

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting held at the Windmill Community Centre, Deddington on
Wednesday 19 January 2011 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs Flux (Chair) Collins, Cox, Day, Finnigan, McDowell, Oldfield, Rudge, Squires, Todd, Watts and Williams and District Cllr O'Sullivan.

1/11	Apologies: Cllr Ward and County Cllr Jelf. Cllr Flux informed the PC that County Cllr Jelf was currently in hospital and he sent the PC's best wishes for a speedy recovery.
2/11	Minutes of the last meeting: 199/10 10 Minute open forum. The sixth sentence should read "He also noted that the scheme for new planning permission of three houses on the site of Ash Cottage are likely to be for two houses..." Cllr Flux signed the minutes as a true record.
3/11	Declaration of Interests: None
4/11	Co-option of New Parish Councillor. Two people applied to be co-opted on to the Parish Council and Brian Wood was duly appointed to the position following a vote. Cllr Flux expressed his gratitude for the interest in the PC by the other candidate and suggested that should another position become available the other candidate might like to consider re-applying.
5/11	Matters Arising not referred to later on the Agenda. None
6/11	10 Minute Open Forum: Some Clifton residents attended and requested an update and to hear the response from CDC regarding the planning developments at Ash Cottage. This summary was given by Cllr Todd during the planning working group notes detailed below.
7/11	County and District Councillors update: District Cllr O'Sullivan informed the PC that bus services, particularly in rural areas, are under threat. To cut costs, reduced services with higher costs are being considered. At present there are no specific routes being discussed. District Cllr O'Sullivan has concerns about the elderly. There was discussion about the concern that tokens which are currently redeemable in taxis are to be replaced by bus passes which would be useless to those living somewhere with no bus service, such as the Barfords. DC O'Sullivan also raised concerns that some grants of £50,000 that are currently available are being slashed and many elderly clubs had been funded via these grants. He was worried that the elderly would not have any clubs to attend and would stay at home isolated from the rest of the community. Cllr Todd said that he had heard on the local radio that Ian Hudspeth had said that the community transport system may be saved. Cllr Rudge said she had also heard the Dial a Ride service should also still continue. Cllr Squires asked whether the 59 bus service was a subsidised or a commercial service. It was felt that if it were a commercial venture then cuts would be unlikely. The Clerk to check.
8/11	<p>Environment & Recreation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planting. Cllr Rudge informed the PC that the banks adjacent to A4260 leaving Deddington to the south had been planted with 50 dogwood and ten spindle bushes to fill in the gaps left by the recent tree clearance. On the B4031 trees are to be planted to fill in the gaps in that avenue. A damaged and dangerous branch over hanging the A4260 has been reported by a resident. 2. OCV. The volunteers came and started worked coppicing trees at the back of the Windmill centre on 9 January as the start to the eight-year management programme. Cllr Rudge informed the PC that it looked "a bit drastic" but was in line with guidance and would help to bring more bio-diversity to the wood. Eight bird and four bat boxes had also been installed. The OCV have again done a very good job. 3. Primary School. The new Head of the Primary School, Clive Evans, has contacted Cllr Rudge to arrange a meeting to discuss the schools involvement with environmental projects. 4. Planting. Cllr Rudge asked OCC whether daffodils, crocus and other native plants could be planted in the verge. OCC said that they would be satisfied but to contact them first. <p>Recreation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Planter sponsors. Cllr Finnigan is looking for sponsors for the planters in the parish. Cllr Rudge she would be happy to plant up the A4260 southern one. 6. Clifton – Deddington layby. Cllr Finnigan requested that two bins costing £65 be purchased for the layby. The Clerk said that the CDC would arrange for emptying. Following concerns that they may be stolen it was agreed that they will be fixed into position. 