

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1983

Present: Councillor Mrs. Robinson (Chairman), Councillors Mrs. Cheeseman, Fenemore, Gardner, Garrett, George, Hayward, Mackenzie, O'Neill, Stevens, Ward and Webber.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Garvey.

1. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 24th August, 1983, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

Meeting at Bodicote House The Chairman gave a resume of the meeting, which was well attended but tended to be negative in its nature. The District Council had stated that it would always collect general rubbish where it was left on the highway and that it was hoped to prepare a statement explaining the principles on which it decided Planning policy.

Grove Galleries The Clerk reported that he had not yet received a reply from the District Council on this contravention and he was instructed to send a reminder asking for early action on the matter.

Highway maintenance There was a general discussion from which it was agreed to remind the County Council of the need to quickly replace the "cats' eyes" in Hempton Road and elsewhere.

3. Items of correspondence

Planning decision Refusal for the conversion of the old chapel in New Street was reported.

Bottle bank An offer to site a bottle bank was reported, the Council receiving £1.50 for each tonne collected. RESOLVED that further information be obtained.

Rural Housing Conference RESOLVED that no delegates be appointed to attend this meeting at Stonesfield.

4. Byelaws for Recreation Grounds The Clerk reported that the Home Office had approved the draft without alteration. RESOLVED that the Chairman and Vice-chairman seal the byelaws on behalf of the Council and that they be advertised in the Banbury Guardian prior to their being submitted to the Secretary of State for confirmation.
5. Notice of Audit The Clerk reported that the audit of the 1982/83 accounts would commence on 3rd October. He also reported that the Audit Commission proposed to re-appoint the District Auditor to audit the account for at least the next five years unless the Council had any objection. RESOLVED that no objection be made.
6. Hempton Road footway The Council noted that the footway between the access to Manor Farm and The Daedings had been re-surfaced. The Clerk reported that the County Council had abandoned the proposal to lay a footway between Deddington and Hempton as it had a low priority.
7. Postal services At the request of Councillor Stevens there was a general discussion from which it appeared that there was still a second delivery, boxes were being cleared early and that there was a delay in delivering first class mail: there was also a delay in placing the new and bigger collection box at the Post Office. It was agreed that Councillor Hayward be asked to take these matters up with the Postmaster.

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8. Castle Grounds At the request of Councillor Stevens the condition of the rifle range hut was discussed from which it was generally felt that it was a danger to children. RESOLVED that the Scouts be asked to clear the site forthwith.  
Councillor O'Neill referred to a recent death at a "witches' hat" piece of equipment in Devon and after some discussion RESOLVED that he be asked to arrange to make the one at Deddington a fixture to the ground.
9. Windmill Community Centre  
Windmill Stores It was reported that the committee had still not met and RESOLVED that the matter be once more deferred.  
Architect A letter from the architect was noted.
10. Planning applications No objections were made to an extension at 49 St. John's Way, an underground petrol tank at Benfield's garage, and an overhead power line at Tomwell Farm.
11. Accounts for payment were approved as follows:
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|-------------------------|---------------------|-------|----|
| Lane Fox and Partners   | Allotment rent      | £ 42. | 73 |
| Rob's Gardening Service | Grass cutting       | 37.   | 95 |
| Southern Electricity    | Street lighting     | 539.  | 80 |
| A. Gardner              | Salary and expenses | 175.  | 37 |
| D. Pritchard            | Wages               | 6.    | 50 |

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Mary Robinson.  
Chairman