

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, DEDDINGTON ON 27TH JUNE 1990

Present:

Cllrs. B. E. W. Mace (Chairman), N. R. Oddy (Vice Chairman), B. J. Clarke, Mrs. C. F. Garvey, Miss B. E. J. Hill, M. J. O'Brien, M. A. Reed, Mrs. J. M. Stevens, Mrs. P. A. Swash, A. G. Todd, K. L. Bowen.

Also present was Cllr. R. Croft.

21. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. R. C. Canning, T. Clinch and the Parish Clerk.

22. The minutes of the last meeting held on 6th June 1990 had been circulated and were approved as a true record.

23. Matters Arising

14. 5g. Burial Ground  
Held over until Cllr. Canning returns.

14. 5i. Town Hall Cleaner  
No response to advertisement for post of cleaner. The Chairman agreed to thank the vicar for the voluntary help being given by the Sunday School in cleaning the Town Hall.

16. d. Playing Field  
10% of Boningdale's bill to be withheld pending completion.

Bottle Bank  
Cllr. Stevens reported that a bottle bank would be sited in Earls Lane during the next week, and it was agreed that she would monitor its use.

16. d iv) Cricket Square  
This had been used by children for ball games and it was agreed that this be pegged off to prevent any further occurrences. Cllr. Clarke to undertake this.

24. Chairman's Report

a) Parish Trust

The Chairman felt that a Postal Ballot was an expensive and clumsy way of undertaking a relatively uncontroversial election and felt that a Parish Poll was an acceptable alternative. A provisional date of Thursday September 20th 1990 was set. Proposed by Cllr. Clarke, seconded by Cllr. Bowen and approved unanimously that a parish poll be carried out. The Chairman had eight valid nominations at present. Suggested hours of polling, possibly on the ground floor of the Town Hall, were 10am - 1pm and 5pm - 8pm. It was agreed that the help of Cherwell District Council would be enlisted for the purposes of

practical help, and also to ensure that the voting was seen to be done correctly and overseen by an independent body. The Chairman agreed to submit a progress report to the Deddington News.

b) District Audit Report

The Council was legally bound to consider and report on this, and the Chairman asked for comments. Councillor Oddy suggested that the Council take cognisance of what has happened in the past and might be helped in the future when making similar decisions. Cllr. Todd felt it was water under the bridge and proposed that the meeting note the District Auditor's report and take no further action. Seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Garvey. The motion was carried with 9 in favour and 1 against. Cllr. Reed raised the possibility of a negligence claim against the Council's solicitors and pointed out that the Council had been waiting 4 years to find out who was responsible for errors. The Chairman agreed to request a position paper from Mr. Rose. He would also request that a reply be received in time for the next Parish Council meeting.

25. Reports from Sub Committees

a) Environment Sub Committee

Copies of notes regarding the findings of this sub-committee had been circulated to all Councillors. Cllrs. Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Swash further reported as follows:-

**Welford's Piece** - John Boss had cut grass

**Town Hall Oasis in Bloom** - it was recommended, and approved by the meeting, that the offer by Deddington Charity Estates to provide a tub with flowers on a trellis planted by Colegrave Seeds to be sited in the Market Square be accepted

**Cherry Tree in Market Place** - after general discussion it was agreed that the Chairman would contact the prospective donor and suggest an alternative siting of the tree at the Windmill Centre or the Castle Grounds, or possibly an alternative such as a seat to be sited in the Market Square

**Castle Grounds** - site meeting of environment sub-committee to be arranged, cost of staking to be reconsidered, English Heritage will be asked about the missing notice board.

**Town Hall** - removal of partition recommended - new quotes for security lighting to be obtained

**Footpath Lighting, Earls Lane** - agreed to ask CDC for grant towards an extra light, thus enabling speed limit to be imposed

**Department of Environment Responsibilities** - Parish Clerk to look up previous minutes on her return

**Play Equipment** - possibility of general use of school adventure playground to be explored



**Litter Bins** - needed at Windmill Centre and Castle Grounds, bin under Town Hall requires replacement due to damage by fire - possibility of claim on insurance

**Grass Cutting** - Letter to go to OCC asking contractors to level verge outside school so it can be properly maintained. A quote for £75 a month had been received from John Boss for cutting various areas around the village and it was unanimously agreed to accept this. Letter of thanks to be sent to Mr. Cresswell, Canon Wilson and Mr. Stone for their help in doing this voluntarily in the past.

