

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held at the Church Hall, Hempton on
Wednesday 15 March 2006 commencing at 7.45pm

Present: Cllrs Flux (Chair), Todd, Mrs Swash, Wood, Alton, Mrs Cox, Mrs Spencer, Watts, Collins, Haslam, Squires, Putland, Rollason, District Cllr O’Sullivan, Co Cllr Jelf, Lorraine Watling (Clerk), Sue Gibbs (Minute Secretary), Jim Hamer, OCC (part)

32/06	<p><u>Minutes of last meeting.</u></p> <p>22/06(b) Cllr Mrs Spencer requested that the wording be amended to read “Any plot that has not been cultivated in the past two years will be cleared <i>if necessary</i>.....”</p> <p>24/06 (h) Mrs Cox requested that this be changed to read “yellow lines”.</p> <p>25/06 (g). “light of sight” should be changed to “line of sight”</p> <p>Subject to these changes, the Minutes of the last meeting held on 15 February were approved as a correct record.</p>
33/06	<p><u>Matters arising</u></p> <p>24/06 (e). Street Lighting in Windmill St. John Hamer, the electrical inspector for the Street Lighting Section at OCC reported that as requested following the last meeting, he had inspected the street lighting in Windmill Street. He said that apart from when a new estate was built or a new light installed, there was no required minimum standard for existing street lighting. He acknowledged that the street was quite dark but thought this was possibly due to the contrast effect caused by the new light on the corner. He also thought that some light was being obstructed by the works equipment which was temporarily being stored on the corner. Although it was relatively inexpensive to install a new column for a light (around £500), installing the electricity would cost between £2,000 and £3,000. In situations where there was a repeated problem with vandalism and other crime, Thames Valley Police and the local district council were sometimes able to work together and funding could be made available. It was agreed that the lighting might be improved once the works equipment was removed, and that it should be looked at again when this had been done. Mr Hamer was thanked for his report and he then left the meeting.</p>
34/06	<p><u>Declaration of Interests</u></p> <p>37/06(b). Cllr Flux declared an interest</p> <p>41/06 (b) Cllr Swash declared an interest</p> <p>42/06: Cllr Todd declared an interest</p>

35/06	<p><u>10 Minute Open Forum.</u></p> <p>Kevin Mayo addressed the meeting on the planning application submitted by St Anne's Residential Home in Clifton. Two other members of the public spoke about the speed of traffic through Hempton and the state of the road surface in the lane.</p>
36/06	<p><u>Environment and Recreation Group</u></p> <p>Cllr Squires reported as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Satin Lane Allotments The new allotments were now ready; there was one spare and there was the possibility of adding four more. Agreement had been reached with existing allotment holders to clear allotments as agreed at the last meeting. The Clerk was thanked for her work in sorting this out. (b) Pay Phone – Hempton. BT was proposing to remove this. Cllr Watts said that several residents of Hempton had asked that the Parish Council should oppose this and it was suggested that they should write individually to BT. It was noted that this was the first public phone heading east from Chipping Norton. It was agreed that the Parish Council should write to BT and ask what was the basis for the pay phone being removed. (c) Charter Housing. District O'Sullivan confirmed that despite Charter Housing's current financial state, the grants were supposed to be continuing. It was agreed that the Parish Council should write to CDC seeking assurance of this. (d) CDC Grants It was noted that grants of up to £10,000 were available this year for arts, village halls, nature projects etc. (e) CDC Sponsored Village Clean Up. It was noted that with the Easter holidays coming up, there was not much time to organize this within the timescale allotted by CDC. It was agreed that the weekend of 10th/11 June would be more appropriate as this would also tie in with judging for the Best Kept Village. The relevant equipment had been ordered from CDC and it was agreed that the PC should write informing them Deddington was going to postpone its clean up until then. In the meantime, the equipment was available for use by Clifton or Hempton. Because of the poor turn out in recent years, Cllr Haslam suggested that local businesses be asked to provide prizes as incentives for parishioners to turn up, as had been the case in previous years. This was agreed. Cllr Collins expressed concern about rubbish dumped on the Clifton Road which was bagged trade waste left by a clearly identifiable local company. It was agreed that the company concerned should be contacted by Cherwell District Council and asked to remove it, in line with their legal responsibilities. (f) CDC Recycling – Blue Bins. CDC was offering £5 to the Parish Council for every resident it persuaded to buy a blue wheely bin. It was agreed that the Parish Council enter the scheme but inform CDC that it wanted the money refunded to the purchaser.

