

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 25TH MARCH 1987

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

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Allen, Marmion and O'Neill.

1. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 25th February 1987, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

Old Fire Station The Clerk reported that the Planning appeal had been dismissed.

Chapmans Lane Various Members and the Clerk had inspected this alleged encroachment since the last Meeting but it was felt that there was no obstruction and RESOLVED that no action be taken.

Castle Grounds - Moles The Vice-chairman was thanked for rolling the ground and the Chairman stated that he would now see if there was any sign of moles.

External decoration of Town Hall The Clerk reported that Mr. Rogers would be commencing this work when the weather improved.

3. Items of correspondence

B4031 Weight restriction The Clerk reported that Mr. Berridge was following up this matter with the County Council.

Town Hall and canopy An application from Deddington Bowls Club to hold a 50/50 auction sale in and under the Town Hall on 13th June 1987 was approved subject to no liability falling on the Council thereby.

Castle Street footway A written complaint from Councillor Marmion on the state of this footway between Church Lane and Loke Lane was referred to the County Council with the request that other footways in the Parish were also in need of urgent attention.

The Theatre, Chipping Norton An application for a grant for Village Theatre Workshops for 1987 was deferred for further information.

Parish Liaison Meeting Preliminary notice of this meeting was given.

District Council holiday arrangements to Spring Bank Holiday were given.

District Council Budget 1987/88 was available.

OALC Seminar on The Community Charge and Basic Training Course for Clerks were reported.

The Envoy Receipt of March issue was reported.

Litter bins A letter from Mrs. Elsley on the need for these was read and RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs. Swash ask traders if they would support their provision and that Deddington News be asked to publicise the forthcoming Best Kept Village Competition.

4. Castle Grounds

Visual Amenities It was hoped to have this report shortly.

Maintenance for 1987 One tender was received, from RGS Landscapes in the sum of £15 per cut and this was accepted.

Dog Show It was reported that this would not now take place.

Playground equipment A letter from Wicksteed Leisure on the need to carry out their maintenance report was noted but was deferred owing to the forthcoming re-furbishment of the area.

5. Cemetery - maintenance One tender was received, from RGS Landscapes in the sum of £35 per cut and this was accepted.

6. Seats The Chairman reported that three seats were being given, one from Solar Designs for the Market Place by the Oxford bus stop, one from Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hayward for outside Holly Tree Club, and one from a Councillor for placing in the Cemetery. The Council recorded their thanks for this generosity.

7. Hempton Road

The Daedings junction Councillor Mrs. Kedge reported that complaints had been made to her about the parking between Hempton Road and the bungalows which caused problems to other drivers and RESOLVED that the police be asked if they can help in this matter.

By Playgroup hut A letter complaining about the speed of traffic at this point was read and RESOLVED that the County Council be asked if a sign could be placed each side of the hut or alternatively whether the 30 mph limit could be extended to the west.

8. Community Volunteer Scheme A written report from Councillor Marmion was considered and RESOLVED that an edited version be given to Deddington News for publicity.

Rural Transport Survey The Parish Transport Representative reported on the Adderbury Minibus Scheme but stated that she had had no requests from residents for additional services: it was noted that the survey was taking place.

10. Bullring/Horsefair Area A written report on this problem from Councillor Marmion was considered and RESOLVED that a copy be forwarded to the County Surveyor and Engineer with the request that the one-way system be implemented initially.

11. Windmill Centre

(a) Proposed lease The Clerk reported that the terms had now been agreed and that it was now with the solicitors for engrossment.

(b) Cricket Club fence The Chairman reported that Club representatives had been met on site, Rockwell had agreed to erect a fence but some variation was needed: he hoped to report agreement by the next Meeting.

(c) Phase II A suggestion from the committee that the Council withdraw their support for the Planning appeal was not accepted.

(d) Street lamp The Clerk reported that Southern Electricity had now agreed to site the lamp to the west of the drive.

(e) Official "opening" The Chairman reported that he was meeting the Windmill capital committee with the Vice-chairman and the Clerk to make detailed arrangements.

