

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 26TH JANUARY, 1983

Present: Councillor Ward (Chairman), Councillors Mrs. Cheeseman, Fuller, Gardner, Garrett, George, Hayward, Mackenzie, Marshall, O'Neill, Mrs. Robinson, Stevens and Webber.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Garvey.

1. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 22nd December, 1982, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

Postal arrangements As the new arrangements were still in their initial stages, it was decided to further discuss the matter at the next Meeting.

Rubbish at Hempton The Chairman reported that two residents were prepared to keep the lane tidy and he would be purchasing plastic bags for their use. RESOLVED that the residents concerned be thanked for their service to the community.

3. Items of Correspondence

Drainage at St. John's Way The Clerk reported that he had had a reply from the District Council and that he had passed a copy to Councillor Webber for the interest of the residents.

Byelaws: Recreation Grounds The Clerk reported that he had now heard from the Home Office and would be reporting to the next Meeting.

Kings Arms An application for the transfer of the Licence was reported and the Chairman stated that he had received a copy of a petition from neighbours which opposed the renewal because of the derelict state of the building, which is now closed. RESOLVED that the application be supported on the basis that the re-opening of the inn would lead to an improvement in its appearance.

Planning decision It was reported that the application for the erection of a cottage at College Farm, which the Council had no objections but had reservations, had been refused by the planning authority.

4. Concessionary bus fares for the elderly and infirm Details of the scheme evolved by the District Council, a copy of which had been previously circulated to Members, which would mean the entire cost being met by the parish precept were considered: the cost in the last year of operation was £1652. RESOLVED that the scheme be not operated, but that the District Council be asked to approach the bus companies with a request that they operate a cheap fare system for the elderly and infirm between the peak hour periods.

5. Castle Grounds: playground equipment Councillor O'Neill reported that he felt that the equipment was safe although a board on the ocean wave was broken which he would repair. RESOLVED that Councillor O'Neill be thanked and that paint be made available for any person who was prepared to paint the equipment.

6. Highway verges From a discussion initiated by Councillor Hayward, RESOLVED that the County Council be asked to improve the deteriorating positions at Horsefair (particular near the Holly Tree Club) and Hempton Road (opposite The Sycamores and The Windmill Stores) by kerbing the footway.

7. Windmill Community Centre The Chairman reported that there had recently been a meeting with a planning officer to discuss the plans for the new hall.

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8. 1983/84 Precept Consideration was given to a report prepared by the Clerk, a copy of which is filed in the Minute Book, and it was stated that the Bank would be prepared to defer the first re-payment of the loan until 1st April, 1984, which would reduce the estimate for the Windmill Community Centre by approximately £650. After some discussion RESOLVED that (i) the date of the taking up of the loan referred to be decided when it was known whether the architect's fees had to be met from revenue; (ii) no skip service be provided but that the bulk collection service operated by the District Council be publicised; (iii) the internal decoration of the Town Hall be considered later in the year; (iv) a Precept of £7312 to meet expenses for 1983/84 be made on the District Council; (v) the Precept be asked for in one sum on 1st May, 1983.
9. Cemetery hedge RESOLVED that Mr. Holton be thanked for recently cutting the hedge at the Cemetery.
10. Planning application Amended plans for the Windmill Stores which sited the fish and chip shop on the western side and added a garage were inspected and no objections were made.
11. Accounts for payment were approved as follows:-

Newey & Eyre Limited	Christmas tree lights	£ 62. 61
Southern Electricity	Street lighting	549. 09

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Douglas V. Ward
Chairman

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Report on Accounts and Estimates for 1983/84

Generally

In addition to the General Account, the Council has two other accounts - the Stone Pit Fund and the Pavilion Fund, both of which are held on deposit. It is anticipated that the Pavilion Fund will be used during the coming year when the Windmill Community Centre is formally registered as a charity.

The balance on the General Account was £2349 at 31st March, 1982, and this will become a small debit balance by 31st March, 1983. This debit balance will need to be accounted for in fixing the new precept.

The expenditure for Parish Council purposes has risen considerably as follows:-

1979/80	£2664	
1980/81	£4754	(including £2000 provision for
1981/82	£6548	lighting)
1982/83	£9480	

The product of a penny rate is estimated at £1680.

The increase in expenditure over the past three years has been accounted for by street lighting improvements and the acquisition of the Windmill Community Centre. Whilst the former is now completed, the latter will remain for some years yet as the land will have to be paid for and none of the anticipated grants were forthcoming.

