

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 26th February, 1992.

Present:-

Councillors Mace, Oddy, Clarke, Mrs Swash, Mrs Lee, Reed, Bowen, Clinch, Mrs Stevens and Miss Hill.
In attendance County Councillor Matthews.

303 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Councillors O'Brien, Todd, Canning, Mrs Garvey and District Councillor Croft.

304 Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd January, 1992.

The Minutes of the above Meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

305 Matters arising from the Minutes.

With reference to Minute 293 it was reported that the Clerk had negotiated a reduction of £400 in the revised quotation for the Clifton Play Area and that construction had commenced.

306 Chairman's Report.

The Chairman reported that discussions were ongoing in regard to the Community Bus and he hoped to be in a position to shortly bring the matter to a conclusion.

There had been little reaction to the request for support for the undertaking of a Village Appraisal which was disappointing.

307 Environmental Sub-Committee.

(a) Refuse Collection - Market Place. Occupiers had agreed to place bins outside their front doors. Clerk to notify the District Council.

(b) Highway Works - It was reported that no action had yet been taken by the County Council regarding the grass verge outside the Chinese Restaurant or the road markings at the entrance to The Grove. The Clerk stated that he had recently contacted the Area Engineer who said that he hoped to erect the bollards at an early date and the road markings were being handled by the Traffic Management section.

(c) Footpaths - Several were in a poor state of repair Goose Green in particular, and that The Tchure had not been demarcated as promised. The Clerk to follow up.

(d) Litter Bins - The following sites had been selected for new bins:- 2 at Castle Grounds, Bull Ring, Church Lane, Market Place outside Unicorn Hotel. Following a letter from Mr Nield it was also agreed to site one in the Cemetery lay-by.

(e) Best Kept Village Competition - It was resolved to enter the competition and encouragement and maybe subsidy would be available to assist. A floral display could be arranged at the Town Hall.

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(f) Waste Recycling - The District Council had asked that a site be provided for further recycling.

(g) Fouling by Dogs - This matter was again causing a problem in the village and it was suggested that the Dog Warden be contacted for advice and that notices may be forwarded to certain dog owners.

(h) Steward - It was suggested that an advertisement be placed for a casual employee to perform certain necessary tasks around the village, terms of employment to be drawn up.

(i) Wychway House - A request from an occupier to maintain the beds round the House was agreed.

(j) Castle Grounds - It was agreed to accept the lowest quotation for breaking up the concrete areas formerly used as a rifle range and childrens' play area. The former rifle range to be tidied up and left as a natural area.

(k) Town Hall - It was suggested that a meeting be held with the Feoffees to discuss the possibility of improvements to the building both internal and external. A public toilet may be an added amenity beneath the Hall.

(l) Council for the Protection of Rural England - It was resolved to become a member of this organisation.

(m) Street Map - It was resolved that a street map of the village on a reasonably large scale be provided and mounted on a notice board at the Town Hall.

(n) Footpaths between Deddington and Clifton and Hempton - Three letters had been received requesting the provision of a footpath from the Cemetery to Hempton. It was resolved to obtain quotations for a footpath and one combined with a cycle track and that the possibility of a grant for part of distance be investigated. The Clerk was asked to write to the County Council requesting that they restore the footpath to Clifton which has become overgrown and impassable.

(o) Allotments - It was reported that there were at least two applications for tenancy, but, though there appeared to be many vacant plots, no plan was available to determine which these are. It was agreed that the Clerk arrange for a plan to be prepared.

(p) 'Bus in Layby. A 'bus has been parked on the Horsefair layby for in excess of a week and it appears that alterations to the 'bus are taking place on site. It was resolved that the Clerk inform the Police at Banbury of the position.

(q) Correspondence - Letters from Mrs O.Dunsby of Hempton and Mr JTP Nield of Larksfield were read the detail of which had been dealt with in previous decisions.

