

Minutes of the Meeting of Deddington Parish Council held on 26th

April 1989

Present:

Cllrs. Cole (Chairman), Fenemore, Fuller, Garvey, Hayward, (Mrs.) Kedge, Marmion, Stevens, (Mrs.) Swash, (Mrs.) Stevens.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Allen, Gibbs, O'Neill and Webber.

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

3. Matters Arising

a) Prohibition of Heavy Commercial Vehicles

Cllr. Fenemore said that he had received notice that Messrs. Doltons (Silos and Storage) Ltd. had been taken over by Messrs. Lamprey & Sons Ltd. and enquired whether the change would result in further contraventions of the weight restrictions. The Chairman said that no heavy lorries appeared to operate from the site but that he would ascertain the actual position. He also took the view that the Aynho signs were badly placed.

b) Seat in Hempton Road

Cllr. Stevens reported that the seat had been ordered.

c) Adoption of Deddington Lighting

It was agreed that as this matter would require examination of minutia, a sub-committee, comprising the Chairman and Cllr. Fenemore, could best deal with the issue.

d) Best Kept Village Competition

The Secretary confirmed that Deddington had been entered for the Competition.

e) Grapevine Newsletter - Winter 1989

The Secretary reported that additional copies of the newsletter had been obtained and were available for distribution to those Cllrs. requiring a personal copy. He added that the authoress of the article on the extension of V.A.T. to include Village Halls, had advised him that Deddington were unlikely to be greatly affected by the change as most of the capital work at the Community Centre had been completed; the only other item of (possibly) significant moment was the inclusion of heating fuels within the tax confine.

f) Pedestrian Hazards (Speeding Vehicles)

The Chairman reported that a Police Officer had called upon him with a letter detailing the results of the traffic monitoring undertaken with the parish. Although offenders were apprehended at various locations, no vehicles were observed exceeding the speed limit in Castle Street; the situation at Clifton, however, proved to be intolerable and measures to curb the reckless disregard of the speed limit in this area would be implemented.

4. Items of Correspondence

a) Maintenance of Cemetery and Castle Grounds

The quotation submitted by Mr. John Boss for:

i) Cemetery

Cutting grass within Cemetery and roadside verge plus general tidying - £30.00 per occasion.
Estimated average of two cuts per month during growing season resulting in an approximate annual total of 15 x cuts subject to prevailing weather conditions.

ii) Castle Grounds

Cutting grass within the play area and tidying around the wooden seats - £10.00 per month was accepted.

b) Proposed Alterations to Mineral Policies in Oxfordshire Structure Plan

The above Statement of Proposals had been received and was available for inspection.

c) Santini Bros. Circus - Application for Facilities

After Cllr. Haywood had voiced his concern about the difficulties resulting from the visit of a Circus on a previous occasion, it was agreed that the Santini Bros. application for facilities to accommodate a visit by their small family Circus should be rejected.

d) The Warriner School Fund

It was agreed that an appeal for donations to The Warriner School Fund should be put aside for consideration along with the many other supplications received.

e) Rights of Way Administration

The Chairman said he would take necessary action resulting from the assumption by Oxfordshire County Council of all responsibilities for "Rights of Way" administration.

f) Skip Service Programme 1989/90

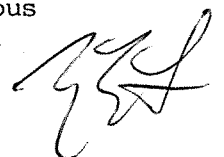
It was agreed that the Programme be published in the Deddington News.

g) Grants for Public Halls and Recreational Facilities

Following an observation by Cllr. Fuller that the Bowls Club had previously qualified for such a grant he agreed to transmit the explanatory pamphlet for consideration by those concerned.

h) Cherwell District Council - Liaison with P.C.'s

The Chairman said he, together with Cllr. Fenemore, had attended to previous year's meetings on this subject and was prepared to do so again this year.



5. Report on Windmill Community Centre and Trust Fund

The Chairman said the numerous suggestions received for use of the Trust Fund had been put aside for consideration en-bloc at a later date. Apart from a notification that Mr. Drake had replaced Mr. Ellis as Chairman, nothing of significance had arisen recently on the Windmill Committee.

