

## **DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2000  
commencing at 7.30 pm.

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

21/00 The Chairman asked all present to stand for a short time in memory of Cr Mrs Joan Fisher who passed away on June, 29<sup>th</sup>.

22/00 Apologies for Absence were received from Cr Todd.

23/00 A vacancy for a Member was declared.

24/00 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2000 were unanimously approved as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

25/00 Matters arising

The Clerk reported that the new lighting column in The Lane, Hempton had been erected and was lit though a change of lantern was on order.

26/00 No parishioner wished to address the Council.

27/00 Low Cost Housing.

The Clerk informed members that 15 nominations had been forwarded to OCHA by the District Council in respect of the 16 dwellings to rent, each of which had at least a five year connection with Deddington. Each of such nominees had been interviewed by the OCHA, 2 had declined to proceed, one family leaving the village for new employment and the other family being in the course of purchasing a property within the village. Further information was being sought in respect of one nominee and the other 12 had been accepted. The District Council was seeking to make further nominations. The Clerk was asked to obtain as much detail as possible regarding the nominations. A query was raised regarding parking spaces in the scheme and the Clerk stated that each dwelling was allocated 2 parking spaces.

28/00 Windmill Management Committee.

Cr Mrs Harper reported that there had been several more acts of vandalism committed at the Centre, including the breaking of the 2 devices installed to prevent vehicles being driven onto the playing field and graffiti written on the play equipment.

29/00 Planning and Property Working Group

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

Applications.

00/0234F – Merrybower Cottage, Philcote Street – Insertion of 2 Dormer Windows and Outside fire escape – No observations.

00/1175F – 29, Gaveston Gardens – Extend garage as Workshop – No observations

00/1280TCA – Orchard House, Hopcraft Lane – Fell 6 Trees – No objection provided trees are replaced.

00/1299F – 25, The Daedings – Single storey rear extension – No observations.

Each of the above recommendations was approved.

Approvals

00/0665REM – Vicarage, Earls Lane – Demolition and erection of new vicarage and new access to Highway.

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Approvals continued

00/0319F – Earls Farm, Earls Lane – Erection of 3 Garages.

00/0451LB- Deddington Sale Rooms, Market Place – Remove shop front and restore cottage elevation etc.,

00/455F - -do- -do-

00/0581F – 12, Gaveston Gardens – Relaxation of condition 13 to enable garage to be used as study.

00/0658F – 8, Philcote St – Conservatory extension at rear.

00/634F – Featherton House, Chapel Square – 2 Storey Extension

00/635LB - -do- -do-

00/0653F – Earls Farm, Earls Lane – Amendment to plans for Unit 10

00/0655LB - -do- -do-

00/0687F – 8, Walnut Close, Clifton – Formation of bedroom in roof space.

00/0703F – The Cottage, Bull Ring – Change of use from office to residential.

00/0754F – Deddington Mill Cottage – 2 storey side extension.

00/0827LB – Castle End, Castle St.- Replace conservatory with single storey extension etc.

00/0944F - -do- -do-

00/0965TCA – Johnson & Co., Chapel Square - Fell 5 Trees and coppice 3 Hazel Trees

00/1004F – Philip Allen Updates, Market Square – Restore front railings etc

00/1005F - -do- -do-

00/1042TCA – Stile House, New Street – Fell 2 Leylandi

00/1187F – Cartshed rear of Turret Thatch, Hempton – Repair and reroof

00/1189LB - -do- -do-

Refusal

00/0847F – Land rear of 2, Chapmans Lane - Erection of single dwelling.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the LPA complaining that though there has been considerable discussion re partnership between our authorities we were not being informed of the reasons for planning decisions being made contrary to this Council's observations.

The Clerk was asked to write to the County Council requesting that they issue a notice to Knowles, the contractor for the alterations to Philip Allen Updates premises, for the hoardings on the Market Place to be reduced in size to enable cars to pass between the hoarding and the Town Hall.

30/00 Millennium Working Party

Cr Bell reported as follows :-

- (a) Calendar – Arrangements were in hand for sponsors to receive the postcards from the unsold calendars should they so desire. The remainder would be destroyed with a certificate confirming such action.
- (b) Youth Cub Video – This had been displayed at the Windmill Centre at 2 performances and it was agreed that a copy be purchased for the Council's records.
- (c) The Clerk reported on the net cost to the Council of producing the Calendar as £6,905.52.

31/00 Environment and Highways Working Group

Cr Mrs Cox reported as follows:-

- (a) Best Kept Village Competition.

Deddington was not placed in the above Competition and it was recommended that much more energy needs to be put into displays by occupiers, particularly in the centre of the village if there is to be hope of success in future competitions.

