

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, 21st July, 1999
commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present:- Councillors Flux (Chairman), Bell, Clinch, Cosgrove, Mrs Cox, Mrs Davies, Mrs Fisher, Mrs Harper, Miss Hill, Newey, Mrs Swash, and Todd. Cr O'Sullivan in attendance.

39/99 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cr Clarke and County Councillor Matthews.

40/99 Cooption of Member.

The Chairman proposed that Mrs Vivienne Walker of 29, The Daedings be coopted as a Member of the Council. The motion was seconded by Cr Clinch and unanimously agreed. Mrs Walker signed the declaration of acceptance of office, was welcomed to the Council by the Chairman and made a member of the Windmill Working Group.

41/99 Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 16th June, 1999.

The above minutes were approved as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

42/99 Matters arising

- (a) The Clerk was asked to follow up the matter of the quotation for the repair of the windows in the Town Hall.
- ✓(b) The Clerk reported that in connection with Minute 38/99(h) it had now been established that the request for a memorial joining two adjacent graves referred to the instance of an internment being made in the wrong grave in June, 1994 and the aforementioned request would go some way to appease the relatives. In these circumstances it was unanimously agreed that the requested siting of the memorial be approved though it should not be taken as a precedent for future siting of memorials.

43/99 10 Minute Open Forum.

Mr M Williamson of Clifton addressed Council on the subject of Road Safety in Clifton.

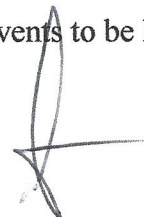
44/99 Low Cost Housing

The Clerk submitted a report from the OCHA a copy of which is filed with these minutes, the main matter being that a contractor had been chosen and that he should commence on site at the end of August.

45/99 Millennium Working Group.

Cr Newey reported as follows:-

- (a) Town Hall. A meeting date towards the end of August had been suggested by the Clerk to the Trustees and it was agreed that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Cr Miss Hill and Cr Newey represent the Council.
- (b) Deddington/Clifton footpath. It had been suggested verbally that an overall cost of up to £60,000 would be required to improve the path – costs would depend upon the type of edging material used and paving in Clifton itself could cost £20,000. It was agreed that the estimated costs be obtained in writing. Cr Mrs Davies stated that the paving in Clifton may be the better option.
- (c) The detail of the Calendar was now with the printers – Messrs Cheney and Sons.
- (d) Closure of Market Place. The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the District Council stating that the closure request had initially been passed to the County Council who may decide to refer it back for action under the Town Police Clauses Act.
- (e) Programme for Millennium Events. Cr Newey submitted a list of the possible events to be held to commemorate the Millennium, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.



46/99 Environment and Highways Working Group.

Cr Mrs Cox reported as follows:-

Environment.

- ✓ The District Council Housing Department had agreed to send an inspector to investigate the hedge adjacent to Mrs Hancock's rear garden in Piers Row which is spreading into her garden. The hedge is on the Cosy Lane bridle path and as such the responsibility for maintenance rests with the adjoining owner – in this case the District Council.

Highways.

- ✓ (a) Traffic Management. Estimated costs had now been received from the County Council in respect of each of the schemes discussed with the County Council and the Police. A schedule is filed with these Minutes dealing with Deddington, Hempton and Clifton at approximate costs of £7,323, £3,280 and £2,460 respectively – a total of £13,063. Cr Mrs Cox moved a motion that the Council proceed with the works as listed at a budget not exceeding £13,000, it was seconded by Cr Miss Hill and agreed unanimously.
- (b) It was agreed that letters of thanks be forwarded to Mr Payne of the County Council and P C Donahue for their input and Cr Mrs Cox was thanked for an excellent report.
- (c) The phasing of the traffic lights at the B4031 and A4260 junction had been discussed and the Council had been requested to monitor the various traffic flows particularly at the busy times.
- (d) A request for traffic cameras was being put to the County Council.
- (e) Cr Cosgrove stated that as the 106 agreement had not yet been signed regarding the development To the north of Batchelors Row at Hempton the Council should proceed with the erection of the proposed street lamp at the end of The Lane. Council unanimously agreed to proceed and obtain costs from Scottish and Southern Electric plc.

47/99 Recreation and Grants Working Group.

Cr Mrs Davies reported as follows:-

- ✓ (a) Deddington Youth Club had completed a Grant Application in respect of their Millennium Project to produce an animated video film in co-operation with the Banbury Animation Centre. The costs were estimated at £1500 and some return would be achieved by the sale of the videos. It was proposed by Cr Mrs Davies, seconded by Cr Todd and unanimously agreed that a grant of £1,500 be made to the Youth Club conditional upon
- (a) production of evidence of the 'Awards for All' grant being sought,
 - (b) any other grants received from other sources be repaid to this Council and
 - (c) the Council to receive the first £100 of video sales and 50% of further sales.
- (b) A letter from the Deddington Map Group thanking the Council for the grant of £6,600 of which the first instalment of £3,600 had been gratefully received.
- (c) The annual report had been received from RoSPA on the condition of the equipment in the various play areas. Work has already commenced on giving effect to their comments regarding situations where there was a medium risk of accidents.

48/99 Finance and General Purposes Working Group.

Cr Todd reported as follows:-

- ✓ (a) The group had considered the proposals for amending the constitution of the National Association of Local Councils and recommended that they be supported.
- (b) Consideration had been given to a budget for the Millennium and it was agreed that although each application for funds would be judged on its merits a maximum of £20,000 be set with recycling of receipts being permitted.

