

**DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday**  
**27th October, 1993**

Present: Councillors Clinch (Chairman), Barlow, Bowen, Clarke, Canning, Mrs Lee, Miss Hill, O'Brien, Oddy, Mrs Stevens, and Mrs Swash. District Councillor Davis in attendance.

**109/93 Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Crs. Mrs Garvey, Reed, Todd and County Councillor Matthews.

**110/93 Cr Mrs Garvey.**

The Chairman reported that Cr Mrs Garvey had, following recent publicity, requested that the Council should consider whether she should remain on the Council. Two secret ballots were held the result of which was that Cr Mrs Garvey should decide for herself whether or not to remain on the Council.

**111/93 Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 29th September, 1993.**

These minutes, which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record, subject to Minute 104/94 being renumbered 104/93, and signed by the Chairman.

**112/93 Matters Arising.**

(a) 94/93(a) Best Kept Village Report. The Clerk referred to a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Deddington Branch of the British Legion requesting reconsideration of the removal of the War Memorial from the Churchyard to the Market Place. It was agreed that this matter be referred to the Environmental Sub-Committee.

(b) 94/93(h) Street Lighting. This matter was referred to the next meeting.

(c) 94/93(m) Clifton/Deddington Footpath. The Clerk reported that instructions had been given for any spare labour available at the Deddington County Council Highways Depot to be employed upon repairs to this footpath. By these means it would take a long time to complete but no other resources were available.

(d) 100/93 Village Appraisal. The Clerk reported that 68.8% forms had now been returned of which approximately one third had been fully entered into the computer programme and the comments on 50% had also been entered. It was still the intention to present a preliminary report to the next Council meeting and it was estimated that labour would cost £400.

(e) 103/93 Cherwell in Bloom. The Clerk presented a paper, which had been previously circulated, prepared by Cr Todd suggesting ways in which the Council might proceed in respect of the 1994 and future year's competitions. The basis was approved and referred to the Environmental Sub-Committee for implementation. The Clerk reported that the Salver and Certificates were on display in the window of Messrs Hayward and White. Resolved that Messrs Hayward and White and Cr Todd be thanked for their interest.

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(f) 104/93 Deddington Charity Estates. The Chairman reported upon his and Cr Mrs Swash's first attendance at a meeting of the Charity at which it was agreed to obtain full details of the Charity's constitution.

(g) 107/93(b) Town Hall Repairs. The Clerk reported a letter from Mr J Murphy stating that he was prepared to carry out the works of writing a specification, preparing tender documentation, inviting tenders and supervising the work of repairs to the Town Hall for the sum of £500. He estimated the cost of the contract to be the sum stated in the financial appendix. It was suggested that the sum involved was high in respect of a property which the Council does not own and whether or not the Charity Estates would be prepared to contribute. A water repellent paint was suggested as a stopgap measure for treating the exposed brickwork on the south elevation prior to the winter.

#### **113/93 Any other business.**

A request was made for the Market Place Bus Shelter to be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting of Council.

#### **114/93 Traffic Calming.**

(a) Chapel Square. The Clerk reported that the County Council had agreed that the priority system was not in accordance with this Council's instructions, but that they wished to monitor the position, for a time, prior to changing the signs over. Resolved that as the signs giving the wrong priority are causing confusion the County Council be asked to correct them as soon as possible.

(b) High Street. The proposed resiting of the refuge outside the Hotel Russell was unacceptable to the Council due to the way in which parking would be restricted, particularly for businesses. The Clerk was asked to arrange an urgent meeting with the County Council in order to establish a jointly suitable position for the refuge.

#### **115/93 Hempton Road Footpath and Cycletrack.**

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the County Council stating that the scheme was nearing completion. Cr Barlow stated that there was no firm surface at one of the farm entrances, which had already resulted in a person falling from his bicycle, and should be made good as part of the contract.

#### **116/93 Coat of Arms Sub-Committee.**

Cr Oddy reported upon the meeting of the Sub-Committee on 22nd October, (copy of notes attached). The day for the ceremony was confirmed as 16th April, 1994 and the following charges were agreed:-

	£
To use of the Arms-	
Deddington Clubs & Societies	50
Deddington Business Firms	100

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Shields at entrances to Village-

First Year Sponsorship	500
Future Years	250

Limited editions of articles displaying the Arms in silver, engraved glass, china etc. to be offered, payment to be made with order. Retail sales of mugs, coasters, towels etc each displaying the Arms were also to be arranged. The Clerk was asked to arrange matters for the procession with the police and to ask the Deddington Players to arrange entertainment in the Market Place on the day. Stalls were to be set up in the Market Place for local Clubs and Societies etc and Cr Bowen volunteered to assist in this aspect of the proceedings.

