

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday
29th September, 1993.

Present:- Councillors Clinch (Chairman), Bowen, Clarke, Canning, Mrs Lee, Miss Hill, Reed, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Swash and Todd. County Councillor Matthews and District Councillor Davis in attendance.

89/93 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Crs. Mrs Garvey, Barlow, O'Brien and Oddy. It was unanimously agreed that a letter be forwarded to Cr Barlow conveying the Council's best wishes for a speedy recovery.

90/93 Educational Grants.

The Chairman presented Educational Grants to the following students:-

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Stuart David HEWITT-HALL	100
Matthew Peter WALSH	100
Penelope Jaune MORRIS	100
Jonathon Philip SHAW	50
William Edward VARNEY	50
Adam Benjamin CHEETHAM	100
	<u>500</u>

91/93 Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25th August, 1993.

The above minutes, which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

92/93 Matters Arising.

(a) Drainage. The Clerk read letters from the County Engineer and Cherwell Construction Services acting on behalf of the Water Authority. It was confirmed that "there is capacity in the foul sewer system to accommodate the additional flows generated by the development" - Manor Farm. In regard to surface water the County Engineer stated "Nevertheless, in order to expedite matters, I am arranging for a general investigation of the surface water system to determine its size, depth, configuration and if possible, its potential capacity. Depending on the results of this investigation, additional gullies (gratings) might be installed, and any local blockages, cleared or breakages repaired. However, if the whole system is found to be requiring renewal or enlarging, the basis of full legal liability will have to be established between the County and Thames Water. That will be a long and bitter debate."

Councillor Matthews referred to his meeting with the Area Engineer and stated that combined drainage was provided in the village in the last century and foul drainage by the former Banbury Rural District Council in 1960. The County Council had



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done work recently replacing a section of pipe outside Featherton House without prejudice to their liability. The next meeting was to take place on 13th October.

Cr Mrs Swash referred to several recent calls to properties in The Tchure and High Street areas regarding sewerage problems.

(b) The Chairman referred to Minute 80/93 and stated that subsequently members of the Windmill Sub-Committee had agreed and recommended that work on the multi-use court should not proceed at this stage as this could jeopardise receipt of grant from the Foundation for the Arts and Sport. Agreed that the start of the project be postponed.

93/93 Any other business.

The Chairman allowed two items:-

- (a) Cr Mrs Swash - Parking in the Grove.
- (b) Clerk - Repairs to the Town Hall.

94/93 Environmental and Recreation Sub-Committee.

Cr Mrs Lee reported as follows:-

- (a) Report on Best Kept Village Competition.

Many of the comments in the judges report were inaccurate and it was agreed that a letter be forwarded to the organisers mentioning the following items.

"No coherent policy on verges in residential areas". The verge grasscutting is the responsibility of the County Council and the variation in condition related to those areas which had been mown by frontagers.

"the circular footpath mentioned on the entry form was not marked, nor could they find it". Last minute hold-up at request of farmers.

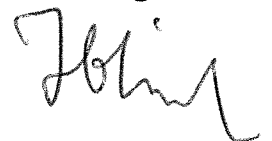
"A copy of the "Deddington News" would have been helpful and interesting". Not requested in application form.

"the pavilion on the Castle Grounds requires attention". This building does not belong to the Council and its owners Deddington Town Football Club will demolish it following their move to the Windmill Centre.

"The Windmill Sports Centre regrettably left much to be desired. The area around the Community Centre (peeling plaster, several broken windows) was unkempt, and no attempt had been made to clean it".

(b) Grasscutting Agency. The County Council were prepared to pass to the Parish Council the monies allocated for grasscutting within the 30mph limit on the understanding that this Council would undertake the work. The amount which would have passed this year was £1,108.82. Resolved that a working party consisting of Crs Mrs Lee, Miss Hill, Clarke and Todd investigate the possibility of this Council accepting the agency for 1994 including the acquisition of equipment, its storage, work at the Windmill and Castle Grounds, the employment of the Village Steward plus local contractors and report back to Council.