12. Planning applications

(a) retention of existing vehicular access at Maunds Farmhouse Would have preferred to see one access only instead of two, although this one is better than the one to the north of the house.

(b) change of use to office for property developer at The Old Fire Station There would be parking problems.

(c) four dwellings at rear of Manor Farmhouse, Clifton (outline) No objection

13. Accounts for payment were passed as follows

Andrews, Kent and Stone	Consultants, Windmill	£300. 79
Bodigian & Co. Ltd.	Materials, Windmill	187. 13
L. G. Burton	Plumbing, Town Hall	7. 00
Lane Fox and Partners	Allotments rent	62. 50
Southern Electricity	Street Lighting	565. 33
A. Gardner	Salary and expenses	218. 49
D. Pritchard	Town Hall cleaning	6. 50

14. RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded for the following items of business owing to their confidential nature.

15. Windmill Centre

(a) Mr. Middleditch The Chairman reported on the meeting certain Members and the Clerk had had with the Council's solicitor when it had been suggested to them that he collect evidence by interview with the intention of obtaining an opinion of Counsel on the strength of the case against Mr. Middleditch. RESOLVED that the solicitor be instructed to proceed accordingly but to report back before proceeding to Counsel.

(b) Hansford Durley Partnership RESOLVED that the interim fee for £1000 be now paid with an explanation of how matters were proceeding.

(c) Mr. Bond RESOLVED that no further fees be paid for the time being.

16. The Clerk The Council received an application from the Clerk for an increase in his salary in accordance with the usual custom. RESOLVED that the salary of the Clerk be increased by £100 per annum from 1st April 1987.

The Meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.



Chairman

From James Marmion
The Mews House
Castle Street
Deddington
17 March 1987

Dear Mr Gardner,

I am going north on business at the weekend and may not be back in time for the next Parish Council meeting. Please apologise for me if I dont manage it.

Two subjects.:-

a) Traffic in the Bullring : Enclosed is my final solution in a letter addressed to the Chairman. Perhaps you could have it copied and discussed after the Chairman has seen it.

b) Civil Protection /Emergency Planning.

I handed you a submission at the last meeting. Nothing further will happen before May as the Cherwell Council is in process of finding a new Emergency Planning Officer.

I have revamped my submission to you in the attached which I think would make an article for the Deddington News. If the Chairman agrees with it perhaps we could hand it to the D.N. writer who will be at your meeting.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Marmion". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR J.E. MARMION

I attended the introductory presentation of the Community Emergency Volunteer Scheme at Bodicote House (Cherwell District Council) on the evening of 24 Feb 1987. The meeting which lasted 1½ hours was chaired by Councillor Prestidge (Chairman CDC) and addressed by Mr Brace (Chief Exec) and others.

About 50 people attended the presentation representing most of the Parish Councils in Cherwell District. It was explained that:

Civil Protection is the title given by the Home Office to peacetime and wartime emergency planning. The responsibility is placed upon Local Authorities to provide a basic framework of Emergency planning which could be developed rapidly in response to any form of emergency in which the Emergency Services would be overstretched or ineffective. The worst possible situation for which plans are required is considered to be nuclear attack but there are many other forms of emergency resulting from disasters of man made or natural origin which could require a response in support by local communities.

Plans for Civil Protection provide for teams of volunteers to be established within local communities to supplement the existing County and District Council based emergency structures. The Local Team, under it's own Co-ordinator, will establish a record of the resources available (both human and material) which could be used in an emergency and the volunteers trained in the best means of response.

The forms of emergency to which this could be related may include:- Severe flooding or snow, natural disasters, chemical accidents requiring evacuation of people, major air, rail or road accidents, terrorist action, threat of war, conventional weapon attack or attack from nuclear weapons.

The ability of communities to respond to emergencies will vary widely depending on the degree of direct effect on each community involved. However the movement of people and/or information can easily break down in an emergency leaving the burden of immediate response within local areas.

The training of community volunteers and the formation of community teams is intended to provide a basic response to such circumstances.

