

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 15 January 2003
commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Flux (Chairman), Mrs Harvey (Vice-Chairman), Todd, Mrs Swash, Helen Spencer, Alton, Rollason, Haslam, Squires, Wood, Co Cllr Jelf, Graham Pitts (Clerk), Sue Gibbs (Minute Secretary).

342/02 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Cox, Cllrs Westley, Watts, District Cllr O'Sullivan

343/02 **Minutes of Last Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 December were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.

344/02 **10 Minute Open Forum**

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

345/02 **Finance and General Purposes Working Group**

Cllr Todd stated that there was nothing to report in advance of the meeting to be held the following week to discuss the precept. The Chairman warned that it was anticipated that both the County and District Council rates would be increased for the forthcoming year; Co Cllr Jelf confirmed that it was thought that Council rates would increase by 14 to 14.5%, although it was still hoped that it could be less than this.

246/02 **Environment & Recreation Working Group**

Cllr Swash reported as follows:

- a. **Deddington Colts.** Following the meeting held before Christmas, it had been agreed that a representative from Deddington Colts would be invited to the next Working Group meeting on 12 February 2003. Cllr Rollason stated he felt it was important to progress this matter and agreed to supply the relevant contact details. **The Chairman asked those who had attended the first meeting to ensure that all members of the Working Group were fully briefed as to what had been discussed.** Cllr Squires said that one of the main issues had been parking which had been resolved, with the Colts agreeing that parents would be instructed to park at the NFU site. Cllr Todd was concerned that the planning restrictions on the NFU site included a prohibition on parking on a Sunday. **It was agreed that the Clerk should clarify this.**
- b. **Stonepits.** The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Parker and to progress the Tenancy Agreements for the allotments. The Working Group had agreed that it would be more practical to install stand pipes rather than water troughs. It was thought likely that agricultural pipes could be laid at a cost of between £300 and £500, but this had to be investigated further. It was anticipated that the cost of the water would be paid from the allotment rents, as was the case at Satin Lane.

- c. **Cemetery.** Cllr Swash had met the Funeral Directors, J&M Humphris, regarding the plotting of the cemetery. It transpired that the map was not quite to scale as the plots should in fact be 9 x 4 and this was being rectified.
- d. **BMX Track.** Cllr Swash had a site meeting with Duncan Robertson of Play Safe and as a result of the proposed re siting the final estimate was now estimated at £4643 plus VAT. As this was over the allotted budget (£4000), it was considered that savings could be made by hiring a digger, dumper and relevant operators independently. Cllr Swash was obtaining figures for this and would report in due course. It was proposed that the work would take place in the late spring. Cllr Todd asked if any applications for grants towards this project had been made. **It was agreed that the Clerk should find out what was available, particularly through Cherwell, Oxon Playing Fields Association, and Awards for All.** Cllr Haslam emphasized that this project should not be delayed pending grant applications; however the Chairman said that grants could not be obtained retrospectively and this could be discussed further at the precept meeting the following week.
- e. **Dog Fouling.** This is a recurring problem and **it was agreed that the Deddington News should be asked if it would include a section on this in its next issue.**
- f. **Hanging Baskets.** A request for funding had been included in the Working Group's budget submission to the F&GP Working Group and would be discussed at the following week's meeting.
- g. **Castle Grounds.** There had been reports of someone riding a quad bike at Castle Grounds. The Chairman confirmed that the agreement with English Heritage stated that no vehicles were allowed on this site and that there was a notice at the site stating this. **It was agreed that checks would be made to ensure that the notice was up and that if anyone spotted this again those using the quad bike should be asked to leave, and if necessary reported to the police.**
- h. **Youth Club.** The Youth Club was re-opening in February for 3 months, on the first Monday of each month, without official leaders (but with a team of volunteers). The "A Team" were coming to provide activities at a cost of £20 and **it was agreed that the Parish Council would pay this, particularly as it was no longer paying the wages of the Leaders. It was also agreed that a note should be sent to the volunteers thanking them for taking the time to try and keep this valuable resource going.**

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Planning and Property Working Group