**117/93 Environmental Sub-Committee.**

(a) Grasscutting.

It was recommended that for 1994 the Council accept the contribution from the County Council and employ this Council's local contractor in respect of all verge cutting within the 30 mph limit. In respect of future years investigations were in hand as to the feasibility of the Council acquiring equipment in order that the verges and the large areas of open space in the village could be undertaken in-house. The recommendations were agreed.

(b) Castle Grounds.

A quotation had been received from H P Beuzeval of Oxford, the English Heritage maintenance contractor, for the strimming and cutting of the area surrounding the old rifle range in the sum of £235 plus VAT. Resolved that the quotation be accepted. Further works of drainage were required in this area and English Heritage were to be asked for permission to construct a ditch parallel to the boundary wall.

**118/93 Grants Sub-Committee.**

Application No 36 - Playgroup Fencing.

The application from the Playgroup had been received and a specification for the fencing, to complement the main scheme had been requested from the Council's consultants. Resolved that tenders be obtained for the fencing.

Application No 1. - Provision of Kitchen and Toilets in Parish Church.

The Church had now received the faculty for the above works and it was understood that the tender for the works was out of date and could be increased by approximately 5%. Resolved that as the delay in proceeding with the works was solely due to the administrative matters of the Church, the Council's grant be not increased.

**119/93 Holly Tree Sub-Committee.**

At the site meeting between the contractor and the Council's consultant it had been suggested that the exterior woodwork panelling beneath the main window to the hall should be replaced by stone, thus reducing maintenance and giving that area a longer life. A quotation of £349.80 plus VAT had been

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received for such works which was unanimously approved.

**120/93 Low Cost Housing Sub-Committee.**

The Clerk reported that the form of application had now been approved and they should shortly be available from Crs Oddy and Reed and from the Centrepoint office.

**121/93 Planning and Property Sub-Committee.**

Applications.

CHN CA 489/93 Eldred House, New Street - Demolition of lean-to and construction of conservatory. Observation the wall between the properties does not belong to the applicant.

CHN 496/93 2, Manor Farm Cottages - Demolition of house and erection of 1 dwelling including repositioning of garage to plot 42. Objection for the following reasons (a) the revised access to the development is directly opposite the entrance to Humberstone House and could create difficulty, (b) the garage to the new plot is in front of the building line on Hempton Road, (c) the position

of the vehicular drives to both plots 42 and 43 is dangerous from traffic movements in and out of the Hempton Road, the garage on plot 42 should at least be on the north side of the property.

Approvals.

CHN 259/93 Boulderdyke Farm, Clifton - Demolish existing buildings & redevelop site with 9 four bedrooomed detached houses plus ancillary works. (18 conditions)

CHN LB 375/93 Grove Cottages, High Street - Demolition of single storey outbuilding.

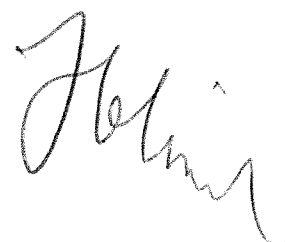
CHN 422/93 Bungalow north of Sunnyside, Hopcraft Lane - Amendments to dwelling approved under application B450/73 to provide first floor bedrooms in roof space, convert bedroom to garage with extension etc.

CHN 434/93 40, Mill Close - Two storey side extension.

The Clerk was asked to establish whether Deddington was the only Category 1 village in Cherwell which did not have member representation on the District Council's Planning Sub-Committees.

**122/93 Windmill Sub-Committee.**

Cr O'Brien reported that the contract was running 8 weeks behind schedule. Turf laying was to commence on the bowling green in the next week and discussions were ensuing regarding its security. A meeting had taken place with the users at which the choice of colour scheme was endorsed. The contract sum was likely to be overspent and certain works e.g. the avenue of trees previously omitted would be better reinstated to enhance the overall view of the Centre. To achieve this it was unanimously agreed that the interest earned and to be earned on the Windmill Centre allocation of capital be utilised on the scheme.