7. St. Thomas Street Dog Bin. Has not been emptied the Clerk to request that it is. 8. Grit bins. Cllr Finnigan identified three sites for additional grit bins 1) St. Thomas Street/Oxford Road 2) Hudson Street/New Street and the Windmill entrance. The one for Mill Close is already in hand and being purchased by the local residents. Cllr Squires questioned whether pavement gritters should be considered again. Cllr Flux suggested that the PC could not been seen to favour certain areas by providing grit bins. Cllr Day believed that quantity and locations of the bins needs to be considered. Cllr Rudge suggested that the local businesses might like to fund some of the bins, particularly in the Market Place, to help with their continued business. Cllr Collins suggested that Cllr Squires submit a paper to council on how it should work. Cllr Squires recommended that the PC should ask for proposals for the siting of the bins and include how they would work i.e. local residents agreeing to clear the snow before gritting. Cllr O'Dowell suggested that the article be placed in the Deddington News soon whilst the bad weather is still in residents minds. Cllr Squires agreed to write it up for inclusion in the March issue of

	<p>the Deddington News.</p> <p>9. Bizzie Lizzies. Cllr Todd pointed out that the minutes 202/10 3. Environmental update included that low maintenance plants be used in the planters. Bizzie Lizzies need much watering and are not considered low maintenance. This was agreed and the plant suggestion was off the top of the head at the last meeting and would not be considered when planting.</p>
9/11	<p>Highways</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Outstanding Highways issues. Various issues (VAS, signage, pavements, blocked drains etc) covered in a letter sent to Highways. The RTA at Tays Gateway has been added to the list. DPC has also written to the new OCC Banbury section but no response received to date. Cllr Watts suggested that the letter and issues be forwarded to Cllr Ray Jelf and possibly Rodney Rose as well. The Clerk to action. 2. Speeding. PC Richard Miller is supportive. Cllr Collins to speak with Clerk regarding sending a letter to the individual members inviting their involvement and ascertaining their availability for a number of future events. 3. RTA Hempton Road. Not reported to NAG. Cllr Collins to contact the NAG chair and question why it was not reported. 4. Traffic lights from Hempton Road. The repair/replacement of the sensors is scheduled for January/February. There will also be a new crossing to be created to the south of the lights. Cllr Collins emailed Bruce Riddel to request accident statistics. Mike West also promised the MC NHS data for the same. These are to be chased. 5. Market Place verges. Complaints have been received regarding the Co-op lorry churning the verge in Church Street and Market Place. The costs are being investigated to find suitable paving for the verge in Church Street. Highways to be contacted to ascertain if they would agree to the on-going maintenance of the paving should the PC fund it. Cllr Todd suggested that paving with holes to allow grass to grow through would be in keeping. Yellow lines and loading bays were briefly discussed but it was felt unsightly and not necessarily the best course of action. Cllr Todd suggested that Cllr Collins looks at the paving at the Holly Tree Club. Cllr Flux suggested that any solution needed balance as the Co-op is an extremely valuable village asset and has proved vital during the very bad weather. It needs to be able to make deliveries to the rear entrance of the shop. Cllr Collins will get quotes for the paving for consideration at the next meeting. He also requested £200 for four posts for the South green at the northern apex. This was agreed. 6. Parish Emergency Plan. The HWG suggested that the millennium emergency plan be reviewed and appropriated amended to provide solutions for snow and other potential disruptions. Cllr Cox was involved in the original plan and gave the PC an insight to its contents (Good Neighbours, Emergency response, warm meals for people, 4x4 drivers available for assistance). A newly configured working party of Cllrs Cox, O'Dowell, Rudge and Williams volunteered to take on the new Parish Emergency Plan. Cllr Squires proposed that the PC feedback to the OCC that they did a bad job clearing the road etc during the recent prolonged bad weather. Cllr Oldfield seconded this motion. This motion was not supported by the Council when put to a vote.
