

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 26th
August, 1992

Present:-

Councillors Clarke, Canning, Clinch, Mrs Lee, Miss Hill, Mace, Reed, Mrs Stevens and Mrs Swash. Crs Matthews and Croft in attendance.

51/92 Appointment of Chairman.

In the absence of the Chairman of the Council, the Vice Chairman, Cr Clinch was unanimously elected to chair the meeting.

52/92 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Crs Bowen, Mrs Garvey, O'Brien, Oddy and Todd.

53/92 Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council.

The minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Council held on 15th July, 1992, together with an addendum circulated with the Agenda for this meeting, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

54/92 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22nd July, 1992.

Subject to the addition of an apology from Cr Matthews the minutes were approved as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

55/92 Matters arising.

Town Hall. Cr Mace reported upon a meeting held that day with the Trustees of Deddington Charity Estates at which the appointment of an architect to undertake the feasibility study of the refurbishment of the Town Hall together with the possible inclusion of public toilets was discussed. It was recommended, that from the three quotations received, that of Norman Machin Associates of Weston-on-the-Green be accepted in the sum of £1,050 plus VAT but inclusive of expenses. The architect had stated in his letter that should he be awarded work beyond the feasibility study, charges would be in accordance with RIBA scales. It was proposed that the recommendation be agreed subject to fees, beyond the feasibility study, being subject to negotiation and agreed nem con.

56/92. Reports from Project Leaders.

(a) Windmill Sub-Committee. Cr Clarke reported on the recent meeting of the Committee at which the following decisions had been made. The Steward to continue in post for a further 6 months; contract let for security lights on each side of the complex; supervision of contractors to be undertaken by Messrs Woolerton Truscott of Banbury; meeting to be held with the OCC regarding the maintenance contract & reduced fees re lettings

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to the Badminton Club to ease their financial situation. Each of these recommendations was approved and additionally it was recommended that the fitting of a security alarm be investigated.

(b) Proposed purchase of "Potato" field. The Clerk reported that each party with an interest in the covenant, with the exception of the County Council, had agreed to its release without cost. However the OCC, following negotiation, required the sum of £2,500 plus costs to release the covenant to the extent of enabling the bowling green to be built. It was proposed by Cr Reed and agreed nem con that the Clerk write to the Chairman of the County Council expressing the Council's dismay that such a large sum was required and how this was likely to frustrate this Council's plans. The letter was to be copied to Cr Matthews.

(c) Pavilions. No planning application had yet been registered and the Clerk was asked to pursue the matter with Woolerton Truscott.

(d) Grants Sub-Committee. Cr Mrs Stevens reported on the recent meeting as follows:- Application no.27-Wesleyan Reform Church- The surveyor's report had been received which revealed that works of repair to the structure estimated to cost between £10,000 and £12,000 were required prior to improving the facilities. In these circumstances it was agreed that, as arranged, the surveyor's fees be paid.

Educational Grants- 8 applications had been considered of which 6 were satisfactory and were recommended for a payment of £100 each. One application was in respect of a student who had only 2 and two thirds year's residential qualification in the village and it was recommended that a £100 grant be made. The other was in respect of a student who was about to commence a pre-hospital course at the North Oxfordshire College. It was recommended that in this and similar cases a grant of £50 be awarded. Each of the recommendations was approved by Council.

(e) Planning Sub-Committee. Cr Miss Hill reported as follows:- Applications.

CHN178/92. Land adjoining Greencourts, Earls Lane.- Erection of 8 four bedroomed houses with garages together with construction of access road. Amended plans had been received upon which the observations were - the building line between the Vicarage and Greencourts has still been ignored and it is felt that the front two houses should be located to at least the line of the Vicarage and built in stone with appropriate detailing, the north boundary of the Conservation Area being the south boundary of this site. The access road could be straighter giving more space to plots 1 & 2. There is still an overlooking problem to Stonecroft from plot 8 and it is suggested that this should be a "D" type with velux windows to the east or alternatively plots 7 & 8 could be turned in an anti clockwise direction. A further suggestion is that the site be extended to the north, (in the same ownership), by the same dimension which would enable the building line to be maintained.

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CHN394/92 Windmill Street Car Park-Extension to existing garage. No objections.

CHN406/92 1, Victoria Terrace, Clifton - Addition of french windows & dormer window to existing accommodation. No objections.

Refusal.

CHN284/92 Lodge Cottage, Hempton - Granny annexe/garden store. Too cramped and unsatisfactory living environment.

Approvals.

A CHN16/92 Tuckers House, Market Place - Free standing post mounted shop sign.

CHN265/92 Stonecroft, Clifton Road - Demolition of existing garage and forming new single storey extension.

CHN LB270/92 Bull Ring Cottage, The Bull Ring - Ground floor utility and first floor bedroom extension.

CHN LB322/92 Calder Cottage, Philcote Street - New pitched roof over existing studio to replace flat roof.

CHN330/92 South-west corner of Churchyard, Deddington - Erect Church Noticeboard.

(f) Village mini-bus. The Clerk reported that the Scouts had used the vehicle for a weekend expedition and it had been found that it should be used for short journeys only.

(g) Allotments - The Chairman reported that 2 quotations were awaited for the provision of a water supply, the Water Company having priced the connection charge and supply of meter. The question of purchase of the site was passed to the Property Project Leader.

