

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 21st June, 2000 at the
Town Hall, Deddington, commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present:- Councillors Flux (Chairman), Bell, Cosgrove, Mrs Fisher, Miss Hill, Newey, Mrs Swash and Todd. County Councillor Matthews in attendance.

7/00 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Crs Clinch, Mrs Cox, Mrs Davies, Mrs Harper and Mrs Walker..

8/00 Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 17th May, 2000.

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

9/00 No resident wished to address the Council in Open Forum.

10/00 Low Cost Housing.

The Clerk reported as follows:-

- (a) Progress report. A report (copy filed with these Minutes) from OCHA was circulated to Members all matters being on target and full occupation is anticipated by September, 2000.
- (b) Maintenance of the Landscaped Area. OCHA have by letter asked this Council to consider the landscape maintenance responsibilities and enclosed a detailed plan of the site. The Section 106 agreement contained no reference to a commuted sum to cover such costs and in such circumstances it was resolved to only undertake such responsibilities on a strictly rechargeable basis.
- (c) New Fencing. Again OCHA asked for the Council's views on the construction of a 1200 mm high bow top steel railing alongside the Hempton Road frontage to deter pedestrians and cyclists taking short cuts over what will be newly planted landscaping. The fence would ensure that the intended planting scheme will fill out and mature properly. Following discussion it was agreed that this type of fencing would be inappropriate in this location though some other form of enclosure may be acceptable to overcome the problem.
- (d) Traffic Calming. OCHA have stated that traffic calming should be considered for the junction with the Hempton Road and for persons crossing it. They have made initial enquiries of OCC Highways and will continue if they have the support of this Council. This Council have already had detailed discussions in this matter and so far have achieved nothing, but it was agreed to give support in principle to their further enquiries subject to this Council being satisfied with the scheme.
- (e) Basis upon which the selling price of the Shared Ownership properties was determined. In reply to this Council's query OCHA have replied as follows:- "The prices have been set by an independent qualified valuer and represent his opinion on the prices the houses would fetch if they were sold on the open market, no discount on the market price being offered on these houses." It was agreed that the Clerk should endeavour to establish why the benefit to the developers of buying the land at less than the market value of land for Housing development has not been passed on to the shared owners and has the SHG on the unsold portion of the property been taken into account in the rental calculation.

11/00 Windmill Management Committee.

Once again considerable damage has been caused at the Centre by vandals, breaking of the lock and bending the frame of the newly erected bar across the mower entrance to the sports field and revolting messages sprayed and written on the play equipment at the rear of the Fish & Chip Shop. It was agreed that the Police be asked to maintain a far greater surveillance of the Centre and the Chairman has asked the local constable and his sergeant to attend the next meeting.

12/00 Finance and General Purposes Working Group.

Cr Todd reported as follows:-

- (a) Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils. It was agreed to renew the Council's membership for 2000/2001 at a cost of £272.99 including VAT.
- (b) The MADD week concert raised £954.81 which sum had been donated to Katherine House Hospice and the organiser Mr G Sullivan had asked the Council whether it was prepared to round up the donation. Cr Todd proposed that a donation of £200 be made to the Hospice and that Mr Sullivan be congratulated on the success of the concert.
- (c) Tamara Malcolm the Director of the Chipping Norton Theatre had issued her annual request for a donation to the Theatre and it was agreed by 6 votes to 1 that she be congratulated upon the award of the MBE and a donation of £50 be made to the Theatre.
- (d) North & West Oxfordshire Carers had also requested the renewal of the annual donation which was agreed in the sum of £150.
- (e) No member of the Friends of the Library attended the meeting in Birmingham, but further progress had been made in regard to the alterations to the property and the approval of the new Head of the County Service had been received to the scheme. It was agreed that when the costs are known the Council would be supportive of fundraising to assist the project which is likely to be undertaken in 2001/2002.
- (f) Compilation of Working Groups 2000/2001. Following discussion with last year's Chairmen the unanimous view was that the Working Groups remain as for 1999/2000 with the deletion of the Millennium Working Group.

13/00 Planning and Property Working Group.

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

Applications

(a) No observations in respect of the following plans:-

00/1004F & 00/1005LB - Philip Allen Updates, Market Place – Restore front railings etc.

00/1042TCA – The Stile House, New Street – Fell 2 Leylandii.

00/1089F – Unit B, The Granary, Duns Tew Road, -Installation of roof light in studio.

00/1187F & 00/1189LB – Rear of Turret Thatch, Hempton – Reroof cartshed.