49/99 Planning and Property Working Group.

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

Applications

- 99/1031F – 29, St John's Way – Erection of conservatory – No observations.
 99/1103F & 1104LB – The Hermitage, Horsefair – New velox roof light – No observations.
 99/1126LB – Southgate, Market Place – Alterations to bay window etc – No observations.
 99/1136F – Plum Cottage, Philcote Street – Erection of single storey rear extension – No observations.
 99/1189F – Hempton Road – Erection of Millennium Cemetery Gate – No observations.
 99/1285F – 20, St John's Way – Single storey extension – No observations.

Approvals

- 99/0322F – 10, High Street – Single storey extension at rear.
 99/0323LB – 10, High Street - ----- do -----
 99/0573LB – Middle Corner Cottage, Hempton – Repair roof of extension with stone slates and stones at foot of front wall to match existing.
 99/0650TCA – Brick Court, Hudson Street – Fell willow tree.
 99/0686F – Merrybower Cottage, Philcote Street – Felling of silver birch tree and erection of detached garage.
 99/0689F – St Anne's Nursing Home, Clifton – Renewal of CHN 439/94 for additional wing to form high dependency unit of 12 single rooms.
 99/0828TCA – Manor Farm, Hempton Road – Fell 1 poplar, reduce crown of poplar and thin crown of sycamore.
 99/0856F – College Farm House, Duns Tew Road, Hempton – New double garage and access.

The Clerk reported the receipt of some 20 letters of objection to the proposal to develop land to the west of High Street copies of which had been forwarded to the LPA. Cr Miss Hill reported upon her attendance at Bodicote House at the meeting at which the allocation of new housing in the rural areas in the period to 2011. The District Planning Officers recommended to their Council that mainly because of the 23.9% increase in housing commitments in the Parish since 1991, no allocation be made to Deddington. The Head of Development and Property Services commented 'It is felt that the community should be given time to absorb the increase in population and for this reason it is proposed that no allocations be made in the plan period'.

Cr Todd raised the query that numerous requests were being received for conservatories in Hempton whereas several had, to his knowledge, been erected in Deddington without an application being received. The Clerk was asked to check the position with the LPA and report back to the next meeting.

50/99 Invoices for payment.

Invoices totalling £11,240.22, in accordance with a schedule circulated at the meeting, (a copy of which is filed with these minutes), were approved for payment.

51/99 Investment of the Council's Funds.

The Clerk reported that at close of business on 20th July, 1999 the balances were as follows:-

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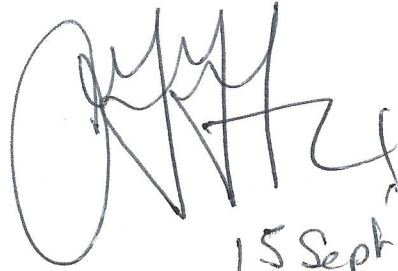
500,000.00	Bradford and Bingley B S Bonus 120 Account at 5.65%
60,000.00	Treasury Deposit at 4.125% fixed to 12 th August, 1999
20,168.52	at 3.5% subject to 14 days notice
6,648.72	at 2.375% subject to 14 days notice
<u>722.61</u>	at 1.25% overnight
<u>587,539.85</u>	

52/99 Correspondence.

- (a) Letter from Sir Frank Davies thanking the Council for their congratulations upon his Knighthood.
 ✓ (b) Letter from the Banbury Citizens Advice Bureau requesting a grant. Resolved that a contribution of £150 be made.

- ✓ (c) Letter from the Director of the Chipping Norton Theatre requesting a contribution to their work. Resolved that a grant of £50 be made.
- (d) Letter from Oxford Area Friends of Arms Ltd requesting a contribution to their work at the Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre at Milton Park, Abingdon. Resolved that no contribution be made.
- (e) Letter from the Audit Manager, District Audit in reply to the Council's letter complaining at the amount charged for the 1996/7 Audit as a result of the time taken, viz 58 hours as compared to 20 hours for the 1995/6 Audit.. He states ' that the new Accounts and Audit Regulations are onerous and necessitate extensive audit work to be able to conclude the audit for parish councils. These changes which were beyond our control, have had a major impact on the time which is necessary to complete your audit. In the first year under the new Regulations we were obliged to undertake several essential tests which would not need to be repeated every year..... You may also wish to know that the time taken to undertake the audit for 1997/98 should be less than for the previous year. My estimate is that it should not exceed 35 hours.' Agreed, with reluctance, that the account be paid.
- (f) Damage to facilities at the Windmill Centre and adjacent property. Following contact with the Head teachers of the Warriner and Primary Schools an excellent response was received, a very suitable paragraph being inserted in Mr Gorringer's letter to parents at the end of term.
- ✓ (g) Letter from the Clerk to the Governors of the Primary School to the effect that as from the 1st September, 1999 this Parish is eligible to have only 1 Governor of the School. At present the Council is represented by Mrs B Lee and Cr Mrs M Harper Mrs Lee has been contacted and has agreed to resign. Resolved that a letter of thanks be forwarded to Mrs Lee thanking her for her work on behalf of this Council.
- (h) Letter from the District Council confirming the exchange of land between Barford St Michael and this Council which is a sensible decision resulting in the boundary running along the B4031 for a further distance and in fact this Council gains several acres of agricultural land.

53/99 Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday, 15th September, 1999 at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.


15 Sept 99