

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday, 17th March, 1999 at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30 pm

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

135/98 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Davies and Mrs Swash

136/98 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 17th February, 1999.

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

137/98 Matters arising.

Cr Cosgrove referred to the decision made in Min125/98(e) at the last meeting and stated that the legal agreement regarding the housing development at the Lane, Hempton had not been signed and he hoped that the residents would not have to endure a further winter without lighting. It was resolved to further review the situation at the June meeting.

138/98 10 Minute Forum.

Mr James Garrod of The Bothy, Grove Court addressed the Council.

139/98 Low Cost Housing.

The Clerk reported that the signing of the Section 106 agreement was said to be close but a last minute hitch had occurred regarding the amount of solicitors' fees being charged. This latter matter had now been resolved. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the District Council to the effect that this Council will expect to receive the utmost help to achieve a speedy conclusion to this saga. (Note Planning permission has subsequently been granted).

140/98 Cherwell Local Plan Review – Housing in the Rural Areas.

The format of the meeting with the LPA on 24th March was discussed and agreed that the Chairman would be in the Chair and would describe the local opinion generally, introduce the planners who would then speak to the papers they had circulated followed by questions from the floor. Cr Church agreed to analyse the returns received to the questionnaire circulated with the Deddington News to assist the Chairman with his introduction. Posters were to be erected and if possible the "A" Board on the Market Place green so that as many people as possible would be present.

141/98 Environment and Highways Working Group.

Cr Mrs Cox reported as follows:-

- (a) "A" boards on the Market Square were causing obstruction to the site lines of traffic users due their siting too near the edges of the Green. The one for the Antique Shop had reflective paint and at certain times of the day caused a dangerous glare. It was resolved that each of the signs be sited further from the roads, each owner to have only 1 sign, as previously agreed, and the Clerk to discuss with the Antique Shop owner a repositioning of his sign so that it will not reflect sunlight.

PA Swash

- ✓ (b) A letter had been received from Mrs J Williamson of Clifton complaining about the amount of litter being deposited in the layby on the Clifton Road and requesting the erection of a litter bin at this location. It was also suggested that an additional bin be sited at the Castle Grounds on the opposite side of the field to the one already on the site. Resolved that the Clerk obtain quotations for 2 bins for the above sites and that Mrs Williamson be thanked for her interest.
- (c) A form of petition had been received from the CPRE requesting signatures from persons interested in maintaining the network of hedges in the Parish.
- (d) It was also agreed that the CPRE 1999-2000 subscription of £17.50 be paid.
- (e) The District Council had advised that the successful tender for the emptying of Dog Bins for the next financial year was in the sum of £1.07 per weekly emptying. This will cost this Council £278.20 in 1999/2000 on the basis of the present 5 bins.
- ✓ (f) A report, a copy of which is filed with these minutes, concerning police checking of speeds of vehicles on certain roads in the Parish and possible traffic calming measures was presented. Some of the data was approximated and rounded and it was resolved that the Police Officers concerned be thanked for their work and the working group move ahead with further discussions on the recommendations.
- (g) The School Sign on the Banbury Road is now very indistinct due to wear and the Clerk was asked to write to the OCC regarding its repair.
- (h) A complaint had been received from Mr Fowler of St Thomas St regarding the turning of heavy lorries into the Walnut workshops entrance mounting the kerbs, spoiling the grass verge and being a danger to oncoming traffic. It was agreed that the planning permission for the workshops be checked to establish the conditions under which they may operate. The parking of a bus on the grass verge at Hempton causing considerable indentations was also referred to and the Clerk undertook to write to the operator.
- (i) Cr Todd referred to the manner in which the green at the top of Hopcraft Lane was gradually being eroded by heavy lorries. It was suggested and agreed that white posts similar to those on Goose Green be erected to prevent further erosion.
- (i) One quotation only had been received for the mowing of verges and greens for 1999/2000 from Mr J Boss and a comparison of his rates per cut compared with the current year is as follows:-

	Current year	1999/2000
	£	£
Deddington	265	265
Hempton	120	120
Clifton	75	75
Cemetery	40	50
Churchyard	50	60
Market Place	18	18

Resolved that Mr Boss be awarded the contract for 1999/2000.

142/98 Recreation and Grants Working Group.

