

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Holly Tree Club, Deddington on Wednesday, 29th May, 1996 commencing at 7.30pm.

Present:- Crs Todd (Chairman), Mrs Brewer, Clarke, Cosgrove, Clinch, Drake, Mrs Fisher, Flux, Miss Hill, Mrs Stevens, & Mrs Swash. County Councillor N Matthews and District Councillor P O'Sullivan in attendance.

180/95 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Crs Colley, Oddy and Mrs Lee.

181/95 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 17th April, 1996.

It was resolved unanimously that Minute 177(A) be added in the following terms ' The Chairman moved and it was unanimously agreed that the agenda item 'Repairs to the Parish Church Clock' be discussed in private session as, due to its financial nature, it would be prejudicial to the public interest to discuss it in open session'. Subject thereto the Minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

182/95 Matters arising

Further to Minute 168/95 the Clerk presented a 'Coaching Grant Application Form' the detail of which was agreed. A maximum budget for the year 1996/97 of £2,000 was also agreed to be financed from the Grants Budget.

183/95 Recreation Committee.

Cr Drake stated that he had nothing to report.

184/95 Environment Committee.

Cr Mrs Brewer reported as follows:-

(A) General Maintenance.

(a) The previous decision to transfer the flower trough from the Oxford Road to the St Thomas Street island has proved impractical due to the proliferation of services restricting the construction of stone footings. It is recommended that a wooden supported bed, similar to those used in Banbury, be used on the island for which a quote of £90 has been received from J Spencer, the existing trough being used for the storage of grit. Cr Mrs Brewer's recommendation was seconded by Cr Clarke and agreed unanimously.

(b) The top surface on the New Street/High Street footpath is to be laid in Mid-June.

(c) Work on repairs and redecoration of the Parish Church Clock is progressing and should be complete by 10th June.

(d) The gullies either side of the entrance to the Gaveston Gardens Development are dangerously high and no provision has been made for dropped kerbs to the footpath at the junction with Hempton Road. Resolved that the Clerk write to Persimmon Homes requesting that these items be corrected as soon



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as possible.

(d) The Village Steward's Shed has now been erected and is in use.

(B) Correspondence.

✓ (e) Letters had been received from Mr Small of The Orchard, Main St. Clifton and the Village Beat Officer regarding parking problems outside the former Church in Clifton. Photographs taken by Mr Small were to be passed to PC Donahue and he be asked to continue to monitor the situation. PC Donahue also referred to his check on the use by heavy goods vehicles of the B4031. He reported that since the middle of March he had only seen 7 vehicles over the weight limit using the road, each of which he had stopped. Only one, whose driver was advised and not reported was not delivering or collecting goods at either Leadenporch Farm or Johnson's Yard. Resolved that the report be noted and the Clerk write to the OCC in an endeavour to have a No Parking sign painted on the road outside The Orchard.

✓ (f) Information from the County Council that that Clifton Road, Deddington had been included in the 1996/97 drainage programme.

✓ (g) Letter from Mrs Brain of 15, Windmill Street complaining of the debris left behind when the village skip is removed which creates an eyesore and is a danger to children playing in that area. It was suggested that the skip be moved to a different location, the area of Cosy Lane on the other side of Windmill Street being one idea which would take the skip further from premises but would not counter the overloading of the skip, which is the main problem. A letter from the District Council also gave the future dates for the siting of the skip in Deddington, which is once again fortnightly with a weekly service in July and August. Because of the aforementioned problems it was decided not to publicise the dates.

✓ (h) Letter from Mrs McCurdy of Hudson Street relating to the parking problems in Hudson Street. She made 3 recommendations as follows:-

(1) the issue of Resident Parking Permits

(2) making the Street one way and

(3) searching for further parking facilities in the village.

The first suggestion would require policing to make it effective and would not be possible at the current time, the one way system had been blocked by the 'bus company when previously mooted and the Council are constantly seeking ways in which additional parking facilities may be provided.