10/11	<p>Planning Working Group</p> <p>Summary of meeting regarding Ash Cottage, Chapel Close, Clifton development</p> <p>Cllr Todd ran through the points discussed at the recent meeting regarding the changes to the agreed planning permission.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footprint. The new dwelling is already at ground floor level and concerns about its position were raised. 2. Access. It was stated that unless the support of OCC Highways is given stating that there is a problem the planning cannot assess and agree that there is a problem there. 3. Building change. The building has changed with the front wing being reduced and an addition to the back. It was not considered a major change and not presenting a great deal of overlooking other properties. 4. Parking and turning. It was agreed that the garage should not be used for any purpose than parking a car. According to the guidelines there is sufficient space for three vehicles and a turning space. It was felt that there would be difficulty in agreeing with the objection. <p>In summary Cllr Todd said that given these points no action was possible from the DPC.</p> <p>Cllr Todd also spoke regarding the application change, which originally the PC had not been informed of as it was considered a non-material amendment. The changes being requested were considerably more than that normally covered by such an amendment (NMA) and therefore this new application was necessary. Cllr Watts asked if we could request that it goes to committee. He was informed that they are not bound to do it despite a request. Cllr Flux apologised to the Clifton residents present that the PC was unable to do any more. The residents thanked the PC for their work and input into these planning issues.</p> <p>Applications</p> <p>10/01879/F – Land adjacent to Calcutt Farms, Radwell Grounds, Duns Tew Road, Hempton. Erection of corn store (approx 35 feet high) on the edge/outside the farmyard. It could be seen from the rear of some of the houses to the south side of the main road (B4031) through the village. Part of the proposed store is sited outside the present envelope of the existing farmyard and current natural village boundary and consequently would intrude into the landscape. To obviate some of the intrusion into the landscape it is</p>

	<p>proposed to mask the building from sight by planting both quick and slow growing native trees to its south and supplement existing planting to the north while leaving the eastern end open. It is therefore important that the colour(s) of the building and its roof is/are neutral and blend into the surroundings. It appears that the intention is to bring grain from acreage elsewhere owned by Calcutt Farms to Hempton for drying, if necessary, and storage. This will result in additional traffic movements to and from the farm and no estimates of such movement are mentioned but discussion with the land owner suggests otherwise as storage at Castle Farm, Deddington, has been renovated. A grain drying equipment area is shown on the plans but no noise nuisance reduction measures from its operation are indicated. Such equipment can be set to run automatically and only when necessary to condition the grain. The PC will ask for it to be turned off overnight as the prevailing wind direction could carry noise towards the nearby dwellings. The application has only just been received so views of affected property owners are not yet known. The Planning Authority and applicant's agent have been in discussion about the best siting which has involved several options. After visiting the site Cllr Todd encountered a Landscape Officer from CDC and took the opportunity to discuss the various options with the officer. The matter is going to Committee for decision. Planning WG concerns are listed above and so the PC will object to the current application but may decide to withdraw its objection at a later stage if any subsequent re-siting and suitable conditions relating to the alleviation of possible nuisances, screening and colour cover its concerns. Objection.</p> <p>10/01899/F – 22 The Daedings, Deddington. Side extension to provide a ground floor bedroom in what is currently an open yard. The roof level is not at the same height as the remainder of the dwelling. No objection.</p> <p>Approvals 10/01672/F – 65 St Johns Way, Hempton. Extension of time limit of 07/00094/F.</p> <p>Refusals - None. Withdrawals - None.</p> <p>Meeting with landowners/developers. On Monday 17 January the Chairman, Cllrs Williams and Todd together with representatives from the school and Oxon CC met with representatives of the landowners and proposed developers (Pegasus) in relation to the parcel of land off the Banbury Road, Deddington. This was one of the parcels of land identified in the Local Development Plan for consideration in the original consultation document. The object of the meeting was to discover local views about the feasibility of a development of 85 dwellings on this site and its possible impacts locally. A number of issues were discussed including the lack of places at the village and other local school, traffic movements (the main road specifically when M40 closed and the large lorries using the road), effect on current services including the surgery and utilities and the housing mix (25-30% of affordable housing). The owner of this land is Prudential who also own land at the back of The Grove, at the end of Wimborn Close and the allotment site we rent in Satin Lane.