**Spraying** - Letter to be sent to O.C.C. re spraying of kerbs

**Pavements** - Letter to be sent to O.C.C. re dangerous pavements

**Grids** - Letter to be sent to O.C.C. re possibility of grids for slowing down traffic - request information and possible site meeting

**Age Concern Van** - normal schedule to be passed to Deddington News for publication

**Neighbourhood Watch** - speaker to be obtained for a future Council meeting

b) Planning Sub-Committee

Councillor Miss Hill reported that there had been a meeting with Mr. Buxton and Miss Stradling from the Planning/Conservation Office respectively. They had looked at The Tchure, and the sub-committee would now meet with the Highways Office in Oxford regarding problems with access to The Tchure. They had also looked at Plum Tree Cottage, Solar Designs, and the parking in the Market Square. An informal survey had uncovered the fact that 35 cars regularly parked all day in the Market Square. Mr. Buxton would consider this and report back. The possibility of using land in Earls Lane as a medium/long term car park to relieve congestion in the Market Square and at the Health Centre was being considered.

Cllr. Reed supported refusal of planning application by Solar Designs. The car park was in a very poor state - raised instead of lowered, no landscaping, height of boundary walls needed to be increased, trees planted, proper layout set up. He reported that this had been discussed with Mr. Allen of Solar Designs who had appeared receptive.

Windmill Sub-Committee

Vice Chairman Oddy reported that there would be a meeting with the British Legion on 4th July to discuss the options mentioned previously (Minute 17b). Windmill Committee are considering taking responsibility for the field but awaiting schedule of expenditure before making a decision. There was a request that the Council find out when the planning application for development of the Windmill Centre would be considered.

26. Survey of Housing Needs

Councillor Oddy reported on a specimen survey form which had been circulated to all Councillors, the main aim of which would be to

quantify the need for low cost housing today and in the next five years. He explained that the type of low cost housing envisaged would be of subsidised share ownership or rental run by a Housing Association. After some discussion it was unanimously felt that such a survey was required and as the specimen survey form was rather involved it was agreed that Councillor Oddy would draft a letter which could be used to canvas every house in the parish, with those households expressing an interest being followed up by a visit. He would also liaise with CDC which had various helpful data available. It was also felt that in such an important matter the cost of such a survey was a secondary consideration, and the Chairman felt it possible that expenses incurred might be paid for by the Trust in due course.

27. Planning Applications

Plum Cottage, Philcote Street Deddington - Side and rear extension. Not approved. Various comments to be made to C.D.C. - site plan inaccurate, north wall extends onto adjoining property, not set down as conservation area, brickwork out of character, dormers too large and extending into eaves line, extension to the west not in stone, too close to 'Mount Pleasant' property.

28. The following Planning Permissions for Development were noted:

Mr. P. Chatterton 24 The Daedings Deddington	demolition single storey and construction of two storey extension
Pieris Antiques c/o Centrepont Deddington	from ceramics to pet food shop

29. Accounts Passed For Payment

Cllr. Mrs. J. Stevens	£3.00	(booklets)
Boningdales	£2192.52	(landscape)
Design Gro'	£1264.30	(maintenance)
Mrs. H. Moreton	£199.89	(salary exps.)
Oxfordshire ALC	£42.00	(training)
British Gas	£9.84	(s/charge)
(Chairman to arrange for gas supply to be cut off)		
John Boss	£160.00	(mowing)

30. Correspondence

C.D.C. Forthcoming liaison meeting, 13.9.90. Chairman and Vice Chairman to attend. Request for items for agenda.

**Mrs. J. Walker** Request for help with rent of Windmill Centre for meetings of A.S.T.A. (Association of Students of the Third Age). Vice Chairman to request favourable consideration from Windmill Committee.

**Mrs. M. Rampley** Request for help with Guides expenses for County Camp. A donation of £50 agreed.

**Secretary, Deddington Town Football Club** Request from club for agreement in principle to replacement of existing pavilion and indication as to whether financial assistance likely to be forthcoming. Chairman to write saying Parish Council very unlikely to approve any development there (neither, probably, would English Heritage approve it); it was suggested they reconsider facilities at the Windmill Centre.

**Oxfordshire Health Authority** Request for contribution of £76.05 towards cost of transport scheme. Approved unanimously.

**National Association of Local Councils** Enquiry as to whether Parish Council wished to join. No further action.

**Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils** Seminar for Parish Clerks, Mrs. Moreton to attend.

31. Any Other Business

Councillors had received their papers late (sent by post). Suggested that most could be delivered by hand.

32. Dates of Future Meetings

25th July 90, 22nd August 90, 26th September 90

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.21pm.

*B.F. WMA  
25/7/98*