308 Grants Sub-Committee.

(a) Application No 1 - Installation of Toilets and Kitchen-Parish Church. The NALC had now confirmed that in their view contributions to the above works would be intra vires in accordance with section 145 of the L.G.Act, 1972. The Sub-Committee therefore wish to recommend approval of the Grant and propose that it be an agenda item for next month's Council.

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(b) Application No 9 - Construction of changing rooms for the Outdoor Pool - H.S.A. The special working party had met but a report on their deliberations was not available.

(c) Application No 4 - Provision of Sightscreen and Scoreboard - Deddington Cricket Club. Resolved that the loan for 50% of the equipment be interest free.

(d) Application No 8 - New Bowling Green - Deddington Beeches Bowling Club. The commencement of the contract to construct a four rink green is imminent at a cost of £40,000 plus fees.

(e) Application No 26 - Construction of pavilion and three storage huts, Windmill - Windmill Management Committee. This new application was in order in the sum of £20,000. It was recommended that this application be an agenda item at next month's Council Meeting. In the meantime it was agreed that a planning application be made in respect of the Tennis Club pavilion.

309 Planning Sub-Committee.

CHN 39/92 - Two Storey rear extension, "Maybanks", County View, Clifton - No Objection.

CHN LB 71/92 - New porch/conservatory, erection of garage etc, Tay's Cottage, The Bull Ring - No Objection.

CHN LB 18/92 - Convert ground floor lounge into bedroom with en-suite shower room, Featherton House, Chapel Square - No Objection,

CHN 758/88 - Manor Farm, Landscaping - No Objection.

CHN CA 531/91 - Demolish garages and redevelop with 12 elderly persons flats, Land off Hudson Street - A site meeting was held with the Chairman of the North Area Sub-Committee at which this Council's previous observations were confirmed. (Min.236 refers)

Approvals.

CHN 599/91 - Construction of garage, Highways Depot, Deddington.

CHN LB 664/91 - Change of use from antique shop to beauty salon and erection of internal partitions, "Clydesdale", Market Place.

310 Windmill Sub-Committee.

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th February, 1992, a copy of which is filed with these minutes, was circulated to each member and approved.

311 Investment of Council Funds.

The Clerk reported the position as at 26th February, 1992 as follows:-

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540,000	fixed to 25th May, 1992 at 10 and one eighth %
450,000	fixed to 20th March, 1992 at 10 and one eighth %
17,520	overnight at 8¼ %
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312 Parish Council and Rockwell.

Each member of the Council had received a copy of the letter from Messrs Dennis, Faulkner and Alsop, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. A letter was read from Cr Mrs Garvey indicating her view that the matter should not be taken further. Following a detailed debate Cr Clarke moved a motion "that the Council should proceed to obtain Counsel's opinion", which was seconded by Cr Oddy. The Chairman spoke vigorously against the motion and was supported by Cr Clinch on the basis that it was not for the good of the community to proceed. Speaking for the motion Cr Clarke said it was in the interest of the village to proceed to the next stage. A recorded vote was requested and the members voting for the motion were Crs Reed, Oddy, Clarke, Miss Hill, Bowen and Mrs Lee and against Crs Mace, Clinch, Mrs Stevens and Mrs Swash. The motion was approved by 6 votes to 4. The Chairman, Cr Mace offered his resignation following this decision; this was not accepted.

313 "One-off Education Grants.

The Chairman introduced the subject, stating that he was aware that other Parishes already operated a scheme, under Section 137 of the L.G. Act, 1972, of making small individual grants to students. He suggested that the criteria to be adopted should be that the grant should be for initial expenses such as books and equipment for young people who have

(a) been resident in the Parish for a minimum of two years and (b) been accepted for full-time tertiary education at a University, Technical College or College of Further Education. An amount of the order of £100 per grant was recommended. The suggestion was accepted without demur and the Clerk was asked to draft suitable application forms. Applications would be considered by the Grants Sub-Committee and recommended to the Council.

314 Street Lighting, Earls Lane.

The Clerk submitted a petition signed by most of the occupiers of property in Earls Lane requesting an urgent connection of electricity to the new street light in Earls Lane to enable the whole lane to be subject to a 30 mph speed restriction. The Clerk reported that the S.E.B. had delayed laying the service because they were aware that a further service was shortly required for another purpose on a similar route. The services were now being laid.