A sum of £31,300 was currently outstanding against the Windmill Centre loans whereas approximately £21,000 only was available from the accrued income. Although he (Chairman) was under the impression that interest payments were credited quarterly, it transpired that such entitlements were issued half-yearly. Consequently insufficient funds were, contrary to his expectations, presently available to clear the loans outstanding.

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The Chairman, in reply to an enquiry from Cllr. Marmion, instanced that a further quotation for insulation of the roof had been received; this matter was likely to prove the most intransigent (and expensive) problem provided the drainage system remained untroublesome.

7. Bus Tokens

The Chairman reported that two distributions of Bus Tokens which had resulted in their issue to a total of 123 persons, had been made. A third and final distribution would be made on a date (yet to be determined) which would be published in the Deddington News and on the Notice Board.

8. Report on Sportsfields

The Chairman said that he and Cllr. Fenemore together with the Contractor and Andrew Barnes (Landscape Consultant) had walked the site and discovered a plenitude of water in the south/west corner of the (new) Sportsfield which indicated that further remedial work would be required; Cllr. Fenemore emphasised that this surfeit was not an accumulation of surface water but the result of an active spring in the locality. Negotiations had produced an agreement for the cost (estimated at £700) of the additional drainage work to be divided between the Contractor and the P.C. Consequently the Sportsfield would not be available for use on 1st May, 1989 as originally envisaged and arrangements had been made to resurrect the old Sportsfield with a view to its being available for play on the weekend of 13/14th May, 1989. The estimate (of £1,000) for the tree planting had been accepted and Andrew Barnes was obtaining further estimates for other pending work.

9. Planning Applications

a) i) Castle End - Erection of house in grounds

Whilst there was no formal objection to this application (although a similar one had previously been refused), grave reservations were expressed about the view of the Castle Site a natural beauty spot, being obscured, and the question of access at a location presently troublesome to both pedestrians and vehicles.

ii) Manor Court - Erection of 2 x Village Houses

It was agreed, on a majority vote, that the application be opposed as the development could only aggravate the difficulties and dangers of debouchment on the Hempton Road from an access to which these had been previous objections; the immediacy of the access to

ii) Manor Court - Erection of 2 x Village Houses (continued)

Stable Cottage was also considered undesirable - objections on similar grounds had been sustained in previous cases. Should the application receive, nonetheless, a favourable reception, it was further agreed that the creation of an alternative access in conjunction with subsequent development of the "Daedings" site would be the preferred option.

b) The following approvals of Planning Applications were noted:

Removal of partitioning etc. at Holcombe Hotel
Change of use from Antique Shop to Office at Castle Antiques
Extension and alterations to Winmour Cottage
Residential development at Baulderdyke Farm, Clifton

c) The following rejections of Planning Applications were noted:

Division of existing office and dwelling into two dwellings and office at Coniston House
Change of use from Antique Shop to Restaurant at Castle Antiques

10. Accounts Passed for Payment

Lane Fox (M & G Reinsurance Co.) - Allotments Rental	£ 62.50
Thames Water - Water & Sewage Charges (Town Hall)	£ 10.55
British Gas - Gas consumption (Town Hall)	£ 9.90
Cherwell D.C. - General rate (Cemetery)	£ 25.65
Cherwell D.C. - General rate (Town Hall/Bus Station)	£ 69.25
Cornhill Insurance Group - Renewal of cover	£285.83
John Boss - Maintenance of Cemetery & Castle Ground	£ 70.00

11. Resignation of Clerk

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Walkerdine explaining that it would, because of an unexpected change in his domestic responsibilities, be impracticable for him to continue to fulfill his present responsibilities and had accordingly tendered his resignation. His (Chairman) proposal to advertise for a successor in the Deddington News and/or Banbury Guardian was accordingly endorsed.

12. May (and Annual General) Meeting

To be held on Wednesday 24th May, 1989.

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The Meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

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