

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 16th June, 1999 at the
Town Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.

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

24/99 Apologies for absence were received from Cty Cr Matthews.

25/99 Cooption of Members.

Messrs J Bell and T Clinch had applied to join the Council following the public advertisement and it was moved by the Chairman and seconded by Cr Cosgrove that they be coopted. The motion was unanimously approved and each signed their official declarations.

26/99 Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 19th May, 1999.

Subject to the addition of Cr Mrs Fisher to the Environment & Highways Group in Min. 7/99 and Cr Mrs Harper replacing Cr Newey on the Clifton Footpath Group in Min. 16a/99, the above Minutes were unanimously agreed.

27/99 Allocation of new Members to Working Groups.

Cr Bell was made a member Finance and General Purposes Group and Cr Clinch the Planning and Property Working Group.

28/99 Sir Frank Davies

Cr Todd reported that in the Queen's Birthday Honours' List Mr Frank Davies, Chairman of the Health and Safety Commission, was awarded a Knighthood for his service to the Health and Safety of the public. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk write to Sir Frank extending to him the congratulations of the Council.

29/99 No parishioner wished to speak at the Open Forum.

30/99 Low Cost Housing.


The Clerk reported upon a fax received that day from the OCHA as follows:-

- (a) the scheme is currently out to competitive tender. Tenders are expected back in early July and it is the intention to instruct the successful contractor to start work on site in September.
- (b) The first tranche of grant funding has been received from the Housing Corporation and the scheme will be subject to the target dates as submitted to them.
- (c) All planning matters are now resolved subject to the architect agreeing the type of brick and roofing materials.
- (d) A comprehensive report on the tenders should be available in Mid-August.

Members were anxious to learn which of the applicants would be allocated houses and the Clerk stated that this was for determination between the OCHA and the District Council's Housing Department and it would be wise for all OCHA registered applicants to be on the District Council's waiting list. The Clerk was asked to clarify with the District Council their thoughts on how the allocation would be effected.

31/99 Planning and Property Working Group.

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



Applications.

99/1050F – Orchard End, St Thomas St, - 2 storey extension at rear and conservatory. No objections subject to there being no adverse comment from conservationists re the use of brick on part of the rear extension.

99/1091F&1092LB – Stile House, New Street – No objections subject to there being no adverse comment from neighbours.

Refusal

99/433LB – Wirral House, Bull Ring – Tiling repairs would not be in keeping with the conservation area.

A letter had been received from the District Council enclosing one from FPD Savills requesting consideration of land belonging to Miss Pacey at the rear of property fronting the A4260, The LPA had agreed to consider this site along with the previous suggestions put forward. It was unanimously agreed that this Council should object most strongly to the proposal which would be backland development, extend considerably the built area of the village, create a dangerous junction onto the A4260, and would have potential for creating problems regarding the school and health centre.

The Clerk reported that he had submitted an application re the Cemetery Millennium Gate.

Cr Cosgrove commented that he had not had an opportunity to visit either of the sites for which recommendations had been made tonight. Cr Miss Hill stated that the 2 applications dealt with were only received on 14th and 16th of this month and no one had had such an opportunity.

32/99 Millennium Working Group.

Cr Newey reported as follows:-

- (a) The Open Meeting was to, be held on July 1st and he hoped that a large number of people would be present.
- (b) A request was being made for the Market Place to be closed of from 6.00 pm on 31st December to 6.00 am on 1st January, 2000.
- (c) The Clerk informed the Council of the legal opinion received regarding the responsibility for repairs of the Town Hall in the lease which rests entirely with the Council.
- (d) It was agreed that a letter be forwarded to Deddington Charity Estates requesting a meeting at which the long term future of the Town Hall may be discussed.
- (e) Millennium Calendar. Tenders had been received for the printing of 2,500 copies of the Calendar as follows:-

	£
Windrush Press - Witney	5,875
Cheney & Sons of Banbury	6,790
Buckingham Colour Press – Buckingham	7,250 each plus VAT

It was unanimously agreed that Messrs Cheney, though not the lowest quote, be awarded the contract as they were used to the type of work required and the lowest tenderer was unsure of the binding of the pages. Cr Newey presented a budget for this item in his programme showing that with committed sponsorship of £3,000 approximately 1,000 copies delivered free to each household and estimated sales of the balance the above tender sum should be covered.

33/99 Environment and Highways Working Group.