</p> <p>Having listened to local views Pegasus proposed that they call another meeting of those present and others (such as the Surgery) once they had taken on board the points raised during the meeting. It was also suggested that they also undertake a consultation exercise in the village, which they appeared to favour. They would hope to submit a planning application during the first half of this year.</p> <p>The Clerk suggested the section 106 funding may be of benefit to the Parish and used to improve play areas, increase allotments etc.</p>
11/11	<p>Finance & General Purposes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Precept. Cllr Flux proposed that the precept remain the same as last year, which was seconded by Cllr Day and agreed 11 for and 1 against. The Clerk asked for confirmation that it was per house, which it was. CDC has confirmed that Precept payment will be made on 13 April and 14 September 2011. 2. Cash Flow. Receipts from the cemetery. 3. Investments. The £200K Anglo Irish bond has matured. Alternative re-investments are being reviewed probably for one year since interest rates may rise. Currently offered 2.98% by Anglo Irish. A review of the West Brom investment will also take place. 4. Budget. Cllr Finnigan to report prior to February meeting so that it can be finalised at the meeting. 5. Insurance. Confirmation of cover for the Bowls Pavilion has been received. 6. Clerk's pension. The Council agreed to pay the Clerk 5% additional on her gross pay for investment in a stakeholder pension. This will be reviewed in 12 months time and will be backdated to 1st April 2010 7. Solar Panels. It was agreed that the PC should continue to look at a project for Solar Panels. Cllr Day suggested that full details where necessary to make a considered decision. 8. Deddington on line. The PC information of DOL needs to be kept up-to-date. It was agreed that this might come at a small administration fee. Cllr Ward had suggested her son this is to be followed up. 9. Grass Cutting Tenders. Grass cutting tenders are ready to go out. The Clerk informed the PC that the quotes would be for three years and for two different cuttings, one including the market place and Church Street and one without these areas. The cuts, if undertaken by the steward, will be of the same frequency as the council cuts. There was a suggestion that the cricket club may be sub-contracted for some of the cutting. The Clerk also asked that the strip of grass to the back of the Windmill be included in the request for quotes. 10. Town Hall. Cllrs Flux and Collins to hold a meeting with George Fenemore. 11. Bus Shelter. The bus shelters are now included in the parish insurance cover.
12/11	<p>Closure of Library Cllrs Flux and Todd (also FodDL) attended a meeting on 18 January with C.Cllr Judith Heathcoat and</p>

	<p>H.Marshall (School Governor). The proposed closure of the library (due to funding ceasing on 31 December 2011) will have a consultation period from 7 February to 7 May. The CC to make decision on 24 May. The libraries being retained handle 82% of all current business. The Library has got to save 23% of expenditure (£2m) over 4 years. County is rationalising the portfolio of all the buildings under its control/ownership. The buildings in Deddington are the Fire Station, Highways depot, Library and Nursery School building at Windmill. These buildings are either at capacity, not in a good place or condition or inappropriate for other uses. Communities may bid for a portion of the £600K "treasure chest" – likely to be in the region of £20K per project. The county aims to work through main hubs, e.g. Banbury, Bicester, Oxford, etc. and provide a service to local communities through a network of local community facilities (where available) and a mobile library service currently consisting of 7 (5 general + 2 children's) mobile libraries. Cllr Heathcoat felt that sponsorship towards running costs might be an attractive route for some communities hoping to provide a service. Books on Wheels, Computer use and school provision would be taken into consideration. She provided running costs for 2009/10 for Deddington library (in the region of £40,000). Deddington library is valued at £225K. Sale to the PC or Charity might be considered. Alternatively perhaps the building could be leased at a pepper corn rent.