	<p>(g) Save the Horton A letter had been received from the Save the Horton Group. It was agreed that a letter of support should be sent to the Health Secretary, and copied to Tony Baldry.</p>
37/06	<p><u>Parish Plan</u></p> <p>Cllr Squires reported that the DEFRA grant would be for £1590 rather than £1800. There would still be the costs of printing the report but these would be well within the original budget. About 300 responses had been received. The results were still being input and would be reviewed at a meeting the following week.</p>
38/06	<p><u>Highways Working Group</u></p> <p>Cllr Putland reported as follows</p> <p>(a) Clifton Footpath. Work was due to start on 20th March. (b) Hempton Road/Horse Fair Crossings. Work on these was well under way. Co Cllr Jelf was thanked for all his work in getting these issues resolved. (c) Earls Lane. A reply to the letter about the kerb was still awaited from Ralph Grant at OCC. Co Cllr Jelf promised to chase this up. (d) Signposts. A list of signposts which needed smartening up had now been received. It was agreed that this would be forwarded to OCC and if they were not able to undertake the work, permission sought for it to be done by the Parish. (e) Windmill St. The verbal report from the Jim Hamer of OCC was noted. (f). OCC Consultation on Transport. Cllr Wood had attended this meeting but it had been somewhat disappointing. (g). Brick Paviers, Philcote St. Work had started to repair these that day. (h). Lines on Hempton Road. A reply was still awaited on this. (i). Road Closure for Sewage Works. This was to repair the problems which had caused flooding of the Antiques Centre previously. (j). Better Ways to School. It was noted that the school's travel plan had been singled out as one of the 3 best in Oxfordshire. It was agreed that a letter of congratulation should be sent to the Headteacher. (h). Earls Lane. Cllr Rollason reported that the "school" sign heading west on Earls Lane was not clearly visible because of cars parked outside the surgery. It was agreed that OCC should be notified and asked to move the sign, and copies of the correspondence forwarded to Co Cllr Jelf. (i). Clifton Road. It was agreed that enquiries should be made as to whether the trees which had died along the Clifton Road, which had been part funded by the Parish Council, could be replaced by the supplier. If not, it was suggested that money from the Deddington Gardening Club be used to replace them, although Cllr Swash thought that this might have been allocated for trees in the Market Place. This needed to be checked. (h). Grass Verge outside Johnsons. It was noted that the grass verge outside Johnsons was being churned up and agreed that the Clerk should follow this up.</p>

39/06	<p><u>Report from Planning Working Group</u></p> <p>Cllr Swash reported as follows:</p> <p>(a). 06/00275/F Orchard House, Hopcraft Lane, Deddington External ramp for disabled access. Replace 1 No timber door with new timber gates to existing store. No objections.</p> <p>(b). 06/00303/LB Monks Court, Castle Street, Deddington External and internal alterations including new internal stone pier to create opening, repairs to west facing external walls & rebuild inner skin of external wall at window spandrel panel (bedrooms 2,3 & 4). It was noted that they were working in conjunction with conservation officer. No objections.</p> <p>(c). 06/00314/F 16 The Daedings, Deddington. Two storey side extension with integral garage. Single storey rear extension. No objections</p> <p>(d). 06/00273/F St Anne’s Residential Home, Clifton Additional wing to nursing home. It was noted that this was a major 2 storey extension utilising roof space which would extend into the back of plot. It was felt that this would cause many problems in terms of extra traffic, parking, noise and other environmental considerations and concerns had been expressed by the neighbours. There was also concern that the existing facilities might not be able to support such a substantial addition. It was agreed that this application should be opposed and that District Cllr O’Sullivan should request that it went before the planning committee.</p> <p>(e). Deddington Highways Depot, Deddington Hill, Oxford Road Alterations and improvements to existing highways maintenance depot: to include extension of depot area into adjoining field to the north, to allow for construction of salt barn and recycling area, erection of replacement mess room and office. Proposed new security hut, weighbridge and undercover storage area, manoeuvring and circulation space areas, parking for lorries and cars and associated landscaping. Takes into account the proposed telephone mast as well. No objection. Concerns were also raised regarding the proposed telephone mast. Cllr Watts confirmed that the matter had been raised at the last governors meeting at the school and concerns expressed on health and safety grounds. District Cllr O’Sullivan emphasised that objections could only be made on environmental grounds, including visual policy and on this basis he had asked for it to be do committee. It was agreed that more people should be encouraged to write and also that Orange should be contacted direct.</p> <p>(f). 06/00202/LB Manor Farm House, Clifton. Replace 3 No windows, 2 No window frames extended to ground level with new hardwood window panel installed and 1 replacement door to family room. No objections</p> <p>(g). Planning Consents: Featherton House, Glencree, Berwick House.</p>
40/06	<p><u>Report from the Finance and General Purposes Working Group</u></p> <p>Cllr Wood reported as follows:</p> <p>(a). The revised forecast to the end of the year was tabled. He and the Clerk</p>

