

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:-

Councillors Mace, Oddy, Clarke, Todd, Canning, Mrs Swash, Mrs Lee, Reed, Bowen, Clinch, Mrs Stevens and Miss Hill.

284 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Garvey, O'Brien, County Councillor Matthews and Councillor Croft.

285 Minutes of the meeting held on 18th December, 1992.

The minutes of the meeting were approved, subject to the addition of "Airedale Jack Tablet - Resolved that the Council believe that the Tablet should remain in the Holly Tree grounds", and signed by the Chairman.

286 Chairman's Report.

The Chairman reported upon a meeting with Age Concern with regard to the joint use of a minibus. There appeared to be reasonable possibilities of such cooperation particularly as, in the main, the uses would not conflict. Further investigations were to be made with County, O.R.C.C., & C.V.A.. officers.

In regard to the Village Appraisal the Chairman was anxious for the project to proceed to a Public Meeting and following discussion it was agreed that, if possible, further publicity be given in the Deddington News requesting for volunteers to become involved in the appraisal.

287 Environment Sub- Committee.

(a) Refuse Collection, Market Place properties.

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the District Council stating that they were prepared to collect from the Market Place should the Parish Council be able to arrange this with the occupiers.

(b) Tree Pruning. It was reported that the trees in the Bull Ring had now been pruned but that those in the High Street had not been shaped, as promised.

(c) Skip in Earls Lane. It was reported that the skip had once again been palced in Earls Lane contrary to this Council's wishes. The Clerk was to take this matter up with the District Council.

(d) Featherton House. It was reported that two pipes above the footpath at this location were allowing water to fall on the footpath which had recently frozen causing difficulties for pedestrians at a dangerous position.

(e) Access to the Countryside meeting. Councillor Canning reported upon his attendance at the meeting which was very helpful, particularly in regard to footpaths. Grants were available at 50% for works to improve access and at 100% in respect of the provision of a circular walk of some 2 to 3

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miles, including access paths. Adequate car parking was essential and plans had to be with the District Council by the end of May, 1992. Should there be a Town Trail there was the possibility of toilet facilities being grant aided. A letter from Mrs V Sampson of Hempton was read complaining about obstructions in the Nether Worton/Hempton area and it was hoped that the newly formed working party of Councillors Canning, Mrs Lee and Mr Lee would investigate some of these in connection with the circular walk. Councillor Canning was thanked for his report and the Clerk was asked to obtain two copies of the definitive footpath map.

(f) Traffic Calming. The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the County Council stating that calming measures within Deddington will be assessed for the 1992/93 Traffic Management Programme. One idea suggested by telephone was to place pedestrian islands in the centre of High and New Streets and this was received with mixed thoughts from members. Any scheme would firstly be presented to this Council.

(g) Suggested New Street Lights. Further to Minute no.274(e) Councillor Canning reported the following sites:-

- Hempton Road - adjacent traffic sign at Oxford Rd. end
- The Grove - entrance from High St.
- The Tchure - High St. end
- The Stile - change of position of existing light
- Castle St. - on green adjacent to Johnsons
- Castle St. - between Castle End and Gas House
- Hempton - Chipping Norton Rd.
- Mill Close - additional light.

RESOLVED that the Clerk obtain the approval of the County Council to the above lights and subsequently obtain quotations.

(h) Castle Grounds. It was reported that there was a considerable amount of rubbish around the touchline and pavilion and the Clerk agreed to write to the football club. The position with regard to the old rifle range and surrounding area was discussed and it was **RESOLVED that a working party consisting of Councillors Clinch and Miss Hill and Mr Scott prepare a scheme for developing the area as a nature reserve.**

(i) Best Kept Village Competition. Members generally were of the view that if the Council was to enter this year, the village should actively participate. The decision upon entry was postponed until the next meeting.

(j) Grants for Recreational Facilities and Countryside Access. The Clerk reported that District Council Grant applications for 1992/93 should be submitted by 31st March 1992. It was agreed that this matter should be considered at the next meeting.

288 Grants Sub-Committee.

A letter had been received from the Cricket Club requesting confirmation of grant and loan in respect of a sight screen and scoreboard at a total cost of £1,370 plus V.A.T. It was confirmed that this sum would be available, 50% as grant and

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50% by way of a loan repayable over four years.

289 Planning Sub-Committee.

Applications:-

CHN 656/91 - Provision of two dormer windows in roof slope - College Farm Cottage, Hempton - No observations.

CHN 834/89 - Constuction of houses, garages, roads, sewers and ancillary works - Barleyfield, off Mill Close. Closeness of houses No 35/37 and 42/44 to the Windmill Centre may lead to complaints of noise nuisance - Mix of properties, especially 2 bedroomed houses, and the positioning of the open space to the rear of the Windmill Centre are welcomed - Houses on north of site are too close to the boundary and therefore to the existing properties in Mill Close.

CHN LB 664/91 - Change of use of antique shop to beauty salon and erection of internal partitions - Clydesdale, Market Place - No observations.

CHN 642/91 - Convert garage into kitchen etc. - Bunkers, Philcote St. - Amended plan is an improvement.

Approvals:-

CHN 643/91 - Modular Timber Play Area - Recreation Ground, Tithe Lane, Clifton.

