

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7:30pm at the Hempton Lounge, Windmill Community Centre, Deddington on Wednesday 20 July 2022

Present: Cllrs H Oldfield (chair), A Collins, M Cox, J Higham, M Ince, J Norton, S O'Neill, M Robinson, M Swadling, A Swan (from item 150/22), T Timms, J Watts **Also present:** 10 members of the public.

134/22	Apologies: Cllrs D Rogers, C Snashall and District Cllr B Williams.
135/22	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Pecuniary interest: Cllr J Norton 152/22 Approval of Invoices, as part of the group that organised the Clifton Jubilee celebrations that received a grant.</p> <p>General Interest: Cllr M Cox 143/22 Planning report f) 22/01870/OUT Mount Pleasant, Hempton, due to regularly donating to the charity and 148/22 Environment and Recreation g) Litter Bins, due to funding coming from her nephew and 151/22 o) RBL as has a family member of RBL. Cllr A Collins 151/22 o) RBL as member of RBL. Cllr M Ince 151/22 Finance and General Purposes t) To offer thanks to Deddington Festival and organisers of the Four Farms Challenge, due to knowing an organiser of the Deddington Festival. Cllr S O'Neill 155/22 Highways and Transport a) Site visit, due to being neighbouring land to her own; and 151/22 o) as member of RBL.</p>
136/22	Co-option of Councillors and signing of acceptance of Office. See 150/22.
137/22	Minutes: Cllr J Watts proposed, Cllr M Ince seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (9 for, 2 abstentions) that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2022 were a true record of the meeting.
138/22	Matters arising from the minutes and not referred to later on the agenda: None.
139/22	<p>10 Minute Open Forum:</p> <p>A member of the public addressed the Council regarding 143/22 Planning Report f) 22/01870/OUT Mount Pleasant, Hempton, requesting help in objecting to the application and support a listed building application. Documents were circulated amongst members explaining the reasons behind this objection. The member of the public had approached a member of the Oxfordshire Local History Society, who felt that the building in question was the same age as other listed buildings in Hempton and should therefore be preserved rather than demolished. A representative from the Ancient Monument Society had also informed the member of the public that he believed the property should be designated as a non-heritage asset and restored rather than demolished.</p> <p>Another member of the public addressed the Council regarding a new barn on Calcutt Farm, in which a screening row of trees to be planted along the pathway was part of the planning authorisation but has not yet been fulfilled. The member of the public was informed that they would need to contact CDC regarding this. The public member also requested an update on traffic calming measures in Hempton. They were informed that Cllr J Watts has been in contact with County Cllr A Fatemian, who is awaiting some final actions, after which the cameras will be put in place. This has taken so long due to resourcing issues.</p> <p>A further member of the public addressed the Council regarding the mowers used to cut the grass in the churchyard. The Council were informed that the one designated mower was insufficient for the lower churchyard.</p>
140/22	<p>Finance and General Purposes.</p> <p>c) Lower churchyard mower. Cllr J Watts proposed, Cllr S O'Neill seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to pay for a new mower at a cost of £424.17+VAT. The Clerk to check insurance and appropriate risk assessment.</p>
141/22	County Cllr A Fatemian update. None.
142/22	District Cllr B Williams update. None.
143/22	<p>Planning report.</p> <p>a) 22/01870/OUT Mount Pleasant, Hempton. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of two new dwellings and conversion of an existing barn for one dwelling. Various neighbour objections due to it being a historical site. Cllr S O'Neill proposed, Cllr A Collins seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (6 for, 3 abstentions, 2 against) to object to this application on the grounds of over-development of the site, increased traffic at an accident-prone blackspot at the Hempton pinch point, the poor splay vision lines accessing/egressing the site, and the increased carbon</p>