	<p>were still working on this, but it provided a reasonable picture of the possible end of year result.</p> <p>(b). The budget for the year remained much as previously tabled. A figure of £4,000 had been included for the Clifton footpath, £500 for the grant to the Youth club and there was a reserve figure of £1,000 for an election. Negotiations on the Town Hall were continuing and no figures had been included for this.</p> <p>(c). Wesley Reform Chapel. A request had been received from the Wesley Reform Chapel for a contribution to the cost of repairing the windows at the front of the building. It was noted that a donation had been made towards repairs to the church, but it was also noted that this was then a facility which was available to be used by the entire Parish. It was proposed that a loan of £500 should be made, repayable over 5 years. This was agreed.</p>										
41/06	<p><u>Invoices</u></p> <p>A schedule of invoices totalling £4681.10 was tabled, a copy of which is filed with these minutes, and was approved for payment. It was noted that the Parish Council was holding funds which had been deposited by Friends of Deddington Library some time ago.</p>										
42/06	<p><u>Investment of Councils Funds</u></p> <p>At the close of business on 15 March 2006 the balances were as follows:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Imprest</td> <td>£1,350.34</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Current</td> <td>£3,870.73</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W. Bromwich Building Soc.</td> <td>£285,221.39</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alliance & Leicester</td> <td>£255,917.87</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>£546,360.33</td> </tr> </table>	Imprest	£1,350.34	Current	£3,870.73	W. Bromwich Building Soc.	£285,221.39	Alliance & Leicester	£255,917.87	TOTAL	£546,360.33
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43/06	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>A list of correspondence since the last meeting was circulated.</p> <p>22 February: it was noted that damage caused to the pay phone in Hempton had been done was regarded by BT as ‘professional vandalism’.</p> <p>15 March: Report from Rentacure on Deddington Town Hall. This was a report which had been obtained by Deddington Estates and passed to the PC for information. 3 surveys had been carried out in total.</p>										
44/06	<p><u>The Clerk</u></p> <p>The Chair reported that the Clerk had now passed her 3 month probationary period and she was congratulated on the way she had settled into the post.</p>										

45/06	<p><u>Annual Parish Meeting</u></p> <p>The Chair confirmed that the Annual Parish Meeting would take place on Wednesday 26th April at the Windmill Centre and that the meeting would hopefully be addressed by representatives from CDC and OCC who worked with young people. There would also be a presentation on the Parish Plan if it were ready by then.</p>
46/06	<p><u>CDC Legal and Democratic Services.</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the monitoring ethical framework should be completed and sent off.</p>
47/06	<p><u>Election.</u></p> <p>It was noted that an election was due on 4th May. The papers had been posted out from CDC. It was agreed that the paperwork should be forwarded to all members of the Council. It was noted that completed papers had to be returned by 3rd April 2006.</p>
48/06	<p><u>Next Meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 19 April at 7.45pm at the Town Hall, Deddington.</p>
49/06	<p>The residents of Hempton were thanked for hosting the meeting and on behalf of the village Cllr Watts extended thanks to PC for coming to Hempton.</p> <p>The meeting then went into closed session.</p>

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.