</p> <p>Initially the County Council are looking for EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST from communities so that the ideas forthcoming can be assessed for consideration and, hopefully, supported. It was agreed that an expression of interest be made. There was much discussion during the meeting and it was felt that parishioners' views where necessary as a matter of priority and a parish meeting is to be held on Tuesday 15 February 2011 at 7:30pm in the lounge at the Windmill Community Centre (since moved to the main hall). It was decided that local villagers such as residents of Duns Tew and the Astons be invited as they also use the Deddington library. Cllr Todd noted that he would be unable to attend a meeting on this date. Cllr Oldfield and others felt that action should be taken as soon as possible. Cllr O'Dowell asked that the data regarding its usage etc be available for the meeting. Cllr Todd said that a person/persons would be asked to attend the meeting to give the necessary information. Cllr Rudge said that she had heard that the two childrens' mobile libraries where to disappear but confirmation is required.</p> <p>NOTE: There is a meeting of FOCAL (Friends of Adderbury Library) at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 26 January to which PC members from local villages have been invited.</p>																												
13/11	<p>War Memorial A paper was given to the PC regarding the War Memorial. The main point of discussion was whether the current war memorial is a listed monument as it is in the conservation zone. Also, can the PC move it? It was reported that that the Church is seen as its legal owners and so it would need to apply for planning permission should there be any proposal that it be moved. Cllr Squires stated that in 1923 Act that the PC can maintain the memorial but does not have to. There is no specific mention of whether the PC can move it. Cllr Flux said that it is common practice not to move an existing war memorial. Cllr Squires agreed with this observation. The clerk will contact CDC for its views on the planning considerations.</p>																												
14/11	<p>Report upon the Play Areas: The Clerk said that any monies from Section 106 regarding the proposed new Deddington development could be used for upgrading the play areas.</p>																												
15/11	<p>Invoices for Payment: Schedules of invoices totalling £1,954.92 for January were approved for payment.</p>																												
16/11	<p>Investment of Council Funds At the close of business on 19 January 2011 the balances were as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>ACCOUNT</th> <th>BALANCE</th> <th>INTEREST</th> <th>NOTICE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Barclays Imprest Acct</td> <td>1,494.35</td> <td>0.1%</td> <td>Imprest</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Barclays Current Acct</td> <td>15,352.69</td> <td>0.1%</td> <td>Current</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W. Bromwich Building Soc.</td> <td>135,302.84</td> <td>1.0%</td> <td>Overnight</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alliance & Leicester</td> <td>200,000.00</td> <td>2.5%</td> <td>1 year fixed (July 11)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Anglo Irish Bank</td> <td>200,000.00</td> <td>3.25%</td> <td>2 year fixed (Jan 11)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>552,149.88</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ACCOUNT	BALANCE	INTEREST	NOTICE	Barclays Imprest Acct	1,494.35	0.1%	Imprest	Barclays Current Acct	15,352.69	0.1%	Current	W. Bromwich Building Soc.	135,302.84	1.0%	Overnight	Alliance & Leicester	200,000.00	2.5%	1 year fixed (July 11)	Anglo Irish Bank	200,000.00	3.25%	2 year fixed (Jan 11)	TOTAL	552,149.88		
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17/11	<p>Correspondence. Request for Fun Fair. Although the charter is still to be looked at Cllr Watts proposed (seconded by Cllr Squires) that the fair be allowed to visit Deddington again 16-20 November 2011. A letter will be sent to Perry Hartwell confirming the dates and informing him that the fee for 2011 will be advised after consideration by the council. Cllr Rudge will work with the Clerk to draft a letter to the two correspondents who had opposed the fair.</p>																												
18/11	<p>Another other business Recycling Centre closures. The Clerk reported that the Ardley recycling and other local ones are to be closed down and replaced by a state of the art public waste recycling centre at Kidlington. She raised concern about potential increases of fly tipping but the Cllrs felt that Kidlington was a similar distance to Ardley and should not create problems. Concerns where raised regarding traffic volumes as to the logic of having one large one as opposed to a number of smaller ones. Apparently the larger one should be able to cope with the increased load. Clifton – Deddington footpath. The Clerk suggested that the OCV might like to get involved in clearing this path. The Clerk to ask OCV.</p>																												
19/10	<p>Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 16 February 2011 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall, Deddington.</p>																												