

DEDDINGTON PARISH CONCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 20th January, 1999 at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present:- Councillors Flux (Chairman), Church, Clarke, Cosgrove, Mrs Cox, Mrs Davies, Mrs Harper, Miss Hill, Newey, Miss Swash and Todd. Councillor O'Sullivan in attendance

100/98 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cr Mrs Fisher and County Councillor Matthews.

101/98 Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th December, 1998.

Subject to the insertion of a declaration of interest by Cr Todd in respect of Min 92/98 Application No. 98/2154F, the above minutes were unanimously agreed and were signed by the Chairman.

102/98 Matters arising.

The Clerk reported that the seat had arrived and had been erected in Cosy Lane. Once the plaque has been received an official hand-over will be organised.

103/98 Open Forum.

Mr Edward McGovern of Roseville, Chapel Close, Clifton addressed the Council.

✓ 106/98 Low Cost Housing.

The Clerk reported that he had now received a copy of the updated Section 106 agreement with a few minor amendments from the Association and the Vendors. These were being assessed by the District Council whose Officers were of the view that they could be agreed. A question was raised as to the available funding for the scheme and the Clerk agreed to confirm the situation.

✓ 107/98 Planning and Property Working Group,

Cr Miss Hill reported the recommendations of her Group as follows:-

Applications

98/01654F – Earls Farm, Earls Lane – Revised plan of garage – No observations re plan but still require additional parking spaces.

98/02185LB - Coniston House, New Street - Amended plans – No observations.

98/2224OUT – The Vicarage, Earls Lane - Observations

(a) Full plan required taking into account adjacent properties in The Beeches

(b) Detail required of location of resited hard playground,

(c) Revised entrance to new dwellings brings turning traffic closer to the school and the congestion at commencement and end of school hours

(d) Conflict of children and cars entering the school from the revised car park could be dangerous.

(e) the school bus parks in the layby and will effectively block the entrance to the proposed car park

(f) as a result of these observations Council would wish to defer consideration of this application until more detail, as referred to above, is available.

Each of the above recommendations was endorsed by the Council.

Approvals

98/2177F – 27, St John's Way – Erection of conservatory.

98/2101TPO – 47, Mill Close – Reduction of Willow Tree./

98/1960TCA – Cromwell House, Market Place – Works to tree including felling of 2 conifer trees and 1 peach tree.

98/1905F – 1, Chapel Close, Clifton – Rear single storey extension.

Refusal

98/1522F – Boulderdyke Farm, Clifton – Change of use of agricultural land to car park for anglers including its construction.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to the LPA requesting detail of how the indiscriminate parking of anglers' cars on the highway, as a result of which complaints were already being received, is to be dealt with.

Tennis Courts, Windmill Centre

Following receipt of information from the Club that this Council's proposed restriction on the use of lights to no later than 9.00 pm (Min. 76/98 refers) would mean that the playing of League Matches – the main reason for the floodlights – would not be possible. It was agreed that in respect of league match nights only the 9.00 pm restriction be removed. (Cr Todd declared his interest in this matter and took no part in the discussion)

Town Hall

(a) Notification from the Vicar that the Church no longer wished to use the Town Hall for Sunday School purposes.

(b) Arts and Crafts of Deddington wish to use the Town Hall for the North Oxfordshire Art Weeks from 14th to 23rd May 1999 and it was resolved that a charge of £10.00 per day be made.

108/98 Site Search for Housing Sites – Cherwell Local Plan to 2011.

Newspaper publicity had been given to the above matter and Cr O'Sullivan had provided the Council with a plan of the areas being suggested for Housing Development in this Parish, copies of which had been circulated to each member. Following discussion it was resolved that

- (a) the District Council be informed of this Council's concern at being informed of this important matter via an article in the Banbury Guardian,
- (b) the local parishes of Bloxham and Adderbury be invited to a meeting to discuss joint interests in this matter,
- (c) the Clerk arrange a Public Meeting of Parishioners to debate the situation regarding this Parish in the presence of representatives of the LPA, and observers from the aforementioned adjacent parishes, preferably on 24th March, 1999 at the Windmill Centre, and
- (d) copies of the suggested sites in this Parish be put on display on the Council's notice boards.

109/98 Environment and Highways Working Group.

Cr Mrs Cox reported as follows:-

- (a) Best Kept Village Competition 1999. Entry forms had been received and it was agreed that this Council enter at a cost of *£12.*
- (b) The meeting regarding the possible hedgerow survey of this village had been successful and it was agreed to proceed with the project and that an application for a grant be made to the Recreation & Grants Working Group to cover the expenses of

the professional persons who had agreed to assist. It was estimated that the project would take approximately 1 year to complete.