	<p>footprint implication of demolishing a serviceable property that could be renovated, to build another. The existing property is in close proximity to a listed building, which may have been built about the same time. The historic nature of Mount Pleasant house itself, appearing on the 1808 enclosures map ~71 in the core of the village, and various indications that the property is very much older than that, perhaps dating to the 1600's, suggests it should also be listed.</p>
144/22	<p>Finance and General purposes. f) '20mph is plenty'. Cllr J Watts proposed, Cllr M Ince seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to spend up to £1000 on '20mph is plenty' signs.</p>
145/22	<p>Highways and transport. a) 20mph limit. A member of the public informed the Council that she believed that support from Hempton for the scheme would be high, and that the Parish has a strong case for going to the front of the queue for these measures. The Council discussed the possibility of lowering the speed between Deddington and Hempton to 40mph. Plan to circulate a leaflet and a survey monkey to ask members of the parish for their views. Budget for survey monkey and printing costs to be an agenda item next month. The PC discussed that Community Speed Watch groups need to be active.</p>
146/22	<p>Environment and Recreation. a) Wording of community Orchard signage. Cllr H Oldfield proposed, Cllr J Norton seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (9 for, 2 abstentions) to approve the wording 'The Heritage Community Orchard, Clifton'. b) To rescind the decision made regarding No Mow May 2022. Intention to do it properly next year. c) Mowing outside Deddington Grange. A quote has been sought should this be Parish Council responsibility of £150 +VAT. Considered a safety issue. Cllr M Ince proposed, Cllr T Timms seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) that the grass be mowed as a one off to ensure resident safety, with OCC asked to increase their budget so that the Parish Council can take it on regularly. d) Update on ROSPA inspection – post play equipment job list. Jobs for Steward sent to Clerk for action. e) Two memorial trees for those lost to Covid and for those who volunteered their time to help others, to be planted at the adventure playground at a cost of £200. Cllr M Robinson proposed, Cllr T Timms seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to agree on the planting in principle, with Cllr M Robinson to undertake further research and bring to the next meeting.</p>
147/22	<p>Finance and General Purposes. q) Work in progress insurance. Work has started at the EA toilets. Cllr M Robinson proposed, Cllr S O'Neill seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (10 for, 1 abstention) that Work in Progress insurance is not bought. It was noted that it is not standard practice and nature of the Windmill Centre structure meant it is not appropriate.</p>
148/22	<p>Environment and Recreation. f) Portaloo. Cllr M Robinson proposed, Cllr M Swadling seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to extend the portaloo hire until the end of the school holidays, at a cost of up to £150 + VAT. g) Litter bins. Proposal circulated amongst the Council. Possibility of offering local businesses the opportunity to sponsor a bin, with there being a premium for the better locations. Good idea to propose a budget, but not spend all of it if sponsorship is received. PC generally in favour but more information to be sought. h) Market Place bench. Rotting in several places. Should be removed for safety and will be cordoned off. i) Treescape. Will be brought back to next month's meeting.</p>
149/22	<p>Finance and General Purposes. a) Sign off Internal control checklist — June 2022. Will wait until Cllr C Snashall is back in attendance. b) Consideration of EV charging Bullring/Market Place. These are being offered free and being run and managed by the suppliers. Concern that if not agreed to now, they could cost thousands at a later date. The downside is the location, due to its use for parking. Belief of some Councillors that the fairest thing to do would be to gain the opinions of the Parish prior to agreeing to these. However, others keen to prioritise the Market Place as a commercial hub, not a car park. Concern</p>