Cemetery

The estimates allow for grass cutting only whilst the burial income will probably remain minimal.

Allotments

The provision of a new gate will account for the surplus built up, but there should be a small surplus during the coming year.

Street Lighting

The improvements are now completed and paid for and expenditure should now revert to energy and maintenance only.

Castle Grounds

The estimates allow for grass cutting only, with income from the Football Club, but attention ought to be given to painting the playground equipment to give it a more presentable appearance.

General Expenses and Town Hall

The estimates are for basics only, but consideration will need to be given to the provision of bus tokens for the elderly and disabled and the possibility of providing some form of skip service for bulk refuse. The re-decoration of the interior of the Town Hall might also be considered.

Windmill Community Centre

The expenditure for 1982/83 includes the rent until 3rd September, interest paid on the overdraft for the remainder of the year and the contribution from the General Account to the purchase, as the Loan Approval was for £20,000 and the purchase price, including surveyors' fees was £21,871.

No repayment has yet been made on the loan outstanding and the Bank have asked that a formal loan account be set up as soon as the general position is clearer. In the meantime if the precept is taken up early in the year it will reduce the interest paid as the bank overdraft will be smaller. The Pavilion Fund will be transferred in due course and £16,500 will be needed to be put in the loan account. Formal discussions will probably take place with the Bank in the near future, but it is hoped that the existing arrangements might continue until September: this will mean that the loan account will operate for six months and the annuity payment be in the region of £1500, interest for the first six months amounting to about £1150.

Conclusion

If the first page of the estimates is accepted in full, the estimated expenditure would be £6493 and £718 would be available for other works for a total outlay of £7211. This would be within the terms of the District Council Treasurer's letter already circulated: £7030 (1982/83 precept) plus £282 (4%) less £101 (debit balance at 31st March, 1983). A word of caution should be made though, in that if the proposed works for a new hall at the Windmill Community Centre prove abortive, then the architect's fees will have to be met from the General Account.

A. GARDNER

20th January, 1983

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Accounts and Estimates for 1983/84

	Actual 1981/82	Rev. Est. 1982/83	Estimate 1983/84
	£	£	£
<u>Cemetery</u>			
Expenditure - Grass cutting	90	115	120
Loan annuity	<u>214</u>	<u>214</u>	<u>214</u>
	304	329	334
less Income - Interments	29	31	50
Memorials	<u>11</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
	<u>40</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>66</u>
	264	283	268
<u>Allotments</u>			
Expenditure	85	185	85
less Income	<u>142</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>120</u>
	(57)	62	(35)
<u>Street Lighting</u>			
Expenditure - Energy & Mt.	1951	2050	2100
Improvements	<u>2600</u>	<u>1550</u>	-
	4551	3600	2100
less Income - Ins. claim	35	-	-
Interest	<u>201</u>	-	-
	<u>236</u>	-	-
	4315	3600	2100
<u>Castle Grounds</u>			
Expenditure	473	350	350
less Income	<u>35</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>90</u>
	438	264	260
<u>General</u>			
Expenditure	971	1100	1100
less Income - Stone Pit	<u>35</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>45</u>
	936	1050	1055
<u>Town Hall</u>			
Expenditure - Rent, rates	192	165	175
Repairs, etc.	<u>262</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>
	454	215	225
less Income	<u>15</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>
	439	185	195
<u>Windmill Community Centre</u>			
Expenditure - running exp.	2213	1015	-
cont. to pch.	-	1871	-
interest	-	1150	-
loan annuity	-	-	-
	2213	4036	2650
	8548	9480	6493

General Fund

	Actual 1981/2	Rev. Est. 1982/83	Estimate 1983/4
	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	3867	2349	Dr 101
Rate Income	7030	7030	?
	<u>10897</u>	<u>9379</u>	
less Nett Expenditure	8548	9480	
Balance carried forward	<u>2349</u>	<u>Dr 101</u>	

Value Added Tax is excluded as it is re-claimed from the Inland Revenue.

Possible additional works in 1983/84

Provision of bus tokens to elderly and infirm.
 Hiring refuse skips for bulk refuse.
 Decorating interior of Town Hall.
 Architect's fees for Windmill Community Centre if scheme proves to be abortive.

Loan debt outstanding

	31.3.82	31.3.83	31.3.84
Cemetery	£2476	£2473	£2470
Windmill Community Centre	-	£20000	£16500
Funds			
Pavilion Fund	£3116	£3416	-
Stone Pit Charity	£ 320	£ 355	£ 385