- (c) A complaint had been received regarding the dangers of people stepping out of their doorways on the southern side of Hudson Street into traffic which has mounted the pavement to overtake parked vehicles. This matter had been reported to the Police and already certain motorists had been 'booked'..
- (d) In regard to the wayleave agreement in respect of the light at the end of Hudson Court the Clerk was still awaiting its return from the property owners Mr and Mrs Stewart.

110/98 Finance and General Purposes Working Group.

Cr Todd reported as follows:-

- (a) Many books had now been delivered and put into circulation at the Library to be financed from this Council's Section 137 contribution. Each of such books bears a bookplate stating that it was purchased by the Parish Council.
- (b) Financial Regulations. A copy of these regulations was circulated to each Member and following exemplification it was unanimously resolved that they be signed by the Chairman and adopted. The Chairman thanked the Group for their work.

111/98 Millennium Working Group,

Cr Newey reported as follows:-

- (a) With reference to Min 95/98 it was suggested that a questionnaire be sent to each elector in the Parish seeking their views on projects which they would wish to see commissioned for the Millennium either of a permanent nature or a one-off event. It was agreed that such a questionnaire be agreed and circulated as soon as possible.
- ✓ (b) The winners of the Cemetery Gate project as determined by parishioners who visited the exhibition were – Primary School - Joshua Dredge and
Adult Section – Oliver Lee

It was agreed that book tokens for £25 be awarded with thanks to each of the above entrants.

- (c) It was resolved that Planning Permission be sought in respect of the winning Adult Scheme.

112/98 Recreation and Grants Working Group.

Cr Mrs Harper reported as follows :-

- (a) ROSPA who have checked the play equipment in the Parish for the past several years have asked whether the Council would give them the right to check the equipment in future years, thus saving considerable administration. It was agreed that their request be granted.
- (b) The Deddington Arts and Crafts Group had stated that they had decided not to ask the Council for Grant Aid for their involvement in the 1999 North Oxfordshire Arts Week.
- (c) A grant of £6750 to the Deddington Tennis Club was recommended in respect of the provision of new surfaces to the 3 courts and the provision of floodlights to 2 courts subject to the provision of a notice clearly indicating the availability of the courts to the public and where the keys may be obtained. It was proposed by Cr Clarke and seconded by Cr Todd that (i) the Council be principals in the contract with Messrs Fosse in order to obtain a refund of VAT,
(ii) a grant be made to the Deddington Tennis Club of

£6,750 subject to the above recommended condition,. The motion was approved unanimously.

✓113/98 Precept 1999/2000.

The Clerk circulated the budget for the above year together with a revised estimate for the current year and the actual for 1997/98, a copy of which is filed with these Minutes, The Chairman advised Members that as a result of the interest upon investments there was no financial need for a precept, but capital is being expended, the rate of inflation reduces its value and the reduction in interest rates means that the present situation may not last and a modest precept equivalent to half the estimated revenue expenses was recommended. Agreed unanimously that a precept of £9,370 be levied for the year 1999/2000 which will be equivalent to a charge per Band 'D' property of £10.96 similar to the present year.

114/98 Accounts for Payment.

Accounts totalling £16,207.92 , in accordance with a schedule circulated at the Meeting (a copy of which is filed with these Minutes) were unanimously approved for payment.

115/98 Investment of the Council's Funds.

The Clerk reported that at close of business on 19th January, 1999 the balances were as follows:-

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500,000.00	Bradford and Bingley Building Society Bonus 120 Account at 6.4%
75,000.00	Treasury Deposit fixed to 11 th February, 1999 at 5.1875%
6,594.73	at 14 days notice at 3%
592.98	at 14 days notice at 3%
215.89	overnight at 2%
<u>715.23</u>	overnight at 2%
<u>583,118.83</u>	

116/98 Correspondence.

- ✓(a) Letter from North Oxfordshire Carers requesting a grant to support their work. Cr Todd proposed and Cr Mrs Davies seconded that a grant of £200 be made from the Council's Sec.137 funds. The proposition was unanimously agreed. (Cr Flux declared his interest and took no part in the debate, the Vice-Chairman Cr Mrs Swash taking the Chair.)
- ✓(b) Letter from Solar Designs seeking clarification of this Council's response to the planning application 98/2154F for a relaxation to the planning conditions imposed on previous applications. Council agreed that the response as stated in Min. 92/98 was correct.

117/98 Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday, 17th February, 1999 at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.