

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 27TH FEBRUARY 1985

Present: Councillor Ward (Vice-chairman in the Chair), Councillors Mrs. Cheeseman, Fenemore, Garvey, Mackenzie, O'Neill and Webber.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of the Chairman of the Council and Councillors Gardner, Garrett, Hayward and Stevens.

1. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 18th February 1985, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes of the last two Meetings

Bus tokens The Clerk reported that he had received two petitions with thirty names which asked for tokens to be resumed. RESOLVED that this be taken into account when the Estimates for 1986/87 are considered.

Deddington Hill/B4031 The Clerk reported that the County Councillor was now taking an active interest in these problems but that the County Surveyor and Engineer was not making any alterations in the markings on Deddington Hill.

Deddington News A letter of thanks was reported for the financial assistance and also that another £130 had been donated by local societies and readers.

Allotment rents It was reported that only one tenant was now in arrears with his rent.

Street lighting at Hempton Road It was reported that this work was being put into hand.

3. Items of correspondence

B4031 footway at Hempton A letter complaining at the dangerous state of this footway was read. RESOLVED that the letter be referred to the Area Surveyor for action, with a reminder about the other work agreed with his assistant last September which was still outstanding.

Planning decision It was reported that although the Council had no objections to the proposal to build a dwelling at Chapmans Lane, the District Council had now refused it.

District Council Annual Report for 1983/84 This was placed on circulation for Members to read. It was noted that the staff had risen since 1981.

OALC An invitation for non-Members to attend the AGM on 11th June was noted and deferred to the next Meeting.

Best Kept Village Competition Consideration of this was deferred to the next Meeting.

Public lighting maintenance Increases in charges were noted but regret was expressed at the lack of a reply from the Board to the Clerk's request for details of the scouting.

4. Insurances Details were given of the quotation made by Cornhill in response to the Council's proposals and these showed an increase of approximately two-hundred per centum. RESOLVED that Councillor Mackenzie study the quotation before a decision is reached.

5. Castle Grounds

(a) Grass cutting RESOLVED that the Clerk's action, in consultation with the Chairman, in renewing the contract with the County Council be confirmed.

(b) Circus An application for Circus Variety to hold their circus again during April or May was considered. RESOLVED that this be approved from 2nd to 5th May on the same terms as last year (£50), with the proviso that the site be left in a clean and tidy condition.

(c) Football pitch RESOLVED that Deddington Town Football Club be asked for an early reply to the request about their continued use of the pitch. MR

5. Castle Grounds (Continued)

(d) Pavilion Recent Vandalism of the pavilion was referred to Deddington Town Football Club for their attention.

(e) Swings Damage to the swings was reported and RESOLVED that these be inspected for a decision at the next Meeting.

6. Town Hall canopy

(a) Playgroup Permission was given for the Playgroup to hold a stall on 6th May, 1st June and 6th July, subject to no liability falling on the Council thereby.

(b) Mr. Langstaff Permission was given for an exhibition of Mr. Langstaff's paintings on 29th June, subject to no liability falling on the Council thereby.

7. Flyposting Reference was made to this in the Parish and the Clerk was instructed to write to the most obvious offender asking him to cease the practice.

Windmill Community Centre The Clerk reported that with the accounts to be paid at the Meeting £3159.70 would have been spent and that the income to date, in addition to the Pavilion Fund, was £4500.

9. Planning applications

(a) Conversion of stable to cottage at The Old Manor Farmhouse It was noted that the existing access, to which the Council had objected as it was regularly obstructed by traffic waiting at the lights, was again to be used and RESOLVED that the same objection be again made.

(b) Two dwellings rear of Royal British Legion Club Although concern was expressed at the access to High Street, no objection was made.

(c) Vehicular access at Castle Lodge No objection was made as it was considered that the proposal was an improvement on existing arrangements.

10. Accounts for payment were approved as follows:-

Public Works Loan Board	Annuity payment, Cemetery	£106. 98
L. G. Burton	Plumbing, Town Hall	8. 67
Cherwell District Council	Inspection fee, Windmill	609. 00
Oxfordshire County Council	Grass cutting, Castle Grounds	176. 85
Southern Electricity	New lamp, Hempton Road	171. 42
Southern Electricity	Street lighting	558. 41
	Town Hall energy	66. 19

The Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Mary Robinson.
Chairman