CHN LB 202/91 - New cocktail room and 8 bedroomed annexe - Holcombe Hotel, High Street.

CHN 635/91 - Alterations to accesses, conversion of barns to three new houses - Park Farmhouse, High Street.

Appeals:-

CHN CA 231/91 - Demolition of brick/stone wall to enable alterations to approved car parking area - Renew initial objections and obtain a copy of inspector's report.

290 Windmill Sub-Committee.

Notes of the meeting held on 16th January, 1992 were circulated to each member and the following recommendations were agreed:-

(a) Noted that the renewal of the contract of the steward may increase the deficit to be met by the Council.

(b) Agreed the increase in charges, as set out in the appendix to these minutes, subject to:-

i. the increase for the Badminton Club being effective from May, 1992.

ii. no charge being made for junior badminton on Saturday mornings, if there are no other bookings.

iii. discussions with the North Oxfordshire College in an endeavour to agree a satisfactory increase.

(c) Agreed that pressure be brought to bear on the contractor to complete the works to the car park and lighting.

291 Investment of Council Funds.

The Clerk reported the position at 22nd January, 1992 as follows:-

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£447,000 at 10 and 5 sixteenths % fixed to 20th February, 1992

£530,000 at 10½% fixed to 25th February, 1992

£16,297 at 9¾% overnight

£993,297

292 Deddington Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

The Clerk reported that, with the exception of the Hudson St/High St location, all signs had been erected.

293 Play Area, Tithe Lane, Clifton.

The Clerk reported that planning permission had been received subject to a landscaping condition. A landscaping scheme had been prepared which was to be submitted to the planning authority.

A revised quotation had been received from Gametime UK Ltd for the equipment and its installation at a cost of £8,447, an increase of £975 over the last quotation. **RESOLVED that the Clerk negotiate with the company to reduce the price.**

294 Low Cost Housing Scheme.

A working party consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Councillor Reed and the Clerk was appointed to meet representatives of the Housing Association and to further the scheme in general.

295 Proposed purchase of Potato Field, Hempton Road.

The Clerk reported that the Council's Valuers had written stating that their maximum offer on behalf of the Council had been refused and that the vendor's agent on behalf of his client had suggested a price two and a half times the Council's offer. A copy of this letter, which was circulated to each member, is filed as an appendix to these minutes. **RESOLVED that (a) the Clerk write to the Council's valuers informing them that in the circumstances the Council does not wish to continue negotiations,**

(b) the Clerk write similarly to the vendor's agent and

(c) the Clerk obtain an updated quotation from Agripower (Midlands) Ltd for a four rink bowling green and, subject to any increased cost relating only to inflation, to proceed with a contract at an early date in order that the District Council grant could be claimed by 31st March, 1992.

296 Stonepit, Duns Tew Road, Hempton.

The Clerk reported that the licence had been signed and the fee paid by Mr Ray West.

297 Provision of Footway, Hempton Road.

It was reported that the lowest tender received for the above works was £3,304.70 as compared to the estimate of £3,350. The works were in progress and should be completed in February.

298 Street Lighting.

(a) The Clerk reported that the Southern Electricity Board had now refunded the June Quarter Account which had been paid in error.

(b) Work had commenced on the installation of the additional street light in Earls Lane at an estimated cost of £1,437 plus V.A.T. Following completion of the works the County Council will extend the 30 mph restriction to the whole of Earls Lane.

299 Bus Tokens.

RESOLVED that the concession for 1992/93 be increased to £14 per eligible parishioner, £15 worth of tokens to be issued in exchange for a payment of £1.

300 Correspondence.

(a) Use of Town Hall granted on 15th February, 1992 to Thames Valley Police for the marking of bicycles.

(b) Letter from Mrs B M Bell disagreeing with the Council decision to move the skips and bottle banks from Earls Lane on the grounds of reducing the amenities for residents.

(c) Request for a donation towards the cost of the Chapel and Bereavement Centre at the Horton General Hospital, Banbury.

RESOLVED that a donation of £100 be made to this charitable appeal.

(d) Request for a donation to the Victim Support Scheme to assist in the employment of urgently required clerical assistance. **RESOLVED** that a donation of £100 be made in this instance.

(e) Transfer of Justices Licence in respect of the Crown and Tuns public house.

301 To pass the following accounts for payment:-

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Banbury Sewing Machine Centre	- Sewing Machine -	179.75
E.J.Scott	- Trees and Tree Tubes -	26.61
Thames Water Utilities	- Water, Sports Field,	
	Hempton Road -	10.26
Huntleys	- Framing for Museum -	40.18
John Boss	- Erecting Christmas Tree	
	& Neighbourhood Watch	
	Signs -	30.00
Deddington Charity Estates	- Bookcase for Museum -	145.00
D.H.Blakey	- Salary & Expenses, Jan. -	157.20
Chapel & Bereavement Centre	- Donation -	100.00
Victim Support Scheme	- Donation -	100.00

302 The dates of future Council Meetings were agreed as follows

26th February, 1992
 25th March, 1992
 22nd April, 1992
 Annual Meeting 27th May, 1992
 Annual Public Meeting 20th May, 1992.

Chairman. 26th Feb.1992