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- (b) Cooking oil had been spilt in Hudson Street by vandals creating obnoxious smells which it had been established neither the District or County Councils had the means to remove. The involvement of outside contractors to undertake the work of removal is being investigated. Mr A Humphris of the Fire Brigade spread pellets soon after the spillage was seen which soaked up some of the oil and it was agreed that a letter of thanks be forwarded to him.
- (c) The arboricultural officer of the District Council had inspected trees at certain sites in the village and had recommended that pine trees in the Castle Grounds be removed. Members were of the view that such trees which were not impeding the growth of other species should remain. Trees and the hedge on the Hempton Rd. frontage of the Windmill sports field were overgrown and were impeding the mowing of the field and the roadside verge.
- (d) A letter had been received stating that occupiers of houses on Hudson Street were prepared to pay for Residents Parking Passes. A copy of the letter had been passed to the County Council but it is unlikely that such a scheme could be introduced as many previous requests had foundered.
- (e) The County Council have stated that it would only be possible for 'Conservation' type railings to be erected at the Traffic Lights improvement if this Council was prepared to pay the additional cost of purchase and maintenance. It was agreed to accept the basic railings by 5 votes to 2 with 2 abstentions.
- (f) Snake Hill Lane, part of the Deddington Circular Walk, was currently being made up by Mr Godwin of Blackingrove Farm to 'improve his access'. Many residents of Hempton had complained, mainly wishing to know the future of the Lane. The County Council have informed Mr Godwin that a permanent, blacktop 'tarmac' surface is unacceptable. Members wondered who would take responsibility if a walker was injured by the large pieces of stone currently lying in the 'carriageway'. The Clerk was asked to obtain further information.
- (g) It was regretted that there was no Police presence at the Meeting following the Invitation given by the Chairman. The Clerk was asked to write inviting them to the September Meeting in order that the matters regarding Hudson Street, The Daedings etc could be assessed.
- (h) No further details regarding the Traffic Management Schemes to which this Council had given its approval had been received from the County Council and the Clerk was asked to write requesting action.

#### 32/00 Recreation and Grants Working Group.

Cr Davies reported as follows:-

- (a) Arrangements were in hand for more regular checks, with a register, of the Play Equipment.
- (b) A request has been received from Deddington Colts Football Club for the floodlighting of the Windmill Playing Field, as the All Weather Pitch surface is too hard., by turning the angles of the existing floodlights. This would require planning permission and it was agreed that the Club be asked to submit a detailed proposal for consideration.
- (c) Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association are holding an 'away day' session which will deal with play equipment for older children. It was agreed that 2 members should attend.

#### 33/00 Finance and General Purposes Working Group

Cr Bell reported as follows:-

- (a) A report was circulated setting out the views of the Group on the Cherwell Local Cultural Strategy – a copy is filed with these Minutes. Council agreed the recommendations therein for the report to be forwarded to the District Council.

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- (b) The Friends of the Library had met and the next stage was an approach to the the District Council for assistance with the funding of the Scheme. A detailed document will be available for the next Meeting of this Council.

34/00 Invoices for Payment.

- (a) Invoices totalling £6,582.42 in accordance with a schedule circulated at the Meeting, a copy of which is filed with these Minutes, were approved for payment.
- (b) It was also agreed to make payment to DesignGro of the sums deducted in respect of the poor condition of the Castle Grounds field.

35/00 Investment of the Council's Funds.

- (a) At close of business on 18<sup>th</sup> July the balances were as follows:-

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500,000.00 Bradford & Bingley B S Bonus 120 Account at 5.95%  
40,000.00 Treasury Deposit fixed to 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2000 at 5.2375%  
11,522.06 at 14 days notice at 3.5%  
1,939.83 overnight at 2.1%  
733.65 overnight at 2.1%  
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- (b) Following the decision of the Bradford & Bingley Society to become a Public Company with a distribution no geared to the amount invested I was resolved to give notice in respect of £499,000.

36/00 Correspondence.

- (a) Notice from the District Council that the next meeting of the Countryside Forum was to be held on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September, in the evening at Wykham Park Farm.
- (b) It was agreed , with the permission of English Heritage, to site a bench on the Castle Mound in memory of the late Joan Fisher.
- (c) Notification that the Parish Church has joined the Churchwatch watch scheme.
- (d) The Chairman reported that regrettably at the funeral of the late Mr M Coleman his coffin was placed in a grave space reserved by Mr R Nash. It was resolved that the Chairman and Clerk endeavour to correct the matter and keep Members apprised of the situation

37/00 Date of next Meeting.

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2000 at the Windmill Centre commencing at 7.30 pm.