

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 25th March 1992

Present:-

Councillors Mace, Oddy, Bowen, Clarke, Clinch, Mrs Garvey, Mrs Lee, Reed, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Swash and Todd.

323 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Councillors Canning, Miss Hill and O'Brien. County Councillor Matthews and District Councillor Croft also tendered their apologies. Councillor O'Brien's absences were with the permission of the Council.

324 Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th February, 1992.

The Minutes of the above Meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman subject to the substitution of "viewing facilities" for the words "storage huts" in Minute No 308(e).

325 Matters arising from the Minutes.

Minute 312. The Chairman thanked Council for the confidence they had shown in him and stated that he would remain in office until the Annual General Meeting.

Minute 315. It was reported that the 'Bus Tokens had been supplied in £17 bags - the quantity being supplied by the District Council - and to ease administration £17 worth of tokens had been issued in the Parish at an estimated increased net cost of £100. The action taken was unanimously approved.

Minute 318. The Chairman suggested that the notice boards referred to should be plain board.

Minute 321(c). It was reported that though the leakage of water at Goose Green had been repaired, water was still leaking.


326 Chairman's Report.

(a) The Chairman reported that the Council had been offered free of charge, the 'bus owned by Mr and Mrs Walsh of the St Annes Nursing Home, Clifton. The 'bus has twelve seats, was a two litre Bedford and following a mechanical/electrical inspection it was estimated that a sum not exceeding £500 would need to be expended to put the vehicle on the road. It was thought that a vehicle at such minimal cost to the Council, would enable the Council to assess the need and use being made of the 'bus prior to considering the future for a new Community 'Bus for the village. It was unanimously agreed that the 'bus be received with grateful thanks, the repairs be put in hand and a suitable acknowledgement be given to Mr and Mrs Walsh.

(b) At the Annual General Meeting, the Chairman suggested that the following matters should be considered:-

(i) the Sub-Committee structure,

(ii) the Standing Orders regarding public participation and (iii) the number of Members on the Parish Council.



327 Environmental Sub-Committee.

(a) Castle Grounds Recreation Area - Consideration was being given to an extension of this area in a south-westerly *eastly* direction. Many authorities, owners and agencies were involved and it was hoped to set up a joint meeting in April.

(b) Old Rifle Range - Only one quotation was received and it was resolved that T & H Contractors of Deddington, in the sum of £160 per day for 3 or 4 days plus VAT, be awarded the task. The foundations of the play equipment were also included in the quotation.

(c) Additional Street Lighting - The Clerk reported that the County Council had agreed the positioning and the commitment to future maintenance of six installations. Further discussions are ongoing with regard to the other two.

(d) Younger Children's Play Equipment at Windmill - Approval was given to obtaining 3 quotations for this scheme and for planning permission to be sought.

(e) Sponsored Litter Blitz - The Brownies were organising a sponsored litter collection in the village and it was agreed to provide the sacks and to make a donation of £50.

(f) Market Place Refuse Collection - This matter had now been resolved and was working satisfactorily.

(g) Additional Litter Bins - Six were being purchased and would be fixed by Mr Boss.

328 Grants Sub-Committee.

(a) Application No 9 - Home School Association - Improvement of Swimming Facilities. The HSA is now renamed as a PTA and is unlikely to proceed with the adaptations to the private pool at the rear of the school. The changing accommodation has a flat roof and there is the possibility of water seepage, at any rate a full structural survey would be required. For the Council to be directly involved there would be considerable running costs and Health & Safety responsibilities. It is therefore essential before further progress can be made, that it is established that there is a sufficient demand in the village for such a facility preferably by the establishment of a Swimming Club. Publicity would be given in the Deddington News.

(b) Two further applications had been received from the Wesleyan Reform Church and the Deddington Tennis Club which would be discussed at the next Sub-Committee meeting.

329 Planning Sub-Committee.

CHN 279/91 - Castle End - 5 Bedroomed House. Following representations from adjoining occupiers and this Council the use of incorrect coloured roof tiles was stopped.

CHN CA 531/91 - Off Hudson Street - Development of 12 Elderly Persons Flats. Concern was expressed that conditional approval had been given to this application against the recommendations of the Chief Planning Officer, the County Engineer and this Council. A site meeting had taken place at which this Council's views had been expressed in detail to

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the Chairman of the North Area Planning Sub-Committee. It is understood that revised plans have been requested to improve the situation regarding overlooking of adjacent property. In the circumstances of this and other recent decisions it was agreed that a letter be forwarded to the Chief Executive of the District Council setting out this Council's concerns. A copy to be passed to the O.A.L.C.

CHN 39/92 - Maybanks, County View, Clifton - 2 Storey Extension - No observations on amended plans.

CHN 831/90 - Home Farm, Clifton Road - Development - Further to Min. 321 (b) the Clerk to report the receipt of a letter from the Chief Planning Officer stating that the building was being constructed in compliance with the planning consent but that he appreciated local concerns about the structure and that he would continue to monitor the development in order to secure close compliance with the planning approval.

330 Windmill Sub-Committee.

The Clerk reported on the meeting held on 16th March, 1992.

(a) the lock nuts and replacement bolts had been fitted to the play equipment.

(b) the audited accounts for the year ended 31st January, 1992 were presented by the Treasurer and accepted with thanks.