(c) Location and frequency of skip service. It was agreed that this matter be deferred until the results of the Village



Appraisal were available.

(d) Removal of Signs. A further agency which the County were prepared to pass to the Parish. It was proposed by Cr Miss Hill and seconded by Cr Mrs Swash that the agency be accepted and agreed by 7 votes to nil. It was agreed that a policy be determined by this sub-committee as to signs on the village greens, noticeboards etc.

(e) Dog Litter Bins. It was recommended and approved that the Council should initially have 2 such bins, 1 sited at the Castle Grounds and the other at the Windmill Centre. The bins would be free but the emptying would cost a maximum of £2.80 per bin per week - a total of £292 per annum.

(f) Dog Signs - It was agreed that 2 signs be erected at each of the sites referred to in (e) above stating "DOGS PROHIBITED ON PLAYING AREA".

(g) Parking on Pavements. Agreed that 3 posters and 50 stickers be obtained to promote this campaign.

(h) Street Lighting. Note was made of the requirement for additional street lights at the Stile, Philcote Street and the Tchure. It was agreed that members should report any further requirements to the next meeting.

(i) Cemetery. An application had been received to purchase 2 grave spaces in the North-east corner of the Cemetery, a considerable distance from the area where plots were currently being allocated. It was resolved that from a maintenance and precedent viewpoint the request be not agreed.

(j) Twinning. Resolved that no action be taken in response to the request from Stiftung Europaisches Naturerbe.

(k) County Minerals and Waste Plan. Deddington appeared to be unaffected by these proposals but a further report would be made to the next meeting.

(l) Further works. Work was required on a ditch at the rear of the Castle Grounds, the completion of the planting alongside Earls Lane and clearance of undergrowth at the Castle Grounds.

(m) Clifton to Deddington Footpath. Following discussion with the Area Engineer a promise of a detailed investigation of the situation had been promised and would be followed up.

95/93 Holly Tree Sub-Committee.

The Chairman reported that tenders had been received for the necessary works of repair to the club premises and walls excluding electrical and decoration works. A summary of tenders is attached as an appendix.

Resolved (a) that subject to the Council's surveyor being satisfied with the ability of the lowest tenderer to complete the works to his satisfaction the contract be awarded to Contractor B in the sum of £5,621 plus VAT.

(b) that subject to terms being satisfactory Messrs Ankers of Banbury be engaged to oversee the works and undertake the initial enquiries.

The Clerk read a detailed report upon the trees and other

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vegetation in the grounds prepared by Mr Scott, which revealed that there was not a great deal wrong with the present situation other than a little pruning and certain suggestions regarding additional planting. Resolved that Mr Scott be thanked for his report and the works be undertaken following the building works.

96/93 Low Cost Housing Sub-Committee.

A letter was circulated from the Oxford Citizens Housing Association stating that they were now in a position to commence negotiations with the owners of the preferred site and enclosing a draft application form for completion by would be tenants or shared owners. The sub-committee were to agree the form and proceed with its circulation.

97/93 Planning and Property Sub-Committee.

Cr Davis reported that he had not been appointed to the North Area Sub-Committee of the District Council but nevertheless would overlook all Deddington Parish applications. It was agreed that to ensure that full account was taken of this Council's views, the observations and objections of the sub-committee be forwarded to the District Council and be subsequently reported to the Parish Council.

Applications

CHN 434/93 40, Mill Close - Side Extension - No observations

CHN CA 425/93 Land east of Manor Farm, Hempton Road - Outline re 2 dwellings - Objections

(a) increase in vehicle movements onto the Hempton Rd.
(b) probability of overlooking of existing property to the south,

(c) from the sketch it would appear to infringe the proposed tree band required by the Tay Homes development.

CHN 422/93 Bungalow north of Sunnyside, Hopcraft Lane.