Cr Mrs Harper reported as follows:-

- (a) Confirmed that there were no funds available from Rural Action or CPRE towards the costs of the Hedgerow Survey. It was therefore resolved to make a grant of £400 which together with the sum of £100 hoped for from the District Council would meet the costs of the Survey.
- (b) Following the refusal of the planning application for the floodlighting of the Tennis Courts at the Windmill Centre it was resolved to amend Min112/98 as follows and Messrs Fosse Contracts Ltd be given the order to proceed:-

Total Cost of Resurfacing	£13,180
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T.A. Swales

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Financed by Cherwell District Council	£3,097
Deddington Parish Council	£3,295
Deddington Tennis Club	£6,788
	<u>£13,180</u>

Additionally the Tennis Club will need to pay the VAT on their contribution amounting to £1,187.90.

- (c) Two quotations had been received for the maintenance of the Windmill and Castle Grounds Sports Fields for 1999/2000 as follows:-

	Windmill £	Castle Grounds £
Messrs DesignGro	4,758.25	2,270.00
O C C Commercial Services	6,962.26	4,049.53

Resolved unanimously that DesignGro be awarded both contracts for the year 1999/2000.

- (d) Only 1 quotation was received in respect of the maintenance of the small Open Spaces – from Mr J Boss. His quotation as compared with that for the current year was as follows:-

	Current Year £	1999/2000 £
per cut		
Mill Close	20	25
Gaveston Gardens	20	30
Windmill Play Area	10	10

It was unanimously agreed that the quotation of Mr Boss be accepted for 1999/2000.

143/98 Finance and General Purposes Working Group.

Cr Todd reported as follows:-

- (a) He and Cr Church had inspected the accounts paid from November, 1998 to January, 1999. and had found them to be in order.
- (b) The final accounts for 1997/98 had also been studied and there were no comments to make.
- (c) Arrangements were in hand for the 1999/2000 tranche of books to be purchased for the local library within the budgeted sum of £1000.

144/98 Planning and Property Working Group.

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

Applications

99/0320F – 49, Gaveston Gardens – Erection of first floor extension and conservatory
- No observations.

99/0322F&0323LB – 10, High Street – Removal of existing lean-to and erection of single storey extension at rear – No observations.

99/0325F – Ilbury Farm – Construction of garage and workshop – No observations.

99/0338F – 41, St John's Way – Ground and first floor extensions, new double garage and mower shed.

99/0414TCA – Sentry House, Castle Street – Fell elm tree – No observations.

Each of the above recommendations was approved

P Swash

Approval

98/02185LB – Coniston House, New Street – Formation of new vents etc.

Further evidence had been received regarding the garage at The Bothy to the effect that it was not possible to get a normal sized car into it. In these circumstances it was unanimously agreed that the previous comments of this Council be revoked and 'No observations' be made.

145/98 Millennium Working Group.

Cr Newey reported as follows:-

The results of the questionnaire which had been delivered to 1660 electors in the Parish had been analysed and published in a document, a copy of which is filed with these Minutes. A response rate of 28% had been achieved. Mr R Sykes, who had compiled the results presented the report and he was thanked for his presentation and the considerable work involved in the analysis of the questionnaires. It was recommended that working parties be set up for the top priorities in Table 1 of the report.

146/98 Final Accounts 1997/98.

The Clerk presented the accounts for the above year which were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

147/98 Accounts for Payment.

Accounts totalling £1,161.45 in accordance with a schedule circulated at the meeting, a copy of which is filed with these Minutes, were approved for payment.

148/98 Investment of the Council's Funds.

The Clerk reported that at close of business on 16th March, 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 April, 1999 at 4.5%
6,592.98	at 14 days notice at 2.625%
2,021.73	overnight at 1.175%
<u>715.23</u>	overnight at 1.175%
<u>569,329.94</u>	

149/98 Bradford and Bingley Building Society Demutualisation Vote.

Further to Min.132/98 following a brief discussion it was proposed and seconded that this Council votes at the Society's Annual General Meeting in favour of demutualisation and upon being put to the vote was carried by 6 to 3.

R Swool

150/98 Correspondence.

- (a) It was proposed by Cr Church, seconded by Cr Cosgrove that the sum of £500 be donated to the Katharine House Hospice from the Council's 1998/99 Section 137 allocation of its funds. This motion was unanimously agreed.
- (b) Notification of a change of licensee at the Unocorn Hotel from M W Lapworth and D Bass to Mark William Lapworth and Pauline Ann Whittle. Council had no observations to make.
- (c) Mrs L Mahfoudh of the Holcombe Hotel who has recently planted 3 trees in the Cemetery in memory of her mother asked whether it would be possible to renovate the gravel footpath inside the Cemetery which presently is covered by grass. It was agreed that this matter be considered at the time of the construction of the proposed millennium gate.

151/98 Date of next Meeting – Wednesday, 21st April, 1999 commencing at 7.30 pm at the Town Hall.

Pauline Ann Whittle