The training of community volunteers is to take place on a District basis. The first basic introductory course will start shortly for Co-ordinators and any other volunteers. The course will consist of four evening sessions of two hours each. Later courses may involve about twelve evenings in the year again with sessions of two hours.

Any one interested is invited to contact James Marmion on Deddington 38834. Further information will be provided through these columns from time to time.

TRAFFIC : BULLRING/HORSEFAIR AREA.

A resident of the Bullring complained of the danger from vehicles transiting the area and requested that the Bullring be closed except for residents access. Council members, whilst sympathising with the request, considered the suggestion impracticable but agreed to give further consideration to the problem.

The Bullring and Market Square area of the village are heavily saturated with vehicles on most days and there is a constant stream of traffic through it's centre on the B4031, the dangers and nuisance from which are well chronicled.

The Bullring /Horsefair area acts as a parking lot for some village residents who do not own garages as well as for the owners of businesses such as the Post Office, Antique shop and Trek America and their customers or visitors. The Horsefair area is used additionally by customers of the Kings Arms hotel.

The Bullring is accessed at four points, three of them very narrow, and maneouvering through the area can be difficult on busy days. The conversion, in the near future, of Wychway House to an hotel annex (to the Kings Arms) will exacerbate the problem of parking/maneouvering in the area once the annex is converted and brought into use. The proprietor of the Kings Arms has however anticipated, to some degree, his likely parking requirement by extending and improving the parking space to the rear of his hotel. However it should not be assumed either that the space will be adequate nor that his future residents will necessarily wish to use it.

One of the dangers to residents and particularly to their children in the Bullring area is the speed at which drivers transit through the area. This is particularly noticeable with east bound traffic on the B 4031 branching to the north side of Wychway House.

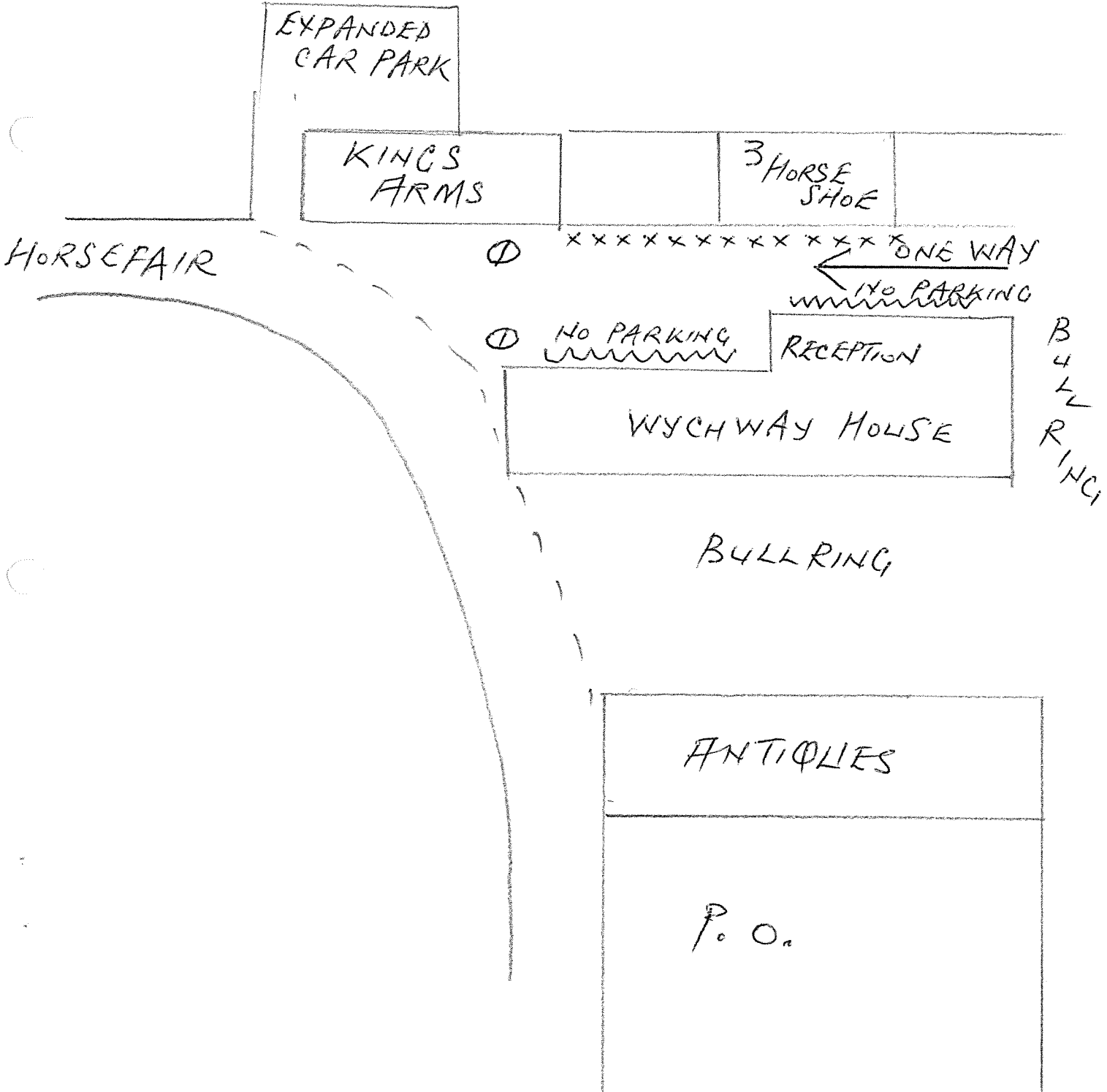
The advent of Wychway House as an hotel annex demands a review of traffic patterns and parking facilities around the Bullring and whether parking slots need to be identified and marked (eg for Trek America) on the south side of Wychway House. "Reception" for the hotel annex will be located centrally on the north side of Wychway House and raises the question of whether a parking prohibition (double yellow lines) should be enforced on that side of the building. In view of forthcoming changes to the use of Wychway House it would certainly seem safer for all concerned, residents and visitors alike, if :-