(c) it was recommended that the Parish Council in fixing the fees for the use of the sports field, a similar basis should be used for each sport.

(d) should the "Potato" field be acquired the Sub-Committee recommends to the Council that a land survey be obtained at an approximate cost of £500. Resolved that a survey be obtained.

(e) the paling fencing alongside the car park was to be removed at an approximate cost of £50.

331 Investment of the Council's Funds.

The Clerk reported that as at 25th March, 1992 the investments were as follows:-

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450,000	fixed to 22nd June, 1992 at 10 and three eighths %
540,000	fixed to 25th May, 1992 at 10 and one eighth %
19,140	at 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ % on one month's notice
10,576	at 7 and three eighths %
<u>1,019,716</u>	

332 Acquisition of "Potato" Field, south of the Sports Field, Hempton Road.

The Clerk reported that upon the initiative of the vendor negotiations were resumed and the Council's agents have recommended a purchase of the site of approx. 1.7 acres including the access from Hempton Road at a cost of £10,000 each side to pay its own costs. Cr Clarke moved and Cr Mrs Stevens seconded a motion to acquire the site on the aforementioned basis. The motion was approved by 10 votes to 0 with 1 abstention.

333 Grant Applications.

Application No 1. - Parish Church - Provision of kitchen and toilet accommodation. Cr Stevens declared her non-pecuniary interest in this matter. A faculty from the Church authorities was awaited. It was agreed to approve the scheme in principle by 10 votes to 0 with one abstention.

Application No 8. - Bowls Club - New Bowling Green. As a result of the previous minute it was agreed that the position of the Green should be amended, Messrs Agripower be requested to provide a revised quotation incorporating flags and fencing to Woolerton Truscott's specification, and appoint Woolerton Truscott of Banbury as supervisors for the contract.

Application No 26 - Windmill Community Centre - Provision of pavilion and storage huts, sports field. Agreed that planning permission be obtained as soon as possible for the pavilion. Subject to such permission Cr Clarke be given authority to proceed with the project provided the siting of the buildings is approved by the Landscape Consultants.

334 Tenders for Grounds Maintenance.

The Clerk reported on the following tenders received:-

(a) Maintenance of Sports Field - 1992

Designgro Ltd, Banbury.	£6,959.92
Oxfordshire Commercial Services, Oxford.	£6,354.79

Resolved that Oxfordshire Commercial Services be awarded the contract subject to the mowing of the cricket square being a provisional sum.

(b) Grasscutting Castle Grounds - 1992

Oxfordshire Commercial Services, Oxford.	£31.10 per cut
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Resolved that Oxfordshire Commercial Services be awarded the contract.

(c) Village Grasscutting - 1992

John Boss, Deddington	£1,692
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Resolved that Mr J Boss be awarded the above contract.

335 Low Cost Housing.

The Clerk reported that the Oxford Citizens Housing Association had received no reply from the site owners.

336 Correspondence.

(a) Letter from the District Council regarding Dog Fouling/ Dog Litter Bins and requesting to address the Parish Council at its next meeting. Bins cost £125 installed with pedal operated lid and £106 without pedal. Cleansing and disposal costs £2.80 per bin per week. Resolved that the Dog Warden be asked to attend the next meeting of the Environmental Sub-Committee.

(b) Barford United Football Club requested that the Clerk be present at a meeting they were endeavouring to arrange with

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the Deddington Club. Agreed that the Clerk should attend.

(c) Request to use the area beneath the Town Hall for a Plant, Produce and Cake Stall by Deddington Bowls Club on Saturdays 9th May and 12th September, 1992. Agreed the use on the mornings of those dates.

(d) Letter from Mrs J M Perree of Clifton raising the following matters:-

(i) An 8.00 am collection from the Clifton Post-box is too early.

(ii) Clean water leaking outside 4, Chase Villas, Clifton after the matter being reported to Thames Water.

(iii) Lack of footpath through Clifton

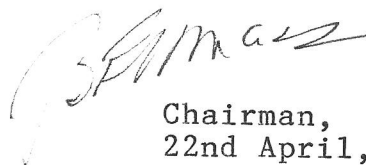
(iv) Suggestion that planning applications should incorporate a completely up to date map showing all relevant details of houses, buildings etc. This matter is on the agenda for the Oxfordshire Federation of Womens' Institutes A.G.M. in Oxford and is being proposed by the Deddington W I and seconded by Barford W I. Mrs Perree requests the Council's support for the proposition. Agreed that the proposition has the Parish Council's support and that the Clerk should deal with the other matters.

337 The following accounts were passed for payment:-

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Gametime UK Ltd - Play Equipment	9,498.67
3 D Cricket - Scoreboard	595.00
Archway Garage - Bus Checkover	28.20
A Healey - Cleaning Town Hall	29.00
Hayward & White - Photocopying	52.64
Inland Revenue - Land Negotiation Fees	176.25
D H Blakey - Salary and Expenses	152.70
Lane Fox - Half Year's Rent Allotments	70.00
C P R E - Subscription	12.00
O R C C - Entry Fee, Best Kept Village	8.00
Deddington Brownies - Sponsorship	50.00

338 Date of next Council Meeting.

Wednesday, 22nd April, 1992 at the Town Hall commencing at 7.15 pm.



Chairman,
22nd April, 1992.