

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE

24th JANUARY, 1990.

Present :

Cllrs. Fenemore (Chairman), Fuller, Cole, Marmion, Hayward, Stevens, Garvey, Webber, Gibbs, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Kedge, Mrs. Swash and Mrs. Garvey.

Apologies for absence were received from County Cllr. N. Matthews.

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 13th December, were approved.

1. MATTERS ARISING.

a) Christmas Tree.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to everyone that had contributed to the erection of the Christmas Tree in Deddington.

b) Redemption of Loans.

The Clerk confirmed that as instructed he had redeemed the outstanding loans with Cherwell District Council, and receipts had been obtained.

c) Payment of Salary to former Clerk to the Parish Council.

The Clerk confirmed that as instructed he had made payment of salary to Mr. Walkerdine, and had requested details of any expenses during his term of office. No claim for expenses had been received.

WINDMILL COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Cllr. Marmion informed the meeting that British Gas had now issued invoices for all the heaters which had been installed. He recommended that the invoice for the "upstairs" heater be paid, and that the invoices for the other heaters be negotiated with British Gas, either to reduce the sum to be paid, or failing that, for payment be made on terms. Cllr. Marmion also informed the meeting that a "Contract of Employment" had been drawn up by the Windmill Committee for the Steward. The PC had agreed to "underwrite" the Windmill Committee the sum of £5,000 in the first year for the salary of the steward, and this would mean that the sum of £417.00 would be required from the Parish Fund commencing from February. It was agreed that a "Standing Order" with the PC's bankers be set up to pay the sum of £417.00 per month commencing from 28th February, 1990. Cllr. Marmion stated that the Hall is now taking bookings and that the Committee should be able to repay the money from its takings.

RECREATION SUB-COMMITTEE.

Cllr. Fuller informed the meeting that he had attended the recreational facilities at the Castle grounds and that the slide guard had been welded up. Cllr. Fuller also reported that 3 new seats were required for the swings and that the slide needed further attention. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk write to the manufacturers and seek an estimate for repair to the facilities there. It was further agreed that this firm give guidance to the PC relating to the structure of the ground covering so as to comply with the latest guidelines on this matter. The Clerk was instructed to write to Messrs T & H of Home Farm, Deddington to express the thanks of the PC for their assistance with the welding of the slide. The Chairman informed the meeting that the plaque for "Welford's Piece" had now been provided and that this would be erected in due course.

PARISH TRUST FUND

Cllr. Cole informed the meeting that he had written to the PC's Solicitor regarding this matter, and that the draft Trust document had not yet been drawn up. The Solicitor had agreed to inform Cllr Cole by the end of the week after hearing from Counsel. After much discussion it was agreed that the Clerk be authorised to write to the Solicitor to inform him that the Council wished to receive a draft trust document by the 10th February, 1990 at the latest, in order that the Trust can be set up prior to the end of the present Council's term of office.

EARLS LANE.

Cllr. Fuller stated that the traffic problem in Earls Lane was increasing, and asked the Council to consider attempting to get a 30 mph speed restriction on this road. He thought that one further street lighting lamp placed between two lamps already there could mean that this road would be eligible to be restricted as to speed of motor vehicles. It was agreed by the PC that the Clerk make enquiries of the County Council. The Clerk was also asked to enquire of the OCC if it intended to implement the idea of the PC to provide a "Keep Clear" box at the Junction of Earls Lane with the main Road.

BOTTLE BANK and ADDITIONAL SKIP.

Cllr. Mrs. Stevens informed the meeting that she had been in contact with Cherwell District Council relating to the above matters and that she had been advised that the additional skip would be placed in Hempton Road on the 27th January. With regard to the Bottle bank the District Council were awaiting details of where these should be sited, and a plan was marked to be sent to the Council in order that these could be placed in due course.

VANDALISM at The Tchure.

Cllr. Mrs. Swash informed the meeting that there were problems in this area which appeared to be getting worse. Windows had been smashed, and she considered that the Police should be made aware of this situation. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk seek the co-operation of the Police to provide mobile patrols in this area, particularly at weekends.

PARISH PRECEPT 1990/91.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Cherwell District Council had now requested details of the sum required from the Parish Council for the ensuing year. After discussion it was agreed by the PC to make a precept of £10,000.00.

PARISH COUNCIL BANK ACCOUNTS.

