

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 9TH NOVEMBER, 1982

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

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Gardner, Garvey and Mackenzie.

1. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 27th October, 1982, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
2. Windmill Community Centre
 - (a) New building The Council agreed to confirm the appointment of Messrs. Edwards, Bigwood & Bewlay to negotiate the sale of land to Rockwell Construction Limited at a fee of 1% of the capital cost, subject to no fee being paid if the sale does not proceed.
 Consideration was also given to the appointment of a Registered Architect to design the new building and, after some discussion, RESOLVED that Mr. Carl Middleditch be appointed at a total fee of approximately £2500 if the scheme proceeds and about £500 if it does not, subject to the Clerk being advised in writing of the foregoing details.
 - (b) New tennis courts In connection with the requirement of the Sports Council and its grant and loan for the new tennis courts, a constitution for the committee appointed to set up the Centre was considered and it was reported that the committee had accepted it subject to minor amendments. RESOLVED that the constitution be adopted. (A copy is filed in the Minute Book).
 - (c) 19 - 24 The Paddocks There was a short discussion on problems reported to the last Meeting and it was stressed that not all the tenants were responsible. The Clerk reported that he was investigating the possibility of extending the Byelaws for the Castle Grounds to cover the Centre.
 - (d) Rating Assessment The Clerk reported that he had met the District Valuer on site to discuss a possible reduction but the latter felt that the Assessment was already as low as he could make it. RESOLVED that the proposal to reduce the Assessment be withdrawn. It was noted that the committee was applying for relief from the District Council.
3. Planning applications No objection was raised to the proposal to build a two-store extension and make alterations to 1 St. Thomas Street. Subject to adequate safeguards being made to deal with smell, litter and closing times, no objection was made to the proposal to partition Windmill Stores to form a fish and chip take-away food shop and provide a new garage.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Douglas V. Ward.
 Chairman

WINDMILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

DEDDINGTON

The DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL is the owner in fee simple of land at Hempton Road, Deddington formerly used as the Windmill Secondary School.

WHEREAS the Council:-

(i) has acquired the land for the purposes of a village hall and community centre for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Deddington in the County of Oxfordshire without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for meetings, lectures and classes, and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants;

(ii) proposes to lease (hereinafter called "the lease") the land to a properly constituted Management Committee set up according to the provisions of Model B of the Model Documents for Village Halls published by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations when all land transactions have been completed;

(iii) considers that it is impracticable to manage the land itself, either by the Council or by a properly constituted committee set up under the provisions of Section 102 of the Local Government Act, 1972, during the intervening period before the Management Committee is set up.

1. The Council therefore agreed to the setting up of a committee (hereinafter called "the committee") consisting of Mesdames Bouverie, Cheeseman, Robinson and Rose, Messrs. Bond, Marshall, Rampley, Smith, Stammers, Ward and Watts, and Reverend R. Hannah, who were representing various local organisations, and selected at a public meeting of the parishioners of Deddington held on 31st March, 1981, with power to co-opt new members, to set up the village hall and community centre and generally to carry out the day-to-day management until such time as the end of the first annual general meeting which will be provided for in the lease.

2. The committee shall:-

(i) have power to appoint its own chairman, secretary and treasurer;

(ii) meet as often as is considered necessary by its chairman or secretary, but not less than four times in any year;

(iii) upon requisition by not less than any three members hold a special meeting upon seven clear days notice being given in writing to all other members of the committee of the matters to be discussed;

(iv) determine matters by the majority of members present and voting on the question, with the chairman of the meeting having a second or casting vote;

(v) provide and keep a minute book and all proper books of account and shall maintain an account at Barclays Bank PLC., Bridge Street, Banbury or at such other Bank as the committee may from time to time decide;

(vi) have power to make such rules as they think fit for the management of the community centre and such rules may in particular include:-

(a) the terms and conditions upon which the Centre may be used by persons or bodies other than those in the Parish of Deddington for the purposes specified herein and the sum (if any) to be paid for such use;

(b) the deposit of money at a proper Bank and the safe custody of documents;

(c) the engagement and dismissal of such officers servants and agents as the committee may consider necessary and the payment of such persons (not being members of the committee);

(d) the summoning and conduct of meetings including the number of members who shall form a quorum thereat, providing that at meetings of the committee the quorum shall be not less than one-third of the total number of members for the time being;

(vii) report as required to the Council on the progress maintained in the setting up of the Centre.

3. Any member of the committee who is adjudged bankrupt or who makes a composition or arrangement with his creditors or who is incapacitated from acting or who communicates in writing to the committee a wish to resign shall thereupon cease to be a member.

4. If the lease has not been completed before 1st April, 1983, there shall be a general meeting of all inhabitants of the Parish of Deddington of eighteen years and upwards within twenty-eight days to which the committee shall present a report on progress and its accounts and at which all shall be entitled to vote thereon. Public notice of the meeting shall be posted not less than seven days before the meeting at Deddington Town Hall, the Windmill Community Centre and at such other conspicuous places in the Parish as the committee consider desirable.

5. On the setting up of the Management Committee referred to above, all assets and liabilities of the committee shall be transferred to the Management Committee.