

**DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on**  
**Wednesday, 26th May, 1993**

Present:- Crs Oddy, Bowen, Canning, Clarke, Clinch, Mrs Garvey, Mrs Lee, Miss Hill, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Swash and Todd. Cr Croft in attendance.

**1/93 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors O'Brien, Reed and Barlow.

**2/93 Election of Chairman.**

Councillor Oddy handed the chair to Cr Clinch (Vice Chairman) for the election by secret ballot. Councillor Clinch was proposed by Cr Stevens and seconded by Cr Swash.

Cr Oddy was proposed by Cr Clarke and seconded by Cr Lee. There being no further nominations the ballot took place with the result Cr Clinch 8 votes - Cr Oddy 3 votes.

**3/93 Election of Vice Chairman.**

Councillor Hill proposed Cr Todd which was seconded by Cr Oddy and agreed unanimously.

**4/93 Vote of Thanks.**

Cr Bowen proposed a vote of thanks to Cr Oddy for his work as Chairman in the past year which was seconded by Cr Clinch and approved unanimously.

Cr Clinch then took the chair and said how much he looked forward to the year ahead, the completion of many projects and working with the Council as its Chairman.

**4/93 Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 28th April, 1993.**

The above minutes which had been previously circulated were approved as a true record subject to

(a) Min 186/92 - the Chairman left the meeting for the discussion of application 159/93 only and

(b) Min 186/92 - correction of spelling of "Crown and Tuns" Public House.

**5/93 Matters arising from the Minutes.**

Min 183/92 Cemetery Charges. It was unanimously agreed that no flat stones be allowed in the Cemetery due to the difficulties they may cause in the maintenance of the graves.

**6/93 Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Council on 10th May, 1993.**

The above minutes which had been previously circulated were approved as a true record subject to the addition in Min 195/92 following "Bowling Green" of "coming on plan as anticipated".



**7/93 Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1993.**

These were received by the Council subject to a more detailed analysis being available at the next meeting.

**8/93 Any other business.**

The following matters were allowed by the Chairman -

- (a) Deterioration in the postal service
- (b) Parish Appraisal
- (c) Bus Shelter on Green
- (d) Street Lighting
- (e) Steward's Duties
- (f) Uncut verges on dangerous bends
- (g) Coat of Arms
- (h) Traffic Calming

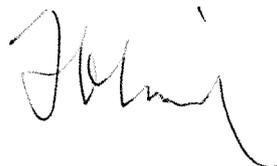
**9/93 Parish Environmental Initiatives**

It was reported that the village scheme as set out in Min. 155/92 had been accepted by the District Council and the grant of £3,000 had been received. The District Council had requested that publicity be given to the initiative and it was suggested that the scheme be reported in the local press preferably with photographs, which may be of the children planting or watering the plants in the troughs, with representatives of Deddington Gardeners and the local District Councillor Cr Croft present. Cr Clinch agreed to notify the Banbury Guardian and to also ask the Deddington News to give publicity.

The stone planter on the Northants access to Clifton could not be positioned by the village nameplate due to the bridge parapet and it was agreed to place it by the bus shelter. The hanging baskets were to be collected and erected the next day. Shrub planting would take place in the autumn. Mr Scott had obtained quotations for tubs to receive the trees to be planted in the Market Square as it was impractical, because of services, to plant into the tarmac. These quotations were expensive and it was suggested that they could possibly be made locally at a much less price. The number of seats was to be checked. The proposed planting of shrubs in the central part of the southern verge of Earls Lane was to be expedited to deter 'travellers' and it was suggested that Mr Fuller be asked to assist.

**10/93 Deddington Circular Walk.**

A letter from Mr Welford was read to the Council with reference to possible problems with publicity for the walk and 'travellers'. This was received sympathetically and it was agreed that he should not be worried further until the national problem has been sorted out. A further letter from Mr Welford laid out suggestions that had been made to him i.e. metal poles to cross road accesses and locked when 'travellers' were in the area, leaving the footpaths available for ramblers. There are 8 lanes and footpaths well marked. The idea was thought to be of merit and the Chairman agreed to meet Mr Welford to discuss the



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matter. It was agreed that the Clerk should reply to Mr Welford and Cr Todd proposed that a letter be sent to the Member of Parliament, the OALC for transmission to the NALC regarding the very slow manner in which legislation regarding travellers was progressing through Parliament. This was agreed. Cr Oddy asked that, if Mr Welford's poles were in position, the Council should see if a conclusion could be reached and the Walk publicised before next summer. Councillor Croft informed Council that the District Council's action on 'travellers', if on highways was to have them shifted to camps already provided and they kept a close eye on the problem and that the police always report on their movements to the NFU.

**11/93 Planning Sub-Committee.**

Applications.

CHN 236/93 - Two storey side extension - 40, Mill Close, - No objection but reservations that the site should not be increased beyond the building line created by the houses at each end of the estate and that it should be ancillary accommodation to the existing dwelling only.

It was reported that scaffolding at Ilbury House had no warning lights. Cr Clinch stated that he would visit the site and speak to the people concerned.

