

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Deddington Parish Council held on

28th June 1989

Present:

Cllrs. Fenemore (Chairman), Fuller, Hayward, (Mrs) Kedge, O'Neill, Stevens, (Mrs) Stevens, (Mrs) Swash, Webber.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Allen, Cole, Garvey, Gibbs and Marmion.

1. Address by Mr. B.A. Hosband - Dog Warden

The Chairman welcomed and introduced Mr. Hosband to the Council.

Mr. Hosband, after first thanking the Chairman and the Council for allowing him to address them on the nature of his task, went on to give a comprehensive review of his responsibilities and his approach to the undertaking in view of the experience he had thus far gained. His role was to enforce the Bye-laws, on anti-fouling; initially by educating the public on their responsibilities under the new restrictions, but he emphasised that he would not shirk from prosecuting transgressors who were unwilling to comply with the new regulations. He was presently engaged in an intensive leafletting campaign to alert and remind dog-owners of their additional obligations, but, as he had some 77 villages to cover, completion of the programme would take some time.

Mr. Hosband, in response to a variety of questions and observations on the subject, affirmed that the restrictions, applied to footpaths and verges only; parks, play-areas and sportsfields were not covered by the new regulations. His advice, to those concerned about the protection of such areas was to approach the Council Solicitor with a view to the framing of local rules which would proscribe the exercising of dogs within the confines of the amenity at risk. Mr. Hosband also confirmed that, whilst he was not responsible for the rounding up of stray-dogs, he did respond to calls for help on this subject and would, within the limits of what could be done without detriment to his prime task, continue to do so. Those troubled by strays should, however, firstly seek Police assistance to eliminate the nuisance. In the meantime an associate was endeavouring to compile a lost and found dog register.

Mr. Hosband also emphasised that the risks of contracting Canaris had been over sensationalised and grossly exaggerated.

The Chairman warmly thanked Mr. Hosband for an interesting and informative address on a matter of increasing public concern and assured him that the P.C. would enthusiastically support his endeavours to overcome the indifference exhibited by a minority to the majority's right to be able to use and enjoy their public spaces free of canine despoiling.

3.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were subject to the following amendment, accepted and signed by the Chairman:

Add to end of first para of item 8:

"Whereupon Cllr. Cole signified his consent to continue overseeing of the Windmill Community Centre and Trust Fund Projects."

Matters Arising

a) Pedestrian Hazards (Speeding Vehicles)

from Cllr. Stevens  
Following an enquiry/ as to whether Earls Lane had been included in the recent traffic monitoring undertaken within the Parish, it emerged that the length of roadway from the Health Centre to its junction with the Clifton Road was unrestricted and that the incidence of excessively speeding vehicles was increasing. Consequently local residents and Health Centre patients (particularly the young and elderly) were being exposed to escalating risks by wilful drivers and it was accordingly agreed that the Highway Authorities should be prevailed upon to bring the whole of Earls Lane within the restricted Zone.

b) Adoption of Deddington Lighting

Cllr. Webber said he wished to dispel any impression arising from the previous Minutes that he held any partial views about the (alleged) inadequacy of the lighting of the cul-de-sac on the Rockwell Development. He wished to record that he was simply reflecting the views of a complainant on the subject.

The Secretary reported that arrangements for the adoption of Deddington footpath lighting (including that of the Leyes Development) were in hand. Termination of the existing Maintenance Contract had to be agreed with effect from a date mutually acceptable to Southern Electricity and the C.C.

c) Sewage at Clifton

Following a report from the Chairman that, whilst work was known to be proceeding, no positive information on the progress and eventual completion date of the project was available, it was agreed that both the authorities (Cherwell D.C. & Thames Water) be asked to provide a resume of the present situation.

d) Offer of Chain Link Fencing

The Secretary reported that, although the Football Club had initially declined the offer, they had, after some further exchanges on the issue agreed to re-consider the matter at their next Committee Meeting. It was agreed to await their final reply before the consideration of any other Options were undertaken.

e) New Sportsfield

The Chairman, in response to an enquiry from Cllr. Hayward, undertook to ascertain from Design-Gro the present position regarding the future maintenance of the Sportsfield in view of the guarantee requirements.

5. Items of Correspondence

a) Traffic Calming and Invitation to Mr. Mathews (C.C.) to attend P.C. Meetings

A letter had been received from Mr. Scott about various "Traffic Calming" measures which might help to resolve current difficulties plus a report of his meeting with Mr. Mathews, who had intimated that he would welcome an invitation to attend the P.C's monthly meetings.

Such an invitation had been extended to Mr. Mathews but he had not, because of a prior engagement, been able to attend the present meeting but he hoped to be present at the next one in July.

b) Publicity for Transport Representative

It was agreed that a Poster from Oxfordshire Rural Community Council publicising the role of the Local Transport Representative should be displayed on the Town Hall Notice Board.

c) Notice of Possible Resignation of Cllr. Marmion

A letter had been received from Cllr. Marmion offering apologies for his absence from the Meeting and advising that owing to a change in personal circumstance he might have no other recourse to but resign from the P.C.

d) Facilities for Deddington Bowls Club

A letter had been received from Deddington Bowls Club requesting an early meeting with the P.C. to determine and resolve those issues vital to the future security and development of the Club's facilities. The Chairman reported that he and the Vice Chairman had made arrangements to meet the Bowls Club Committee very shortly with a view to disposing of those matters exiting their concern.

