

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 26TH NOVEMBER 1986

Present: Councillor Hayward (Chairman), Councillors Allen, Cole, Fuller, Mrs. Kedge, Marmion, O'Neill, Stevens and Webber.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Fenemore, Garrett, Garvey, George and Mrs. Swash.

1. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 22nd October 1986, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
2. Matters arising from the Minutes

Residential development at rear of Manor Farmhouse, Clifton A copy of a letter from a resident of Clifton to the Chief Planning and Development Officer objecting to the proposal was reported.

3. Items of correspondence

Market stall An application for a market stall from The Imperial Cancer Research Fund for 29th November was approved subject to no liability falling on the Council thereby.

The Theatre, Chipping Norton No action was taken on a request for a revenue grant.

Sheltered housing at The Grove The Clerk reported that Planning approval had now been given to this proposal. Reference was made to an old dovecote on the edge of the site and RESOLVED that the Chief Planning and Development Officer be asked if this feature could be retained.

Annual Parish Liaison Meeting Receipt of the Minutes was reported.

Layby on B4031 at Clifton It was reported that, although this scheme had a High Priority Rating it would not be started before 1989/90 at the earliest. RESOLVED that a protest be made to the County Council.

Roads in Winter Receipt of the County Council proposals for snow clearing was reported and this would be publicised.

Bus services Receipt of the revised bus timetables was reported.

Parish Transport Representative This appointment was deferred to the next Meeting.

ORRC Newsletter Receipt was reported.

The Envoy Receipt was reported of two issues.

The Chairman stated that from time to time he received anonymous letters but that these could not be considered by the Council.

4. Castle Grounds

(a) Report of Committee This report, a copy of which is filed in the Minutes, was received and considered and, arising therefrom, RESOLVED that (i) the main gate be removed and the sign re-sited nearby; (ii) costs of a roundabout be considered at the next Meeting; (iii) the Cricket Club be asked if they wish to use the cricket net area; (iv) the owners of the approach road be asked about the clearing of the undergrowth which at present prevents cars parking; (v) Mr. Cowley be asked to remove the uprooted trees; (vi) no action be taken on the farm gate; (vii) a further report be made by the Clerk on general maintenance, including grass cutting. Councillor Allen stated that community programmers of the District Council would be renovating the pavilion in the New Year.

(b) Dog show Councillor Cole reported on the possibility of holding a dog show on 8th June. RESOLVED that sympathetic consideration be given to a formal application for such a show.

(c) Lane to north The Clerk reported that the owner of Castle End proposed to erect a new fence and this was welcomed as a great improvement.

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5. Cemetery The Council received and considered a report from the Committee and a copy is filed with the Minutes. Arising therefrom, RESOLVED that (a) Mr. Holton be thanked for again trimming the hedges; (b) Councillors Cole and Fuller look at the problem of the weeds and moss in the path and also the need for a selective weed-killer for the grass and the nettles near the entrance; (c) the island of grass by the layby be included in the maintenance; (d) the cost of a suitable seat be obtained; (e) a further report be made on general maintenance, including grass cutting. The Committees were thanked for their reports. It was not thought practicable to employ a maintenance man to work generally in the Parish.
6. Re-dedication of Church Bells An invitation from the Vicar to attend this service was accepted.
7. Best-kept Village Competition RESOLVED that the permanent plaque be sited in the Windmill Centre.
8. Christmas tree It was reported that this was being donated by Mr. Roger Gardner and the Chairman stated that he and the Vice-chairman would see to its erection and to the necessary lighting.

Windmill Centre

- (a) Lessees The Clerk reported that Group Captain Heywood was not now prepared to act as a Lessee and that he would be discussing the matter with the Rural Community Council.
- (b) Western boundary The Clerk stated that he still awaited a reply from the committee.
- (c) Meeting with committee Arising therefrom, RESOLVED that a Consultative Committee consisting of three Members of the Council and three members of the committee with the initial duty of dealing with the constructional defects in the building. Further RESOLVED that Councillors Allen and Cole, with one other to be appointed, be the Council representatives on the Committee.
- (d) Phase II A letter from Rockwell Developments Limited asking the wishes of the Council on Phase II before proceeding with Planning was reported and this was deferred until the next Meeting for further information.


10. Planning applications

- Barn at Mill Road - change of use No objections.
- Clydesdale, Market Place - alterations No objections.
- Castle Lodge - extensions No objections.
- Wychway House - change of use to hotel No objections.
- Sewage treatment plant at Clifton No objections.

11. Accounts for payment were passed as follows:-

B. W. Bond	Materials, Windmill Centre	£245. 05
W. Hirons	Elec. work, Town Hall	145. 00
RGS Landscapes	Grass cutting	93. 96
Southern Electricity	Energy, Town Hall	7. 16
Capitol Tile Supplies	Tiles, Windmill Centre	3. 20

The Meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

  
Chairman

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### Report of Castle Grounds Committee

The Committee met on 8th October 1986 at Castle Grounds when after walking over the ground they make the following recommendations:-

Approach road Ask Church Commissioners if Council can clear to make more space available for car parking.

Farm gate No action.

Main gate Either repair and paint with adequate locking device or erect new gates or drop barriers with lock and chain.

Trees to north of pavilion Unsafe trees need uprooting.

Play area needs to be kept tidy at frequent intervals.

Playground equipment needs to be renovated, greased and repainted. A new roundabout would be a useful addition, as would a seat which needs to be firmly anchored.

Grass maintenance In addition to the gang-mowing by the Council, the areas away from the football pitches need to be properly maintained.

Cricket nets There is a suitable space for these on the southern side.

Spare goal posts need to be removed.

Pavilion It is understood that Solar Designs are about to carry out much needed renovations.

Generally The 1987 and future contracts for maintenance should be of a more general character.

### Report of Cemetery Committee

The Committee met on 15th November 1986 at the Cemetery when after walking over the ground they make the following recommendations:-

Hedges The south and west sides have been trimmed by the farmer who should be thanked. The north side hedge is overgrown with nettles and should be sprayed. The east side needs no attention.

Path is overgrown and badly needs attention to remove the weeds and moss.

Trees are in a satisfactory condition.

Grass needs to be kept in a tidy state throughout the year and a selective weed killer would remove the dandelions.

Notice board needs minor repairs.

Entrance and lay-by Nettles need spraying and the stones tipped there removed. It would improve the appearance if the island of grass between the lay-by and Hempton Road was included in the maintenance contract.

Generally Like Castle Grounds, the 1987 and future contracts for maintenance should be of a more general character.

Seat A properly anchored seat near the entrance would be greatly welcomed by those visiting the Cemetery.