57/92 Legal Action.

Cr Reed stated that it was unfortunate that Counsel's advice came without the benefit of a statement from Mr Forsyth, a point made by our solicitors in a letter accompanying Counsel's advice. Errors in the conveyance were made which lost the Council full development potential of the land, but whether or not these errors could be construed as culpable negligence was by no means certain. The action taken so far by the Parish Council was, in his view, the minimum we were obliged to do under the Local Government Act, 1972. He was satisfied that there was nothing further the Parish Council could do to retrieve the position and he proposed that no further action be taken in the matter and the solicitors acting for the Council be informed accordingly. The motion was put to the vote and was agreed nem con.

58/92 Traffic Calming.

The Clerk circulated a letter from the County Engineer detailing the various methods currently being employed in the County to reduce the speed of traffic. Following debate it was agreed that a list of priorities be drawn up for the next meeting as a basis for full discussion at a meeting with a County representative to be held in November.

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59/92 Double Yellow Lines.

It was reported that the County's contractor had painted double yellow lines around the Horsefair lay-by, an area which formerly was available for parking and a bus stop. The Clerk was asked to enquire the reason for this change of use of part of the highway.

60/92 Investment of the Council's Funds.

The Clerk reported that as at 26th August, 1992 funds were invested as follows:-

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1,000,000.00	fixed to 24th September, 1992 at 10.125%
31,313.64	at 9% at 7 days notice
18,532.72	at 6.625% overnight
<u>1,049,846.36</u>	

61/92 To pass the following accounts for payment:-

		£
D. Freeman	- Wages w/e 24th July, 1992	153.17
Harpers DIY Centre	- Strimmer and Broom	186.67
Milners of Banbury	- Paint etc.	84.03
Audit Commission	- Audit Fee 1991/1992	278.25
Glasdon (UK) Ltd	- Sweeper Trolley	422.98
P.W.L.B.	- ½ yearly annuity, Cemetery	106.98
Southern Electric	- Electricity, Town Hall	69.79
Goggin and Baker Ltd	- Stationery	25.70
D.H.Blakey	- Salary and Expenses, August, 1992	276.37
Hayward and White	- Photocopying	37.09
W.F.Land	- Survey Fee	352.50
Imprest Account	- see below	1,194.84
R.Hergt	- Mini-bus repairs	517.62
J.Boss	- Grasscutting etc	264.00
Cherwell District C'l	- Safety Equipment	42.59
Imprest Account.		
D.Freeman	- Wages w/e 1,8,15 and 22 August	623.43
B.J.Knibbs Ltd	- Insurance Mini-bus	535.00
Centrepont	- Photocopying	36.41
		<u>1,194.84</u>

62/92 Correspondence

(a) A letter from the Art Society enquiring the potential of the room in the Town Hall as an exhibition space for local artists who could display their work on their own freestanding screens. This could be an aid to tourism. Letter to be passed to Cr Mace re Town Hall project.

(b) A letter from Mr Scott stating that 11 lime trees in Castle St, Goose Green and New Street were in urgent need of pruning and that he was unable to undertake the work himself. Resolved that the Clerk seek competitive quotations for the work.

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(c) Letter from Mr Boss suggesting that the Cemetery hedge on the inside and the trees be trimmed. Agreed that this work be undertaken by Mr Boss.

(d) Letter from Rev K Reeves inviting members of Council to Evensong on Sunday 1st November at 6.00pm which will be a Civic Service attended by the Chairman and members of the District Council and Tony Baldry MP. Members wishing to attend should inform the Clerk at the next meeting.

(e) The County Engineer had forwarded the specification for footpath works on the Hempton Road and it was agreed that these be forwarded to the 2 local contractors, who had given rough estimates, requesting detailed quotations.

(f) Letter from Crystal Productions seeking to involve themselves in local theatre productions. Agreed that the letter be passed to the Deddington Players.

(g) Letter from the Banbury and District Citizens Advice Bureau requesting grant aid for 1992/93. Resolved to make a grant of £100.

(h) Letter from N.A.L.C. regarding the centenary appeal to raise £750,000 to establish its own Headquarters. Resolved to contribute £50 to the appeal.

63/92 Lighting of Hopcraft Lane.

It was reported that the lighting of Hopcraft Lane was inadequate and Cr Canning agreed to investigate and report back.

64/92 Environmental Works.

(a) A request was made for the reinstatement of the area of Earls Lane where the skips were formerly sited. It was agreed that Mr Scott be asked to advise re the planting of trees.

(b) Verge outside the Chinese Restaurant. It was reported that this area was now in need of cutting and it was agreed that Mr Boss be asked to include this area in his next cut.

65/92 Parking.

(a) A request had been received from Messrs Wilcon to park vehicles behind the Windmill Centre on the unmade ground. It was reported that contractors vehicles were already parking daily on the car park which could cause problems when the Centre was used for large meetings and also gave a bad impression to potential customers. Resolved that Messrs Wilcon be informed that no contractors vehicles may be parked on the Council's land.

(b) It was reported that several vans and a lorry had been parked in the village for a considerable time without being moved and that the police were aware of the matter.

66/92 Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, 23rd September, 1992 at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.