Amendments to dwelling approved under B450/73. - Observations

(a) there is an improvement in the detailing of the bungalow,
(b) problem of overlooking from 1st floor windows of the property on the other side of the road,

(c) likely to be a problem of surface water drainage in this location,

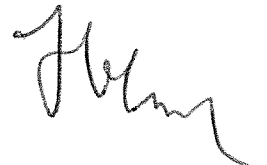
(d) full boundary wall should be retained in natural stone and

(e) if possible the apple tree should be retained.

(Note:- Cr Todd declared his non-pecuniary interest in this application and took no part in the discussion thereon)

CHN 758/88(1)RM Land at Manor Farm, off Hempton Rd - 62 dwellings. - Observations.

(a) The reduction to 42 dwellings has meant the general increase in size of the properties, when it was understood that the outline permission was for a development of dwellings of mixed sizes. Three house types shown on the plans are not to hand. This Council object to the lack of 1 and 2 bedroomed



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houses and the omission of bungalows.

(b) the layout of the previous submission was favoured by this Council subject to the houses fronting the Hempton Road being sited further north to marry with the existing building line. The open space in its revised position is no longer overlooked by many of the new dwellings, making supervision by parents more difficult, and from a Road Safety point of view i.e children collecting balls from the Hempton Road, running onto the Hempton Rd whilst at play etc., it is thought to be dangerously positioned. For these reasons the Parish Council object to its relocation and suggest that the Police Architectural Liaison Officer be asked for his comments.

(c) The Council would strongly object to any possible increase in the size of the development site and would wish to see the deletion from the plans of the words "possible future link" which would make nonsense of the new landscape buffer.

(d) As previously stated the developers should be required to provide or contribute to traffic calming and management measures on the Hempton Road, traffic along which is rapidly increasing as is its speed. Tailbacks are already occurring and this development will add substantially to the number of traffic movements.

(e) The department will already be aware of the ongoing concern in the village as to the capacity, age and condition of the sewerage and surface water systems in the village and this Council would wish to see a full report on this matter prior to the commencement of the development.

(f) The Council would also wish to draw to the attention of the department, the low pressure of the mains water in this particular area of the village and wish the matter to be drawn to the attention of the Water Authority.

Approvals

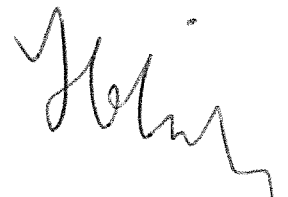
CHN 365/93 Coombe Cottage, Hempton - Demolition of outbuildings and two storey extension.

98/93 Windmill Sub-Committee.

The Chairman reported that the building was 5 weeks behind schedule and additional costs were possible, but the bowling green was on target. He also presented samples of the colour scheme for the exterior of the building and the pavilions which were approved by the Council. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Smith of the Oxfordshire Bowling Association regarding the supervision of the bowling green construction.

99/93 Traffic Calming.

The Clerk reported that the construction of the High Street refuge was due to commence on 23rd September but was stopped at the last moment by the Safety Audit Engineer because of lack of vision in a northerly direction for pedestrians. A revised site is now being investigated to the south of Hudson Street. The two other approved schemes are awaiting the delivery of signs from the manufacturers.



100/93 Village Appraisal.

The Chairman gave a short status report on the appraisal. Returns were still trickling in and already some 66.3% of the calculated total possible had been received. Data was now being entered into the computer programme and key findings should be available for the November meeting of the Council.

101/93 Investment of the Council's Funds.

The Clerk reported that at close of business on 28th September the balances were as follows:-

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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 B.S.
Timesaver Account.
400,000.00 at 5.4375% fixed to 1st October, 1993
10,064.55 at 4.125% subject to 14 days notice
2,352.84 at 2.625% overnight
862,417.39

102/93 Allotments - Rent Increase.

Resolved that an increase of £20 to £160 per annum be accepted upon the 2 yearly review of the rent.

103/93 Cherwell in Bloom Competition.

The Chairman was pleased to announce that the Parish came first in the "Best Environmental Improvement" Class and third in the "Best Floral Display-Large Village" Class. A presentation was to be made on 13th October, 1993.

