

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, DEDDINGTON ON 25TH JULY 1990

Present:

All members of the Council were present

Also present were Cllr Croft and Cllr Mathews.

33. The minutes of the last meeting held on 27 June 1990 had been circulated and were approved as a true record. One amendment to the list of apologies (Cllr Lee) to be added.

34. Matters arising

item 31. The clerk will send Agendas and Minutes etc. by first class post.

item 14.5i. A cleaner was due to start last week and would be on a months trial.

item 16.d. The bottle bank is now sited in Earls Lane.

35. Chairman's Report

a) Annex a. The Chairman thought it would be useful if Council would consider not to use the Castle Grounds as a play area, and asked the Environment Committee to look for a site or sites, also to look at play equipment. The Chairman hoped that we could discuss this with the School, to see if we could use the equipment there. It was agreed that the equipment at the Castle Grounds would be removed, Cllr Bowen would see to this: quotes for the removal of the concrete base would be obtained.

b) Annex 1.b. Public participation would take place after Council's business. Letters should be sent to the Clerk one week before the meeting and should be relevant to Council's business.

c) Draft Letter Housing Survey

Vice Chairman stressed the need for a comprehensive survey. The Chairman and Vice Chairman will discuss a modus operandi and report back to Council at the next meeting. Council felt that people in need would be anxious to participate in the survey. A representative of the Rural Trust could come to a Parish meeting to discuss the project, preferably when the survey results are available.

d) Audit Report

Para 10. Audit District Report.

Mr Rose had responded to the Chairman's letter but the information was not yet complete. The Chairman will arrange to meet with Mr Rose and will then present a report for Council to consider.
Neighbourhood Watch.

- e) P.C. Ron Glynn would be asked by the Chairman to attend to discuss the project. Council felt that since 50% of the population needed to participate in the scheme, a public meeting might be in order.

f) School Governor

Mr John Webber had continued to serve on the Board of Governors as a representative of Council. Agreed that it would be appropriate for a Councillor to undertake this, (in addition to Cllr Garvey, Cllr Clarke agreed to undertake this). Council expressed appreciation of Mr Webber's service.

g) Notice Board

The Chairman informed Councillors that the new Notice Board would be installed within the next few days.

36 Vice Chairman's reporta) Aynho Railway Station possible re-opening

The Vice Chairman informed Council that this was not a Council matter but felt it may be of interest as to the progress made. Correspondence with British Rail and Oxfordshire C.C. were read. Council felt the idea worth pursuing in spite of a rather negative response. Clerk to write to Aynho P.C. to see if they would also be interested.

b) British Legion

The Windmill sub-committee had had a meeting with British Legion representatives to discuss re-location to the Windmill Centre. Although the initial reaction was not favourable they did agree to discuss what facilities would be available to them at the Windmill Centre, and to set up a Task Force. They would need to check with their rules and regulations as to what they can and cannot do both nationally and locally, what resources and facilities are at the Centre and the possible need for accommodation for a steward. Professional advice would be needed, the Vice Chairman suggested we use Reynolds Associates, as he was fully aware of the Centre's needs. Council agreed to set aside the sum of £1000, for this purpose. The Chairman would attend future meetings.

Windmill Centre

- c) The Vice Chairman reported that he had received a letter to day from from Peter Reynolds Associates stating that planning permission had been given for the parking and tarmacing. The next phase can now start. Six tenders are out and will report back to Council in September. Supervision of the work would be arranged by Peter Reynolds. Work to be completed by the end of the year.

37. Environment Committee

- a) The Environment committee reported that a manhole cover outside Mr Gregory's property in the High Street was dangerous and the clerk was to send him a letter stating that this was his responsibility according to Cherwell D.C.
- b) The dates of the Skip in Earls Lane would be on the Town Hall's Notice Board.
- c) Rubbish had been dumped off Cosy Lane when the skip was not there. This would create a serious problem. The Environment Committee had this removed after several telephone calls with Cherwell D.C.

38. Planning Committee

a) Tuckers

We agree with the increase of retail use on the ground floor. We would prefer to see residential use of the 1st and 2nd floors. We disagree with the 3 parking spaces - the access is across one of the main footpaths in the Market Square - to park, the cars will need to reverse either on or off which will be dangerous to pedestrians. The curb will need to be removed - the surface change for vehicle use - leading to the loss of the footpath.

We are very concerned to note that this has come to P.C. as a new application. It was not advertised and given the 21 days as required for any application in a conservation area.

b) The Tchure

Proposed 2 storey extension at 1st floor level, east wall, adversely affects the bedroom window of the adjoining property. The proposed extension could be relocated to leave space between the properties.

c) Bloxham Barns

Prefer to see one dwelling retaining the character of the barn and the structure - in accordance with H9 Draft Rural areas local plan and advisory notes for Barn conversions.

d) Gas Light Earls Lane

- No objections - except to note problems of building and maintenance on site boundary.

e) Midhill, Philcote St

No objections

f) The Barnstead, Hempton

No objections

39. Correspondence

- a) Citizens Advice - donation. The Chairman to report back.
- b) Cornhill Insurance same coverage as previous council now installed The Chairman to report back if this needed updating.
- c) Estimate for security lighting - Town Hall: referred to Environment Sub Committee.

40. Any other business

- a) A letter to be sent by the clerk to Postal Services as to the present service in Deddington and to the arrangement of a proposed new postal code and their plans of the sorting office.
- b) Cllr Lee asked about the possibility of the "Flight" Bus Service stopping in Deddington The Clerk would follow this up.
- c) The clerk to send a letter to Cherwell D.C. re their study of household waste and if a kerb side collection was planned.
- d) Cllr O'Brien asked the Chairman to clarify his earlier statement on the Audit Report: the Chairman confirmed that no further action was to be taken, except one possible issue.

41. Dates of Future Meetings

August 22
September 26
October 24

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

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