	<p>also regarding the possibility that the offer might be time limited, thus not allowing sufficient time for a parish wide survey of opinion. Cllr M Swadling requested a named vote. Cllr M Cox moved that the Council request OCC to proceed with the charging points in the Bullring. Cllr H Oldfield seconded the motion. Cllr M Swadling moved an amendment that parishioners should be asked for their opinions before the Council agree to EV charging point installation, Cllr J Watts seconded the amendment. The amendment FELL (For – Cllrs M Cox, J Norton and M Swadling, Against – Cllrs J Higham, M Ince, H Oldfield, S O’Neill, M Robinson and T Timms, Abstentions – Cllr A Collins and J Watts). The original motion was then put and Council RESOLVED (For – Cllrs M Cox, J Higham, M Ince, S O’Neill, H Oldfield, M Robinson and T Timms, Against – Cllrs J Norton and M Swadling, Abstentions – Cllrs A Collins and J Watts) that EV charging points will be approved for the Bullring/Market Place.</p>
150/22	<p>Co-option of Councillors and signing of acceptance of Office. Cllr A Collins proposed, Cllr J Higham seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to co-opt Mr Alistair Swan into the Parish Council. He duly signed his acceptance of office and joined the meeting.</p>
151/22	<p>Finance and General Purposes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) Lower churchyard mower. See 140/22. d) Reinvestment of Hampshire Trust Bank bond — no suitable one-year bond at present; therefore consider investing in account offering 0.1% until suitable one year bond can be found. Hold over until next month. e) Consider reinvestment of Cambridge and Counties — one year bond at 2%. Cllr M Swadling proposed, Cllr J Watts seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to agree to this reinvestment. f) ‘20mph is plenty’. See 144/22. g) Winter salt requirements. Councillors to let the Clerk know if bins need refilling. h) Consider transfer to Unity from Barclays of £35,000. Cllr M Swadling proposed, Cllr H Oldfield seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to agree to this transfer. i) Appoint Internal Auditor 2022/23. Cllr M Swadling proposed, Cllr J Watts seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to appoint an internal auditor 2022/23 at a cost of up to £300. j) Approval of additional tree work undertaken at Castle Grounds on H&S grounds. Cllr M Swadling proposed, Cllr J Watts seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to approve additional tree works at a cost of £100+VAT. k) Replacement litter bins across the parish with help from sponsorship. See 148/22 Environment and Recreation g) Litter bins. l) Extend hire of portaloo to end of school summer holidays 2022 at a cost of £150 + VAT. See 148/22 Environment and Recreation f) Portaloo. m) Windmill Roof. Have been seeking quotations to replace the roof. Three different options given. n) Finalising Castle Grounds tree works. Cllr M Swadling proposed, Cllr T Timms seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to finalise the works detailed in the 2019 tree survey at the Castle Ground at a cost of £600 +VAT. o) Full and final settlement of legal issue. Cllr H Oldfield proposed, Cllr S O’Neill seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (10 for, 2 abstentions) to accept the request for £12,834 for full and final settlement of legal issue. p) Use of local contractor to expedite job list. Cllr M Swadling proposed, Cllr T Timms seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to approve costs up to £800 for this purpose. q) To consider Work in progress insurance at a cost of £2,000 + VAT. See 147/22. r) Broken dog waste bin at Castle Grounds. Cllr M Swadling proposed, Cllr J Watts seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to replace the broken dog waste bin at Castle Grounds at a cost of £250 +VAT. s) Purchase of Community Orchard signage. M Swadling proposed, Cllr J Norton seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to purchase the signage at a cost of up to £380 +VAT (covered by TOE Grant). t) To offer thanks to Deddington Festival and organisers of the Four Farms Challenge. Letter of thanks to be written. Letter of congratulations to be written to the Warriner School for being one of only two schools in the county to win IQM Flagship School Award. Cllr M Swadling proposed,