(b) Observations

00/847F – New single storey dwelling, rear of Chapmans Lane – Reiterate Council's views regarding the highway problems and refer to the decision re access to Leaden Porch Farm,

(c) Objection

00/1093F – New Cottage, Tays Gateway – Object on the following grounds:-

- (i) access to the garages for Dragon House would be difficult due to narrowness of Tays Gateway,
- (ii) visitor parking on Tays Gateway causing obstruction in very narrow part,
- (iii) the front door of the proposed dwelling gives direct access onto Tays Gateway which is dangerous as it is narrow and has no footway.

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Each of the above recommendations was agreed. (Cr Newey declared his interest in application 00/1093F and took no part in the discussion thereon.)

(d) Approvals

00/541F – Barford House, Hempton – Replacement of garage

00/645F – Appleby, St Thomas Street – Conservatory etc.

14/00 Millennium Working Group.

Cr Bell reported as follows:-

- (a) The Youth Club Video will be shown at the Windmill Centre at 2 performances on 3rd July admittance £1.
- (b) A final account in respect of the Millennium Calendar should be available for the next meeting.

15/00 Environment and Highways Working Group.

Cr Cosgrove in the absence of Cr Mrs Cox reported as follows:-

Environment

- (a) Mr Meagher had requested assistance with the receipt of dollar donations to the publication of the Hedgerow Survey which were conditional on the monies being paid to a registered charity. It was agreed that the sums be paid into the Holly Tree Trustee Account and the net sum available ie. following the deduction of all costs be transferred to Mr Meagher.
- (b) Compost bins will once again be available for sale at a reduced price at Bodicote House on Sunday, 16th July, 2000.
- (c) The District Council is producing its Best Value Review of the Street Cleaning Service and has forwarded a questionnaire to establish this Council's views upon the effectiveness of the current service. This will be completed and returned giving an unsatisfactory view.

Highways

- (d) Complaints had been received regarding the placing of an A Board on the footpath of the Banbury Road by the Deddington Arms. The placing of certain tables and chairs on the Horsefair frontage of the hotel was forcing pedestrians into the road. Agreed that the Clerk write to the Manager on these matters.
- (e) OCC Highways have still not produced the costs for the agreed traffic management schemes and the Clerk was asked to urgently pursue the matter.
- (e) The Police report on Parking in Hudson Street and The Daedings has not been received.
- (f) It was agreed that the Local Police Sergeant and PC Donahue be invited to attend the next meeting of the Council.

16/00 Recreation and Grants Working Group.

In her absence Cr Mrs Davies presented in written form the recommendations of her Group as follows:-

- (a) Cr Mrs Davies had attended the OPFA Roadshow which strongly recommended that the risk assessment of Children's Play Areas, ordered following last month's Meeting, was a necessary "insurance" for the Council.
- (b) Checks of the Play Areas are presently undertaken by the Village Steward, in an informal manner, quarterly. The Group recommended that the checks be carried out on a monthly basis and that detailed check lists be produced of each item of equipment and the play surfaces. Agreed that the Clerk set up a system to enable formal recorded checks to be instituted.

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- (c) It was also agreed that laminated notices be produced, to be posted at each play area site informing the public of the ownership, where to report faults and accidents and the location of the nearest telephone box.
- (d) Complaints were still not resolved regarding the state of the Castle Grounds playing field . The Clerk was instructed to continue to withhold payment until a satisfactory condition of the grasscutting has been achieved.
- (e) Banbury Colts Football Club had forwarded a quotation for 2 sets of goal posts from Sport House One in Bicester in the sum of £500. Agreed that the Council will finance 2 sets provided that the Club purchase the balance of their requirement.

17/00 Invoices for Payment

Invoices totalling £7,374.67, in accordance with a schedule circulated at the meeting, a copy of which is filed with these Minutes, were approved for payment.

18/00 Investment of the Council's Funds.

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

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500,000.00	Bradford and Bingley B S Bonus 120 Account at 5.95%
40,000.00	Treasury Deposit fixed to 14 th August, 2000 at 5.2375%
11,014.61	at 14 days notice at 3.5%
10,957.22	overnight at 2.3%
<u>729.53</u>	overnight at 2.1%
<u>562,701.36</u>	

19/00 Correspondence.

- (a) Letter from Alexandra Walsh of Clifton who has been offered a place on VSO's Overseas Training Programme in the Philippines requesting assistance towards the £500 she needs to raise. It was agreed that regrettably the Council cannot help for legal reasons, but wish her all success in meeting her objective.
- (b) E Mail from Mega International Group, USA requesting this Council to twin with Jingmen in the Republic of China. This is a city of 1,890,000 people and Council agreed that such a twinning would be unreasonable.
- (c) Letter from Tony Baldry MP stating that this Council' latest submission concerning the Draft Regional Planning Guidance contained "some extremely good points".

20/00 Date of next Meeting.

Wednesday 19th July, 2000 at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.