**123/93 Investment of the Council's Funds.**

The Clerk reported that at close of business On 26th October, 1993 the account balances were as follows:-

£		
450,000.00	at 8.3% variable for 2 years expiring on 27.4.95	
	subject to the rate being not less than 4.5% above	
	the base rate on the Bradford & Bingley Building	
	Society Timesaver Account.	
380,000.00	at 5.125% fixed to 29th October, 1993.	
10,829.76	at 4.125% subject to 14 days notice	
39,105.68	at 2.625% overnight	
<u>879,935.44</u>		

**124/93 The following accounts were passed for payment:-**

		£
Barrett Constuction Ltd	Certificate no 4	102,113.37
Cornhill Insurance plc	Pavilion Insurance	248.00
J Boss	Grasscutting	228.00
Insignia	Noticeboard	379.00
D H Blakey	Salary and Expenses	271.81
Parish Council Imprest Acc.	Reimbursement	891.96
		<u>104,132.14</u>

**Make up of Imprest Account.**

D Freeman	Wages	840.03
Centrepoint	Photocopying	40.03
Thames Water Utilities	Water, Sports Field	11.90
		<u>891.96</u>

**125/93 Hempton Public Noticeboard.**

The Clerk reported that the Hempton Parochial Church Council had not agreed to the noticeboard being erected in the Church porch. He had approached an adjacent landowner, Mr Wayne Grant, who had agreed to it being sited on metal supports adjacent to his boundary wall. The noticeboard has now been erected at an additional cost of £89 in respect of the supports, concreting and weatherboarding. Resolved that a letter of thanks be forwarded to Mr Grant for his cooperation.

**126/93 Correspondence.**

(a) Letter from Mr J Boss suggesting that the hedges surrounding the Cemetery required cutting and that he was prepared to undertake the work on all 4 sides for the sum of £120. Resolved that the quotation be accepted.

(b) Notification from the County Council of revised timings for the Mobile Library. From 12th November it will visit the Loop, Hempton fortnightly on Fridays from 10.00 - 10.20 am.

(c) Notification from the O A L C of the date of the next meeting - Monday, 29th November, 1993 at Exeter Hall, Kidlington, and of the Annual General Meeting - Monday, 20th June, 1994.

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(d) Marking of the Centenary of Parish Councils. 1994 is the centenary of the formation of Parish Councils and a Service of Thanksgiving will be held on Sunday, 8th May, 1994 in Christ Church Cathedral commencing at 2.30 pm. The Bishop of Dorchester will give the address. The O A L C have requested information as to whether this Parish is intending to commemorate the occasion. Resolved that the presentation of the Coat of Arms on 16th April, 1994 incorporate a commemoration of the centenary.

(e) Parish Constables. The O A L C have confirmed that there was little support from Oxfordshire Parishes for the Home Secretary's suggestion, only 3 putting forward ideas to implement a scheme. Most called for an increase in the number of regular police officers or special constables and complained of the timing of the consultation exercise, in a similar manner to this Council's submission.

(f) Review of O C C subsidised Bus Services. The decisions affecting this Parish are as follows:-

C 15 Clifton-Banbury. Service to continue operated by Heyfordian as service 89

C 16 Middle Barton-Banbury. The service will now be operated by Cheney Coaches as service A1. It will run 6 days per week during the school term, and 3 days per week during school holidays. (Heyfordian will continue the current service without subsidy).

C 22 North Aston-Banbury (peak). This service will continue and will now be operated by Jeffs Coaches as service 491.

C 24 Bloxham-Oxford (Shoppers). This new service will operate on Wednesdays, run by Jeffs Coaches and numbered 85. Timetables will be placed in the public noticeboards.

(g) Circular Walk. A letter from Mr Alastair Welford was read which indicated that he has urged the local MP to push forward his proposals for legislation to "Crackdown on illegal camping and raves". He concluded that "following legislation adequate protection should then be in place for landowners, generally, to cooperate with Circular Walks. I hope we will soon be able to proceed with Deddington Planned Circular Walk"

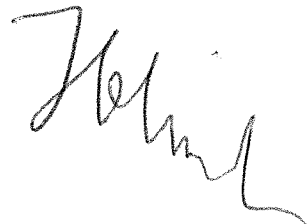
(h) Requests were received from the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council and the Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association for the Council to become members. Following debate it was agreed to take up membership of the ORCC at a cost of £15 per annum, but not the OPFA..

#### **127/93 Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting of the Council will be held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, 24th November 1993 commencing at 7.30 pm.

#### **128/93 December Meeting.**

It was agreed that unless some urgent business arose there would be no meeting in December.



FINANCIAL APPENDIX  
27th October, 1993

Town Hall (Minute 112/93 (g)).

The Consultant's estimate of the cost of the works was £5,500-£6,000 plus VAT.

Grasscutting (Minute 117/93 (a))

The local contractor's (Mr J Boss) quotation for the works (Deddington only) was £1,750 for seven cuts.

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