Cr Mrs Cox reported as follows:-

Environment

- (a) A request had been received from the British Horse Society for assistance in their campaign to rid Oxfordshire of ragwort. Agreed that the matter be referred to the Deddington Naturalists Society for their assistance in the matter.
- (b) Notification of meetings of the RSPB on the Otmoor Reserve at 6.30 pm on 8th July and the Cherwell Environment Forum on 19th June at Bodicote House commencing at 2.00 pm.
- (c) The pilot scheme for the garden waste shredder will take place at the Deddington Hill layby on Sunday, 1st August between 1.00 and 5.00 pm. The shredder will be manned by two staff and the machine is able to shred garden waste up to a thickness of 5 inches, anything above this and the shredder will not be able to cope. Garden waste should not be left at the site in anticipation of the visit

Highways

- (d) The County Council will publish next year the future Local Transport Plan for the 5 year period to 2006. The letter was dated 17th May and required a reply to a provisional Plan the 'Vision Statement' by 18th June – a timing which could not be met.
- (e) Letter from Thames Valley Police stating that pavement parking by vehicles was not an offence unless it caused an obstruction.
- (f) Letter from Mr & Mrs W Caphorn wondering if it would be possible to have 30 Mph painted on the road on New Street as in Adderbury. Agreed to forward the request to the County Council.
- (g) The letter from the County Council detailing the approximate costs of various Traffic Management schemes would be deferred to the next meeting.
- (h) It was agreed that fluorescent warning signs re thefts from cars provided by the Police would be erected at Bank Holiday Weekends.
- (i) Agreed that the County Council be asked to arrange to cut back the hedges at the entrance to Hempton and at the junction of Earls Lane and Clifton Road.
- (j) The County Council have agreed to an allocation of money to be used as matching funds for the provision of bus shelters by Parish Councils and other appropriate bodies. Details of the scheme will be announced shortly and monies will need to be expended by 31st March, 2000.

34/99 Recreation and Grants Working Group

Cr Mrs Davies reported as follows:-

- (a) The Deddington Map Group have submitted a standard form of application requesting a grant of £6,600 to finance the balance of the expenditure on aerial photography, production and installation of the Master Map and public reproductions, 48pp guide book, postcard size reproductions and other marketable products and the hardback 'Domesday Book' – a portrait of our community at the commencement of the new Millennium. The 6 leaflet programme was financed by an initial start-up grant of £650 from this Council, £2,000 from Rural Action matching the voluntary input of many persons. The Council agreed to thank the Group for their excellent productions. Any grants received from other sources will be repaid to the Parish Council together with receipts from sales. It was moved by Cr Mrs Davies and seconded by Cr Todd that a grant of £6,600 be paid subject to the repayments as detailed above. The motion was approved unanimously.

35/99 Finance and General Purposes Working Group.

Cr Todd presented a paper, a copy of which is filed with these minutes, in response to that presented to the last meeting of the Council by Cr Newey. It was agreed that a date stamp be purchased to register in all incoming mail and to show the circulation of copies, but otherwise the administration of the Council remain as at present

36/99 Invoices for Payment.

Invoices totalling £ 13,945.35, in accordance with a schedule circulated at the meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes, were unanimously approved for payment.

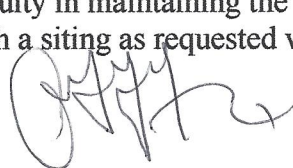
37/99 Investment of the Council's Funds.

The Clerk reported that at close of business on 15th June, 1999 the balances were as follows:-

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500,000.00	Bradford & Bingley Building Society Bonus 120 A/c at 5.65%
60,000.00	Treasury Deposit fixed to 12 th July, 1999 at 4.375%
25,023.85	at 3.5% subject to 14 days notice
6,609.16	at 2.375% subject to 14 days notice
2,889.32	at 1.625% overnight
<u>720.37</u>	at 1.25% overnight
<u>595,242.70</u>	

38/99 Correspondence.

- (a) Letter from the Chair of Deddington Youth Club Management Committee stating that as a Millennium Project they wished to make a video film with stills entitled 'Deddington and surrounding areas in the eyes of a younger person'. An application is being made for a Millennium Grant in the Awards for All scheme. A business plan will be submitted to the next meeting.
- (b) The Clerk reported that this Council's Data Protection Registration has now been accepted No X 4136630.
- (c) Letter from Rev K Reeves thanking the Council for their card and good wishes following his operation and spell in hospital. 'Greetings to the Council and may God bless you in your work for our Community'.
- (d) Letter from the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils requesting renewal of this Council's membership. The cost for 1999/2000 is £236.28 plus VAT. It was agreed that membership be renewed.
- (e) Letter from Mr J Cheney complaining that his afternoons are being 'disrupted because of an aviator who persists in performing aerobatics over our village' and seeking ways of establishing who the aviator is and asking him/her to perform elsewhere.
- (f) Letter from Oxford and Cherwell Advocacy Scheme seeking to advertise the need for volunteer citizen advocates to make one to one relationships with people who have difficulty in expressing themselves.
- (g) Notification from the Payne brothers of Hempton who are both in their nineties that they feel unable to cut the southern bridlepath in Hempton in future years. It was agreed that a letter of thanks for their services over many years be sent.
- (h) The Clerk reported that Messrs Cakebread Ltd had again requested on behalf of a client to place a memorial between two graves thus blocking the pathway and if seen as a normal principle, would create difficulty in maintaining the Cemetery.. Agreed that Cakebread's be informed that such a siting as requested would not be allowed.


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