

Minutes of the Meeting of Deddington Parish Council held on 25th
January 1989

Present:

Cllrs. Cole (Chairman), Allen, Fenemore, Fuller, Gibbs, Hayward, Kedge, Marmion, Stevens, (Mrs) Stevens, (Mrs) Swash and Webber.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Garvey and O'Neill.

2. Minutes of the previous Meeting were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

a) Windmill Centre and Trust Fund

The Chairman stated in response to our enquiry from Cllr. Marmion that as Mr. Rose (Legal Adviser) was on holiday those matters concerning the Windmill Centre and the setting up of a Trust Fund would have to be deferred until the next Meeting.

b) Community Service

The Chairman reported that the Community Service Project was proceeding satisfactorily. The individuals concerned were presently working in the Churchyard.

c) Bottle Bank Scheme

Although the District Council had reservations about Deddington's wish to participate in the proposed extension to the Bottle Bank Scheme on a trial basis only, consideration to the accommodation of this qualification would, nonetheless be given.

d) Bus Tokens

The Chairman reported that the following further research and discussions with interested parties, there appeared to be a general concensus in favour of a scheme, which would provide OAP's with the opportunity to purchase Bus Tokens to the value of £10.00 at a cost of £2.00 to the individuals concerned. Cllr. Swash suggested the scheme, when implemented, be published in the Deddington News.

e) Acorn Stones Development

The Chairman read out the reply made by the District Council to the complaint about the accumulation of rubbish bags along the pedestrian access. This reply re-iterated that the issue was not a planning matter but one for resolution by the parties directly concerned.

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a) Castle Ground Gates

Cllr. Hayward reported that the Castle ground gates were in a very dangerous condition. It was agreed that Cllr. Hayward should arrange to have them removed and a report on their renovation obtained.

b) Parking in Deddington

Cllr. Hayward said inconsiderate parking was assuming hazardous proportions which in certain instances also jeopardise the access of Emergency Services. He was supported by the Chairman and Cllr. Marmion who gave numerous examples from their own personal observations. It was agreed that a small sub-committee, comprising Chairman, Cllrs. Hayward and Gibbs would further explore the situation and report back.

This generated further discussion about poor condition of the approach road to the Castle grounds. Mention was made of the dangerous condition of the barbed-wire fence and the difficulties previously experienced in attempting to determine ownership of the approach road. It was agreed;

- (i) Condition of the fence should be investigated and action, if necessary, to make it safe initiated.
- (ii) Mr Scott be asked to mark those trees to be retained
- (iii) Ownership of the approach road to be pursued.

5. Items of Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were noted:

- a) Roads in winter and local rights of way.
- b) Recommended practice on Local Authority Publicity.
- c) Appeal by Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association.

6. Road Cleaning

The Chairman read a reply from the District Council which indicated that Deddington's roads were regularly cleaned at (approx) quarterly intervals. It was agreed that future observations of such cleaning be marked for subsequent reference and confirmation of the D.Cs assertion.

7. Warning Signs From Traffic Signals on West Side of A423 (Approach from Oxford)

Cllr. Swash proposed and it was agreed that initiatives be implemented for a more appropriate siting of the Traffic Signals Warning Sign (located on the west side of the A423) which was presently obscured by the Direction Indication Board.

8. Windmill Community Centre - Present difficulties and future needs

The Chairman gave a resumé of a comprehensive list of the present difficulties and future needs of the Windmill Centre, which has been enumerated by the local committee. In response to any enquiry from Cllr. Gibbs, he (Chairman) replied that Mrs Herring had recently sent him a progress report on the formulation of her proposals for a Play Area at this location. During the ensuing general discussion of the many issues involved it was established that the Access Road and provision of Parking Accommodation were the most urgent. An offer by Cllr. Webber to "Rod the drains" as a possible solution to a continuing problem with public hygiene implications was gratefully accepted. It was finally agreed that a joint meeting with the Windmill Centre Committee be convened for 1930 hrs on Thursday, 2nd February, 1989 with a view to determining what was needed to be done to overcome the present difficulties and establish priorities for the satisfaction of future needs.

9. Windmill Centre - Index Linking and Services Access Rights

This item was noted with interest but no further action was required.

10. War Memorial

An application from Deddington Royal British Legion Club for Robin Hall's name to be inscribed on the War Memorial was endorsed subject to his family's approval.

11. Welford's Piece (Clifton Recreation Ground) - Tree Planting

Objections were raised to the proposals for additional tree planting in view of the vandalism suffered by previous emplacements. Cllr. Webber mentioned that such initiatives were more likely to succeed if the local children were directly involved in the venture. He accordingly undertook to further explore the matter and it was accordingly agreed to defer the reaching of a decision until the next meeting.

12. Permission to Use Open Space Below Town Hall

Permission was granted for Deddington Play Ground and Deddington Bowls Club to use the open space below the Town Hall for fund raising purposes, subject to the usual safeguards on damage and claims against the Council.

13. Planning Applications

No objections were raised to the following applications;

- a) Change of use to office at the Cottage Loaf.
- b) Extension and alterations to Winmour Cottage Philcote Street.
- c) Division of existing office and dwelling into two dwellings and office at Coniston House, New Street.
- d) Renovation and extension of derelict cottage at Featherton House, Chapel Square.

The Council did, however, strongly deplore the loss of yet another residential unit entailed by the change in use of the Cottage Loaf.

14. The Leys Development - Street Lighting/Traffic Aids

It was agreed that, as insufficient expertise was available locally, Oxfordshire County Council be asked to prepare a scheme for the street lighting, including equipment specifications, of The Leys Development.

15. Precept For Financial Year - 1989/90

It was agreed that the precept for the next financial year would be £6,160. A bid for Bus Tokens to the value of £2,000 (to be financed from other funds available to the Council) was also agreed. See sub-para 3d above.

16.

a) Accounts Passed for Payment

Bloxham School photocopying	-	£5.76
John Scott - Tree planting materials	-	£27.07
Design Pro - Consultancy fee Sportsfield	-	£244.63
Andrew Barnes - Consultancy fee for Sportsfield	-	£1,571.90
Cherwell District Council Loan repayment	-	£984.73
Southern Electricity - Repairs	-	£34.53

Southern Electricity - Electricity consumed	-	£268.90
Southern Electricity - Street Lighting, Maintenance	-	£324.28

b) Hansford Durley Account

Following a further report on this matter by the Chairman, authority for the payment of this outstanding account was granted.

17. Acknowledgement

A proposal by Cllr. Stevens that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. John Worton was endorsed.

18. Appointment of School Governor

Following the Chairman's Confirmation that no reply had been received on this matter, its inclusion in the Agenda for the next Meeting was agreed.

19. Legal Matters

The Chairman gave a resumé of the present position. After some general discussion of the issues involved, it was agreed that Mr. Rose (Legal Adviser) should be invited to the next Meeting to provide advice on the establishment of a Trust Fund with the Windmill Centre proceeds and other related matters.

20. February Meeting

To be arranged on a date convenient for the attendance of Mr. Rose - See para. 19 above.

21. The Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.