104/94 Deddington Charity Estates.

The Clerk reported that the above Charity was responsible for the Almshouses in Church Street and the Town Hall. It was resolved to appoint Crs Clinch and Mrs Swash as the Council's representatives on the Charity.

105/93 The following accounts were approved for payment:-

British Telecom	- Office Telephone	108.87
Lane Fox	- ½ yr Rent of Allotments	70.00
Insignia	- 2 Notice Boards	544.00
Cherwell District Council	- Village Appraisal Printing	177.31
-- do.--	- Election Expenses	476.17
J P McDougal Ltd	- Paint etc	35.24
Audit Commission	- Audit Fee 1992/93 Accounts	435.45
Norroy & Ulster King of Arms	- Certificate Painting & Line Drawing	450.00
Design-Gro Ltd	- Sports Field Maint.	3,590.80
Environmental Advisory Unit	- 11th Inst. of Fees	3,526.89
J Boss	- Grasscutting, Sept.	194.00

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Education Grants	- 6 Recipients	500.00
D H Blakey	- Salary and Expenses	256.81
J Murphy	- Fees Town Hall	190.00
Inland Revenue	- Income Tax and NHI	931.03
D P C Imprest Account	- Reimbursement	<u>1,026.78</u>
		<u>12,513.35</u>
Make-up of Imprest Account reimbursement		£
D Freeman	- Wages 28/8, 4,11,18/9	712.23
Nicholson Nurseries	- Stakes	14.68
Citizens Advice Bureau	- Contribution	100.00
Centrepont	- Photocopying	14.87
Deddington Players	- Grant	185.00
		<u>1,026.78</u>

106/93 Correspondence.

(a) Letter of thanks from Banbury and District Citizens Advice Bureau for the Council's contribution.

(b) Letter from Deddington Branch of the British Legion giving details of the arrangements re the Poppy Appeal and the Remembrance Day Parade and Service, to which all members are invited, on 14th November, 1993.

107/93 Any other business.

(a) Car Parking in the entrance to the Grove.

Cr Swash stated that such parking was causing an obstruction to traffic wishing to obtain access to the flats and other property at the Grove which could cause difficulty in an emergency. The Clerk was asked to write to the County Council and the Police Authority requesting that they review the situation.

(b) Town Hall.

The Clerk reported upon a survey of the condition of the rendering at the Town Hall prepared by Mr J Murphy. Resolved that, subject to reasonable fees Mr Murphy be asked to prepare a specification and supervise the rerendering of the four walls of the building and the repair of the supporting pillars.

(c) Cherwell Countryside Forum.

Notification of the next meeting on Wednesday, 3rd November, 1993 at Exeter Hall, Kidlington commencing at 7.00 pm.

(d) Street Naming.

The District Council had confirmed the naming of the new development off Earls Lane as "The Beeches".

108/93 Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 27th October, 1993 in the Town Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.

Helming

Holly Tree Sub-Committee

27th September, 1993

Quotations received in respect of the works of repair required to the wall and Club premises as set out in the Surveyors report.

	A £	B £	C £	D £
1.Repoint & repair boundary walls	5,220.00	2,100.00	-	-
2.Repoint hall walls	1,010.00	700.00	-	-
3.Renew render to Annexe & form bell mouth drip	47.70	150.00	-	-
4.Replace door & windows	2,576.08	2,300.00	-	-
5.DPC to party wall	170.50	130.00	-	-
6.Overhaul gutters	246.00	75.00	-	-
7.Repairs to roof	350.00	166.00	-	-
TOTAL	<u>9,622.28</u>	<u>5,621.00</u>	<u>7,573.48</u>	<u>17,065.00</u>

Each of the above prices subject to the addition of VAT at 17.5%

Key.

- A - P.A Franklin & Son, Deddington
- B - John Spencer, Deddington
- C - H.R.Gibbs & Sons, Deddington
- D - Hinkins & Frewin Ltd., Banbury.