e) Travel Times

A new edition of the Travel Times for Deddington had been produced and Oxfordshire C.C. had supplied substantial number of copies for local distribution.

f) Cemetery and Other Matters

A letter had been received from Mr. Allan Gardner <sup>expressly concern</sup> ~~complain~~ about the <sup>over re</sup> ~~expenditure of P.C. funds~~ <sup>cemetery</sup> on the Cemetery and other matters. The Chairman said there had been some misunderstanding over the issue which we had corrected. As it would be impracticable for Mr. Stratford (Parish Clerk Designate), who resided at Greatworth to attend to the administration of the Cemetery, he had asked and Allan Gardner had kindly agreed to shoulder his task including the marking out of the rows of graves etc. <sup>To be returned</sup>

<sup>by re bhanna & Mr. Gardner.</sup>

The Chairman then concluded by stating that he had agreed to progress another matter (unfulfilled promise of financial assistance to the Playgroup) raised in Allen Gardner's letter. Cllr Stevens, however, held that consideration of this particular aspect should be deferred until the next meeting by which time the history of the promised grant could be established.

g. Acknowledgement of Donation

A letter from Allison Fenemore thanking the P.C. for their donation of £25.00 towards the cost of her Guiding Trip to Italy was noted.

h) Seminar on Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) Operators Licensing

No volunteers came forward to take up an invitation to the P.C. to send representatives to a Seminar on Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) Operators Licensing being held by the South Eastern Traffic Commissioner at Bodicote House on Tuesday 18th July 1989.

i) Deddington Health Centre Transport Scheme

The Chairman said he would seek to clarify an apparently ambiguous letter from the Oxfordshire Health Authority concerning support for the Deddington Health Centre Transport Scheme from the Windmill Fund.

Afternote payment of the P.C.'s contribution (£76.07) to the Health Centre's Transport Scheme was subsequently authorised. See para below.

j) Deddington Singers and Provision of Water Supply in Cemetery

It was agreed that a letter from Mrs. Caporn requesting financial assistance for the Deddington Singers should be considered along with other supplicants seeking support from the Windmill Fund at the appropriate time.

Mrs. Caporn's further request concerning the provision of a water supply point in the Cemetery prompted Cllr. O'Neill to recall that a mains supply was already installed. Access had, however, been discontinued because of the difficulty of preventing children from turning on the tap and leaving the (metered) water to run to waste at considerable and unacceptable cost to local ratepayers. It is accordingly agreed that although nothing could be done at present, a solution might prove possible in the longer term.

k) Road Signs on A423

A copy of a letter from Mr. Reed to the Country Surveyor and Engineer, enquiring about the prospects of collocating Traffic-lights Warning Sign and Junction Warning Sign presently separately sited on the A423 south of its junction with the A361, had been received. It was agreed that Mr. Reed's endeavours should be supported and that the Council's views to this effect should be included in the appeal to the Highway Authorities to bring the whole of Earls Lane within the restricted (speed) area.

6. Report on Windmill Community Centre and Trust Fund

The Chairman said that he and Cllr. Cole had distilled all the options and proposals resulting from the previous discussions on the subject and that the Ballot form (on the future administration of the Windmill Fund) laid before the Council represented an amalgam of those distillations. Following a detailed, clause by clause, examination of the proposal, during which amendments and deletions were accepted a final version of the Ballot form emerged and was ultimately endorsed. It was agreed that the Chairman would set in train the necessary administrative arrangements for the forthcoming Ballot and that he should implement such measures as were appropriate to protect the voting arrangements from any corrupt practices which could prejudice the integrity of the outcome.

7. Affixing Porcelain Photograph of Deceased to Memorial

Cllr. Webber held that the request was yet another retrograde step to add those of the past which permitted many embellishments of which he disapproved. He despite, these views did not oppose the application and the Council accordingly sanctioned the affixing of a porcelain photograph of deceased to the memorial proposed for erection on his grave.

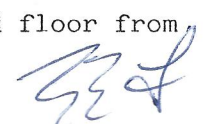
8. Planning Applications

a)

No objections were raised to the following Planning Applications:

The Old Bakery, Market Place - Change of use of part of ground floor from B2 office to A1 retail use.

Cllr. Hayward declared an interest in this item.



8. Planning Applications (Continued)

Land adjacent to Swere Paddocks, Hempton Road - One new dwelling and new access (outline)

b)

Amended Plan for erection of new house in grounds of Castle End was noted.

c)

The following approvals of Planning Applications were noted:

Construction of porch and extension to Hartwell Cottage  
Alternative access road to Windmill Development  
Extension and partial demolition of wall at Victoria House, Horsefair.

d)

Rejection of Planning Application for erection of 2 x Village Houses at Manor Court, Hempton Road was noted.

e)

Appeal to the Secretary of State against Refusal of Planning Permission for division of existing office and dwelling into two dwellings and office at Coniston House, New Street.

9.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Southern Electricity - Quarterly charge	-	£ 7.67
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British gas - gas consumed and standing charge	-	£ 9.90
Heyson Fabrication - Supply and fitting of new gates (and subsequent repair) to Castle grounds	-	£155.25
Rockwell Developments Ltd. - Additional drainage works to sportsfield P.C.'s 50% contribution	-	£559.50
Dr. O'Donnell & Partners - P.C.'s contribution to Deddington Health Centre's Transport Scheme	-	£ 76.07

10.

July Meeting

To be held on Wednesday 26th July 1989.

11.

The Meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

