

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 27TH APRIL 1988

Present: Councillor Fenemore (Chairman), Councillors Allen, Cole, Fuller, Garrett, Garvey, Gibbs, Hayward, Mrs. Kedge, Marmion, O'Neill, Stevens and Mrs. Swash.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Webber.

1. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 23rd March 1988, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

Bus tokens The Clerk presented a Bus Token Petition which had been subscribed to by about 180 people, of whom rather less than half were easily identifiable. Councillor O'Neill referred to the presence of the Age Concern mini-bus which was available to run pensioners into the neighbouring towns.

Telephone Kiosks The Clerk stated that the Clifton and Hempton kiosks had been replaced within forty-eight hours of the last meeting and he had not had an opportunity by then to write to British Telecom.

Village Theatre Workshops The Clerk reported that the Home-School Association thought this scheme was worthy of support and asked for the same financial assistance from the Council as in 1987. RESOLVED that this be given.

Grass maintenance The Clerk reported that Mr. Boss was prepared to cut the Castle Grounds play area at £10 per cut and that, with the concurrence of the Chairman, he had accepted the offer.

List of Chairmen Councillor Marmion stated that he thought that a typed list of Chairmen for the past twenty years should be placed in the Town Hall and Councillor O'Neill agreed to supply the names.

3. Items of correspondence

Draft Rural Areas Local Plan It was reported that the District Council had considered the suggestions made and that the Plan was being amended where necessary to enable it to be placed on deposit towards the end of May.

Deddington Health Centre The Clerk reported that this Planning application, which the Council had objected to because the lack of adequate parking space, had been approved by the District Council.

Unicorn An application for the Full Transfer of the Licence was noted.

England in Bloom RESOLVED that no entry be made to this competition.

Windmill Community Centre - Phase II The Chairman read a letter from the Chairman of Deddington Badminton Club together with a copy of his reply.

4. OALC RESOLVED that membership be not re-sought.
5. War Memorial A letter from the Royal British Legion stated that they did not agree with the suggestion for a mini-Memorial in the Market Place and that no financial assistance could be obtained from National Headquarters to pay for the moving of the Memorial. RESOLVED that the possibility of moving the Memorial still be pursued when finances permit, and that Councillor Hayward investigate ways and means.
6. Parish Church Clock A request for financial assistance towards the renovation of the clock was considered but RESOLVED that the matter be deferred until such time as funds are available. The Chairman and Councillor Stevens declared an interest in this matter.
7. Post Office etc. Advisory Committee The Vice-chairman gave a brief report on the recent meeting when it had been reported, inter alia, that post codes might be changed in a year or two and that phone cards might be available in the newsagents side of the Post Office in due course.

8. Dogs fouling footways It was reported that the District Council proposed to make new byelaws shortly relating to footways and grass verges which were not more than four metres wide and also hoped to appoint a person to enforce those byelaws. The District Council asked if suitable places for notices referring to the byelaws could be placed in the Parish and RESOLVED that the Chairman and Councillor Hayward, with the Clerk, deal with this.
9. Signposting bridleways A letter asking for the signposting of the Hempton Road to near Deddington Mill bridleway was reported and the possibility of signposting other bridleways and footpaths was also considered. RESOLVED that the County Council be asked to signpost the bridleway referred to.
10. Proposed parking area for Castle Grounds The Clerk reported that he had not yet heard from English Heritage and the possibility of moving the area forward now that the western side of the lane had been cleared, was considered. The Clerk stated that, in his opinion, Planning permission would probably still be needed but the District Councillor stated that this was not so. RESOLVED that the area be re-marked by the Forestry Adviser to avoid digging into the ground and that the work then proceed
11. Windmill Community Centre

Defects in hall A copy of a letter from the architect had been circulated to all Members and this recommended that the retention moneys be released and that the condensation problem be solved by further work being done. RESOLVED that the retention moneys be released, but that the architect be asked to advise whom he thinks is responsible for the extra work and why, and also for copies of the investigations carried out.

Phase II Mr. Barnes reported that work had started on the field and that possibly sand and drainage would be needed for the football pitch: he also made suggestions for car parking and reported on alternative costs for the all-weather cricket wicket. RESOLVED that the group already appointed meet Mr. Barnes as soon as possible, and continue to do so when necessary, with an early report to the Council being made on the proposals.

12. Planning Committee The Chairman reported that the Committee had met and had no objections to (a) garage extension at 20 The Daedings; (b) new house next to Manor Farm House, Clifton; (c) creation of three workshops or offices for crafts or similar at Field Barn, Castle Farm; (d) new chiller room at Boulderdyke Farm; (e) or to internal improvements and new dormer windows at Osborne House, High Street.
13. Planning applications No objections were made to (a) conversion of barn to dwelling house off Deddington Hill; (b) erection of flat at The Lane, Hempton; (c) demolition of hovel and alterations at 7 Castle Street (Listed Building application); (d) awning at Acorn Stores, Market Place; (e) or to extensions at The Willery, Clifton Road.
14. Litter blitz and Cherwell in Bloom Councillor Mrs. Kedge reported that twenty-four sacks of litter had been collected and the Chairman thanked her and all her helpers. No particular scheme was proposed for Cherwell in Bloom but it was agreed that hanging baskets might adorn the Town Hall and Councillor Mrs. Swash agreed to find costs. Councillor Allen agreed to erect the necessary brackets.
15. Accounts for payment were passed as follows:-

J. Boss	Grass cutting	£ 60. 00
British Gas	Town Hall heating	13. 59
Cherwell District Council	General rates	92. 31
Cornhill Insurance Group	Insurance policy	285. 83
A. Gardner	Salary and expenses	107. 77
Thames Water	Town Hall water rate	9. 70
Bloxham School	Photocopying	7. 17

The Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.


Chairman