- a) The Bullring/Horsefair access road on the north side of Wychway House was made "One Way" - westbound.
- b) No entry signs were posted at the western end of the access
- c) Parking were prohibited on the road on the north side of Wychway House.

I have had informal discussions with the proprietor of the Kings Arms hotel (who accepts the proposals in principle) and with the other businesses located round the square. I have not had the opportunity to discuss the proposals with other residents of the Bullring but have let them have a copy of this note so that they may comment if they wish. No formal proposal will be made until the residents have had the opportunity to comment.

J.C.Marmion

A map, not to scale, is shown below. :



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Residents may also wish 'No Parking' (Double Yellow) in the area marked xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

From James Marmion
The Mews House
Castle Street
Deddington.
17 March 1987.

Dear Mr Chairman,

At our last meeting I submitted an interim proposal concerning traffic patterns and parking around the Bullring Area. Since then I have had a meeting with the residents of the Bullring (at their request) to discuss my proposals. The residents agree the proposals in general and seek the assistance of the Council in implementing the following:

- a) The Bullring area should be made the subject of a traffic management survey by the Cherwell District Council now that Wychway House is to become an annex to the Kings Arms hotel.
- b) The Bullring/Horsefair access road on the north side of Wychway House should be made 'One Way'... westbound, and 'No Entry' signs should be posted at the western end of the access.
- c) Double yellow lines should be provided on the road on the north side of Wychway house to deter hotel annex visitors from parking on the road.
- d) 'Resident only' parking signs should be provided on the north side of the access road to deter parking by visitors to the hotel but to enable residents to use the front of their own houses. These 'Resident Only' signs should cover the houses from the eastern end of the Kings Arms hotel to the Tays Gateway lane.

These proposals have already been discussed with the proprietor of the Kings Arms hotel and he is in agreement with them.

J.C.Marmion.



The Chairman
Deddington Parish Council