315 Bus Tokens.

The Clerk reported that the Bus Tokens would be available from the District Council on 16th March and it was agreed that the local issue should take place in the Town Hall on Wednesday 25th March. Application forms would shortly be available from the Post Office.

316 Annual Parish Meeting.

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting should be held

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in the Parish Church commencing at 7.30 pm on 20th May, 1992.

317 Draft Cherwell Local Plan.

The above plan is now on deposit and it was agreed that a copy be purchased and placed in the Public Library to enable parishioners to have easier access to the document. Cr Reed offered to analyse the position for the Council and to report to the next meeting, the day prior to the last for receiving comments on the plan by the District Council. This offer was received with thanks. Cr Miss Hill reported upon her attendance at the public meeting at Bodicote House at which the major topic had been relating to Highways. The Clerk was asked to endeavour to ensure that this Council was involved in any discussions regarding a second access to the motorway for Banbury. Queries were raised regarding commercial development in villages providing employment opportunities for local people.

318 Parish Notice Boards.

It was agreed that quotations be obtained for the provision of a large notice board at the Town Hall and for Hempton and Clifton. Possible locations were the Church porch at Hempton and the bus shelter at Clifton.

319 Correspondence.

(a) Letters of thanks had been received from the Victim Support Scheme and the Chapel and Bereavement Centre Appeal.

(b) Authority granted for use of area beneath the Town Hall on 4th April, 1992 for a cake stall for the Deddington Playgroup and on 25th April, 1992 for a cake stall for the Children's Church of the Parish Church.

(c) An application from Mr M D Foard of Duns Tew to set up a mobile fast food outlet in the centre of the village on Friday and Saturday evenings was refused.

(d) A letter from Banbury Community Transport Association Ltd suggesting possible services for a new mini-bus. Fares would be 50p single and £1 return and those relating to this Parish would run on a Monday and Saturday with the following timetable

Clifton -Bus Shelter	10 15	Banbury Bus Station	14 35
Deddington Market Pl.	10 20	Adderbury	14 47
Hempton -Church	10 23	Milton - Main Road	14 52
Barford St Michael	10 28	Barford St Michael	15 02
Milton - Main Road	10 38	Hempton Church	15 07
Adderbury	10 42	Deddington Market Pl.	15 10
Banbury Bus Station	10 55	Clifton Bus Shelter	15 15

For the service to break even six passengers per journey would be required. It was agreed that the suggested service be supported.

(e) The County Engineer had written stating that the County Council had discontinued the residential laybys programme and that therefore the assessment in respect of Earls Lane would

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not now take place.

(f) Notice of Application for a Transfer of the Licence relating to the Unicorn Hotel to Richard and Hugh John Morris both of the Unicorn Hotel.

320 The following accounts were passed for payment:-

Cherwell District Council	- Bus Tokens -	£1,800.00
Southern Electric	- Electricity Town Hall	£31.15
L G Burton	- Repairs Town Hall	£12.00
S.Marmion	- Storage Cabinet	£85.78
Hayward and White	- Photocopying	£35.98
Cherwell District Council	- Rates Town Hall	£44.00
Public Works Loan Board	- Annuity Repayment Cemetery	£106.98
D H Blakey	- Salary & Expenses Feb'y	£229.61

321 Other Business.

(a) Cr Miss Hill requested permission to represent the Council at a seminar in Warwick dealing with the preservation of ancient towns, organised by the Association of Small Historic Towns and Villages of the U.K. The request was agreed.

(b) The Clerk was asked to write to the District Council airing this Council's concerns relating to the new building at Home Farm and to establish its use classes.

(c) The Clerk to write to Thames Water Utilities informing them of the considerable loss of water from a burst at Goose Green which has been in existence for some time.

322 Date of next Council Meeting.

Wednesday, 25th March, 1992 at the Town Hall commencing at 7.15 pm.