	Cllr J Watts seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to send these letters of thanks and congratulations.																																																							
152/22	Approval of invoices: Cllr H Oldfield proposed, Cllr A Collins seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) that the invoices with a total of £41,823.16 were approved for payment.																																																							
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154/22	<p>Planning Report.</p> <p>Applications</p> <p>a) 22/01690/F 1 Archway Court, New Street, Deddington. Single storey flat roofed entrance lobby. Cllr S O'Neill proposed, Cllr M Swadling seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) no objection.</p> <p>b) 22/01688/LB and 22/01687/F Manor Farm House, Main Street, Clifton. Proposed conversion of attached barn to create self-contained annexe accommodation. Cllr S O'Neill proposed, Cllr M Swadling seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) no objection, but would defer to the conservation officer for the listed building element of the application.</p> <p>c) 22/01713/TCA Stonewall, Castle Street, Deddington. Tree works. Cllr S O'Neill proposed, Cllr M Cox seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) no objection.</p> <p>d) 22/01731/TPO Charters House, High Street, Deddington. Proposed works to Yew tree with TPO. Cllr S O'Neill proposed, Cllr A Swan seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) no objection.</p> <p>e) 22/01726/F 2 The Beeches, Deddington. Single storey extension to rear. Conversion above garage and small first floor extension to rear. Cllr S O'Neill proposed, Cllr M Cox seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) no objection.</p> <p>f) 22/01870/OUT Mount Pleasant, Hempton. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of two new dwellings and conversion of an existing barn for one dwelling. See 143/22.</p> <p>g) 22/01763/F Land Adjacent to Clifton Gate, Clifton Road, Deddington. Erection of single dwelling with detached garage. Cllr S O'Neill proposed, Cllr T Timms seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) no objection.</p> <p>Approvals</p> <p>22/01627/AGN Land adjoining and south of Hazel hedge, Deddington Hill, Deddington.</p> <p>22/01329/F 18 St Johns Way, Hempton.</p> <p>22/01282/F 34 Gaveston Gardens, Deddington. Fill existing open front porch.</p> <p>22/01281/CLUP 34 Gaveston Garden, Deddington.</p> <p>22/012271F 22101228/LB Grove Lodge High Street Deddington.</p> <p>2101048/TCA 7 Hudson Street, Deddington.</p> <p>22/00424/LB & 22/00423/F Folly Cottage, The Lane, Hempton.</p> <p>2210140310BL Clifton Gate Land south of Home Farm, Clifton Road, Deddington.</p> <p>22101526/DISC Leadenporch Farm, Chapmans Lane. Deddington.</p> <p>Refusals</p> <p>221012471F The Bothy, The Grove, Deddington.</p>																																																							
155/22	<p>Highways and transport.</p> <p>a) Site visit. Clerk written to Thomas Fox to widen the cut and extend it to the south/east to the Junction of Earls Lane. To improve safety and vision.</p> <p>b) Monitoring temporary traffic lights. Locations can be looked up online at https://one.network/uk/oxfordshire</p> <p>c) Bollard outside Finishing Touch hairdresser. OCC asked to consider a third bollard.</p> <p>d) Posters and A Boards. Letter of authorisation not yet received. To follow up.</p> <p>e) Stone Pit development. Cllr T Timms reported damage on Fix my street.</p>																																																							

	<p>f) Clifton water. It was reported that many Clifton residents had their water turned off unexpectedly for 15-20mins.</p> <p>g) 20mph possible flyer. Approx. £380 for survey monkey and print version. To agenda for September.</p>
156/22	<p>Update from Deddington Parish Representatives.</p> <p>Friends of Castle Grounds. Are considering installing some owl, bat and more bird boxes.</p>
157/22	<p>Any other business.</p> <p>Cllr D Rogers took Cllr M Cox her place on the Local Strategic Planning Council committee.</p> <p>Cllr J Higham to contact Windmill Centre regarding accessible toilet query.</p> <p>Cllr J Watts was presented with a certificate that enables him to do road closures on behalf of the British Legion. Cllr D Rogers has also received his certificate.</p>
158/22	<p>Neighbourhood Planning.</p> <p>Consider response to correspondence from Landowner. Cllr A Collins wanted to respond definitively last month. Council will respond to each of the points. Deddington Parish Council does not recognise Deddington Development Watch's leaflet in any way. Policies written by the steering group were agreeable to respondents, in the form they were written. Role of chairs is to ensure that extreme views held by anybody have not had undue influence. A brief note will be added to NP documentation to inform that the leaflet was published by a local pressure group during the NP consultation period. Money for producing the Neighbourhood Plan and a discussion of the three options an agenda item for next month. Cllr A Collins proposed, Cllr M Cox seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to respond as detailed above.</p>
159/22	<p>Date of the next meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 17 August 2022 in Hempton Lounge, Windmill Centre, Deddington. Meeting closed at: 10.15pm.</p>