It was agreed that the Chairman of the PC would speak to the Manager of Barclays Bank over concerns relating to the PC's accounts, in order to regularise the situation.

USE OF TOWN HALL FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had spoken to the local Fire Authority to seek inspection of the Town Hall for use as a Sunday School. The Fire Authority had informed the Clerk that it did not inspect non-licensed premises, and apart from offering advice relating to fire-extinguishers were unable to help further. Cllr. Stevens expressed that he was dissatisfied with the advice from the Fire Authority. It was agreed that the Church could use the Town Hall as a Sunday school, and Cllr. Stevens undertook to ask the Charity to provide an additional fire extinguisher to be placed at the bottom of the stairs leading to the main hall.

ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter had been received from Cherwell District Council informing the PC that a Tree Preservation Order was to be made in respect of Trees to the South of Mill Lane Close, Deddington. Should the order be confirmed by Cherwell District Council it would inform the PC.

A letter had been received from Barclays Bank PLC informing the Council that the current rate of interest appertaining to the Treasury Account held with them was now earning 15% per annum.

A letter had been received from Mrs. Joy Drake thanking the PC for the donation of £25.00 towards the production of Carol Sheets.

A letter had been received from Deddington Charity Estates informing the PC that it would be applying for planning permission to erect ornamental wrought iron fencing and gate to the Almshouses in Deddington. As no such application was before the PC at this time, it was decided to deal with this matter when such an application was received.

A letter had been received from the Secretary of the Deddington Playgroup informing the PC that their bankers were insisting that some assurance be given that their debt was to be paid off. After much discussion it was agreed that Cllr. Fenemore would speak to their Bankers in an attempt to clarify the situation that financial assistance to the Playgroup would likely be given from the "Parish Trust" when this was in existence.

A letter had been received from Mr. A. Gardner drawing the PC's attention to the the state of the Cemetary, Footpaths, and the absence of a seat in Hempton Road. The Chairman undertook to speak to Mr. Gardner regarding these matters.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the "Planning Committee" had met to consider the the following planning applications which had been received :-

- a) Plot 1, Tithe Lane, CLIFTON - Two storey dwelling with garage
(amended plans)

DECISION - This application is not as stated in the covering letter 'a change of access', but is a complete change in layout and house design. When compared with the original plans Tithe Lane is called Clifton Road. The new plans are a great improvement and they have no objection to the later plans.

- b) Fluer, Market Place, DEDDINGTON - New Fascia Board.

DECISION - No objection.

- c) The Granary, The Old Bakery, - Change of use of part of building
Market Place, DEDDINGTON. known as The Granary, in the Tchure
Deddington, from B2 Office use to
Residential Use.

(Cllr. Hayward declares interest).

DECISION - NO objection to change of use from B2 Office use to Residential use. Objection to the removal of old stone wall in The Tchure car parking yard as this would destroy an old stone wall in a conservation area.

d) Clifton Sewage Works
Extension of Chapel St.

- Installation of package sewage treatment plant (RBC unit) and 1.2 m high control kiosk. Macerator unit, storm tank/pumping station and measuring chamber. Apart from the package plant and the kiosk the remaining units will be below ground level.

DECISION. - No objections.

The PC had the following observations to make in respect of the following application.

Plot 2, Tithe Lane, CLIFTON - Proposed 2 story dwelling with Garage.

DECISION - That the planning authority be aware that this proposed development would overlook plot 1, and that this should be carefully considered before permission given.

The following accounts were passed for payment :-

1. Douglass Sign Services £43. 12
(Plaque re Welford's Piece)
2. John Boss £310. 00
(Churchyard extension - Maintenance)
3. British Gas £803. 05
(Supply/fitting gas heater - Windmill upper Hall)
4. Southern Electricity £132. 81
(Electricity consumption - Town Hall)
5. British Gas £6. 22
(Gas consumption - Town Hall)
6. Design Gro Ltd. £189. 75
(Maintenance Windmill Sports Field and Clifton)
7. Mrs. E.K. Busby £5. 00
(Caretaking - Town Hall.)

**Date of next meeting - to be held on Wednesday 28th February, 1990
at 7.15 p.m.**

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had received the resignation of Mr. R. Stratford as Clerk to the Parish Council. Mr. Stratford had agreed to remain as Clerk until the termination of the present Council.

The Council then wne into closed session to consider a draft report from the District Auditor.