Cllr Harvey reported as follows

- a. 02/02637/TCA St Peter and St Pauls Church, Deddington. Tree maintenance. **No objection**
- b. 02/02607/F The Stores, Hempton Road, Deddington. Erection of wooden shed (stabling) on parcel of land West side of sewerage works, Chapmans Lane, Deddington. **No objection**

- c. 02/02680/F Holmwood, Chapmans Lane, Deddington. Erection of double garage with room over. **No objection**
- d. 03/00017/F 44 Mill Close, Deddington. Single and two storey rear extension and two storey side extension. Letters of objection had been received from neighbours on either side of the site. It was agreed that objection should be made on the grounds that this was an over-development of the site, un-neighbourly and would result in considerable loss of light to the adjoining properties.
- e. 03/00045/LB 1 Paper Mill Cottage, Oxford Road, Adderbury . Single storey front extension and improvements and repairs to cottage. **No objection**
- f. 02/02634/F Castle Dene, Castle Street, Deddington Cllr Spencer declared an interest and left the meeting. An application had been made on this property previously, which had been objected to by the neighbours and the Parish Council. Cllr Harvey had spoken to one of the neighbours and no objections had so far been received on this occasion. It was agreed that the Parish Council should respond stating that it had no objections providing the neighbours had none.
- g. A letter had been received from Mr Small, The Orchard, Clifton expressing concern as to whether the development work at Main St, Clifton was intended to become housing. The Clerk confirmed that this letter had been passed on to CDC.

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Highways Working Group

Cllr Haslam reported as follows:

- a. **Budget.** The Working Group was proposing to resubmit the figures from the 2002 budget that has not been utilized in 2002.
- b. **Correspondence.** The Clerk and Cllr Westley had met with CDC at Hempton Road/Wimborne Close to discuss a proposed road crossing. This was now being reviewed by CDC who would be coming back with their findings.
- c. **Village Appraisal.** The Working Group would be looking at this over the next 3 months and reporting on any areas which needed updating or developing.
- d. The 90 Bus Service between Middle Barton and Banbury would now be departing from Banbury at 13.30 instead of 12.30 in order to try and increase usage of the service.
- e. **Babtie.** Cllr Westley and the Clerk had met with S Day to discuss the lighting and bus shelter in Deddington. A quote had now been received and this had been forwarded to Babtie who were now drawing up plans. There was some concern about any proposals to enclose the area under the Town Hall in any way. Cllr Haslam said that these concerns were noted and that this was very much at the proposal stage.
- f. **Clifton Footpath/Hempton.** Following site meetings to look at both of these, a letter was still awaited from Steve Bowden. This was being chased up by the Clerk.

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g. **Deddington.** The review of the traffic management was ongoing and further information is being reviewed. This is being included in the work carried out on the Village appraisal.

349/02 **Invoices for Payment**

Invoices totaling £1932.97, in accordance with a schedule circulated at the meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes, were approved for payment.

350/02 **Investment of Councils Funds**

At the close of business on 15 January 2003 the balances were as follows:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	BALANCE	INTEREST	NOTICE
60858471	4683.83	1%	14 Days
60708569	4440.29	.3%	Overnight
70012564	NIL		Overnight
70708526	1617.73	.1%	Imprest
70708542	677.00	.1%	Current
TOTAL	11418.85		
Bradford & Bingley	1000.00	3.25%	120 Days
W. Bromwich Building Soc.	511819.43	3.75%	Overnight
TOTAL	<u>524238.28</u>		

351/02 **Correspondence**

A list of correspondence was circulated at the meeting.

352/02 **British Legion Club.**

The Chairman reported that Norman West, who runs the club, had asked for a meeting with the Parish Council, as the Club is having some difficulty in keeping going. The Chairman had a copy of the original Trust Deeds, under the terms of which, if the British Legion Club were to close, the Trustees hold the premises in trust for the Parish Council and its residents. If the Parish Council did not wish to take on the building it was likely that it would have to be transferred to a charitable organisation. It was agreed that a meeting should be held with Mr West, to be attended by the Chairman and Cllrs Rollason and Wood.

353/02 **Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 22 January 2003 at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30pm. This is a special meeting

to discuss the precept.

Wednesday 19 February at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30pm