. Oddy, Clr. Lee, Mrs. Robins
and by invitation Mr. J Brooke-Little.

1. The notes of the meeting held on 22nd October at "Hen Cloud" were agreed as correct.
2. Matters arising. It appeared that due to a misunderstanding a formal letter inviting the Lord Lieutenant to present the Arms had not been sent, but only a notification of the change of date. Unfortunately this applied also to the Dean of Windsor and the Dean of Christ Church Cathedral. It was agreed that Mrs Robins draft appropriate invitations to be approved and signed by Clr. Clinch, Chairman of P.C.
3. Mr. Brooke-Little gave an account of the formal ceremony of presentation. Clr. Lee to ask informally Mr. G. Fenemore to act as Master of Ceremonies. The Vicar to be asked to take part in the blessing of the Arms.
It was noted with appreciation that Mr. and Mrs. Pleydell Bouverie had offered to receive the official party requiring changing rooms before and after the ceremony. A letter of thanks to be sent.
4. Commercial use of the Arms of Deddington. Clr Lee showed a cut-glass from an Oxford glass firm. After discussion it was agreed that there should be:
 - a) a few items costing £15 to £20 each to be offered as a limited edition.
 - b) cheaper items, e.g. pottery mugs, for retail sale.Further detailed discussion on this matter will take place at the meeting in January, 1994.
The Highways Auth'y had not given a clear answer to the suggestion of shields at road entrances. Clr. Oddy to pursue.
5. Publicity. Mr N Stone to be asked by letter to handle this vital matter.

Next meeting Monday, 10th January, 1994, 7 p.m. at "Castle End"