**12/93 Investment of the Council's Funds.**

The Clerk reported that at close of business on 19th May, 1993 the investments were as follows:-

		£
450,000.00	at 8.3% variable for 2 years subject to the rate being not less than 4.5% above the base rate on the Bradford & Bingley B S Timesaver Account.	
550,000.00	at 5 and eleven sixteenths % fixed to 28.5.93	
17,812.22	at 4.75% on 14 days notice	
18,457.20	at 2% overnight	
<u>1,036,269.42</u>		

**13/93 The following accounts were passed for payment:-**

		£
Cornhill Insurance-	Annual Premium	345.80
Southern Electric -	Electricity, Town Hall	37.14
Woolerton Truscott-	8th Instalment of Fees	3,526.89
J Boss	- Grasscutting	258.00
Banbury & District		
C V S	- Village Appraisal, Computing, Printing and Photocopying	65.90
C H C Plant Ltd	- Roller Hire, Sports Field	102.58
J Spencer	- Const. of Flower Troughs	643.09
Imprest Account	- Reimbursement	993.94

**14/93 Correspondence.**

(a) Letter from G J Handley, Sentry House suggesting that the Parish Council consider providing a skip each weekend over

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the summer months as the existing arrangements are inadequate. Resolved that the Clerk write to the Environmental Health Dept. of the District Council requesting that the skip be provided each weekend in the summer months and if this is not possible as part of the free service, to enquire the cost of such additional provision.

(b) Letter from Deddington Cricket Club complaining of the number of dog faeces being encountered on the cricket field and the impression this gives of the village to visiting teams. Resolved that a notice be erected stating that dogs are not allowed on the sports field and that dog owners are responsible for cleaning up after dogs have fouled on the surrounding paths and roadways.

(c) Letter from the Clerk to the Charity Estates raising several matters of contention between the Charity and the Council. Resolved that the Clerk write to the Clerk to the Charity suggesting a meeting take place between the Trustees and the Council at which all matters can be discussed and progress made. With the Chairman's permission Mr R Stevens spoke to this matter stating that a meeting of the Trustees was to be called shortly and hoped that liaison with the Council on all matters would make for better relations.

(d) Letter from Grove Court Resident's Association stating their concern that some of the stonework in the dovecote at Grove Court is crumbling and seeking details as to who is responsible for its repair. Resolved that the Clerk reply suggesting that the Association contact the Conservation Officer at Bodicote House.

(e) Letter from Mr R Doole, the Group Scout Leader, requesting a meeting to allocate the new and existing storage facilities at the Windmill Centre. Agreed that this matter be referred to the Windmill Sub-Committee.

(f) Letter from Mrs J Robins relating to the Grant of Arms and enquiring as to the form of the presentation to the Parish. Agreed that a Sub-Committee be formed to deal with this matter.

(g) Letter from Stiftung Europaisches Naturerbe (European Natural Heritage Fund) of Brussels relating to possible twinning on the basis of "cooperation in the field of the environment". Agreed that the Council should consider this and that it should be placed on a future agenda.

(h) Report from the District Council upon 2 objections to the Cherwell Local Plan affecting Deddington - Land to the North and to the South of Earls Lane. Agreed that a copy of the plans be forwarded to each Councillor and that the matter be considered at the next meeting.

#### **15/93 Any Other Business.**

(a) Deterioration in the Postal Service. Councillor Hill spoke of letters going to the wrong address and a general deterioration in the service. This may be due to holidays and the employment of temporary staff. Cr Canning agreed to take up this matter and to report back.



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(b) Parish Appraisal.

Cr Todd reported upon the Public Meeting discussion and said he was pleased with the public willingness to help. He handed out draft questionnaires and asked for comments. It was the intention to prepare the final version for June/July delivery. There had been many offers from Parish Councillors to assist with the delivery of the forms (20 persons required in total). It was agreed that (1) the Council discuss the Questionnaire at its next meeting, (2) the Clerk be asked for suggestions as to the printing of the 700 forms,

(3) there was no necessity for a further public meeting regarding the Village Appraisal prior to the questionnaires being sent out.

(c) Bus Shelter on the Green.

Councillor Canning requested and it was agreed that the Clerk should investigate all regulations affecting its erection and to provide details of previous minutes in this matter.

(d) Street Lighting - The Stile.

There were now blackspots in this pathway following the moving of the light. It was understood the Clerk was investigating a scheme for a light affixed centrally on the New Street part of the pathway.

(e) Stewards Duties.

Permission was requested for the steward to paint the area of the walls above the beams in the Town Hall, which was agreed. A request was also made for details of the duties of the Steward to be listed each month.

(f) Uncut verges on dangerous bends.

Agreed that a letter be sent to the County Engineer requesting urgent action to prevent accidents occurring.

(g) Coat of Arms.

Important agenda item for the next meeting

(h) Traffic Calming.

Agreed as an agenda item for the next meeting.

**16/93 Date of Next Meeting.**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 23rd June, 1993 at the Town Hall, commencing at 7.30 pm.

*Helena*