✓ (i) Copy of letter to Mrs Peel-Yates from OCC stating that a 'Keep Clear' sign was to be painted on the High Street carriageway at the entrance to The Grove.

185/95 Planning and Property Committee.

The Chairman reported that the Planning Application for the Deddington Arms Beer Garden had not been received and therefore it would not be possible to consider the matter. He asked those present who had been given permission to speak, whether they wished to do so at this meeting or defer their opportunity





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until the next meeting of the Council. They each agreed to defer their right until the next meeting. A letter from Mr Franklin of Earls Lane was read and referred to the next meeting. Cr Miss Hill reported that at the last meeting of the Committee they had discussed a letter from Cr Oddy, a copy of which had been circulated to each member of the Council, and had accepted his resignation from the Planning Committee.

#### Applications.

96/182LB - Kings Arms, Internal alterations to improve means of escape from 1st floor. This application had been discussed in February when, as the application was to make alterations to conform with the wishes of the Fire Officer, no objection was made. The application was not however approved by the LPA and the works have been undertaken. It was moved by Cr Miss Hill and seconded by Cr Flux that the Council should object strongly to the action of the works being carried out prior to planning approval particularly as this affects the listed staircase within the listed building. The motion was agreed unanimously and the Clerk was instructed to inform the LPA of the decision prior to their site meeting next day.

96/640F 13, St John's Way, Hempton - Demolition of garage and erection of 2 storey extension including integral garage and porch. Recommended and agreed, no objection.

96/760F Geggs Lodge, Hempton Road - Restoration of Boundary Wall. Recommended and agreed that there be no objection provided the increase in height is constructed in similar materials to the existing wall.

96/818F - Manor Farm House, Clifton - Renewal of CHN222/911 - Erection of house and garage. Recommended and agreed that there be no objection.

#### Approvals.

96/147F - Health Centre, Earls Lane - Small extension

96/174F - 10, Hempton Road - Constructing new vehicular access

96/370F - 4, Windmill Close - Single storey extension

96/371TCA - Old Post House, New St - Fell 1 poplar tree

#### Withdrawal

95/1907F&1909LBD - Clifton Mill - Change of use.

Copy of letter from Mr N Stone to LPA indicating his concern that the garages and store now being erected in Hudson Court, may not be in accordance with the planning permission granted. Council supported the request that this matter be investigated. Town Hall.

Following upon the near completion of the contract works it was seen that the southern elevation, being excluded from painting, was very obvious and a quotation had been received from J Spencer for £150 to include for this work and to lower the plaque in order that the public could more readily read it. Resolved unanimously that this quotation be accepted. The 2 windows in this aspect were also in need of renewal and it was recommended that quotations be sought for works to be undertaken in the ~~current~~ financial year.

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#### Windmill

Cr Flux reported that the Annual General Meeting had been useful and reasonably well attended. The Centre was covering its day to day expenses and many minor improvements. The thanks of the Committee had been extended to Mrs J Minnear for the amount of work she had put, and is still putting, into the day by day operations of the Centre.

A request had been received from the Deddington Beeches Bowls Club for a contribution to the invoice received for special fertilizer to eradicate the 'Fairy Rings' which, it was disputed, were present prior to hand over. It was proposed by Cr Flux, seconded by Cr Cosgrove and unanimously agreed that a contribution of £466.92 (50%) be made. It had also been requested that the annual rent and repayment for the mower be not charged in the current year. It was agreed that the rent could not be waived but the payment in respect of the mower be deferred for 1 year.

(Note Cr Todd relinquished the Chair, taken by the Vice-Chairman, whilst the latter 2 items were debated.)

#### 1/96 Election of Chairman for 1996/97

Cr Todd vacated the Chair which was taken by Cr Clinch. Cr Mrs Swash proposed that Cr Todd be Chairman for the above year and was seconded by Cr Mrs Stevens. There were no further nominations and the proposal was unanimously agreed. Cr Todd resumed in the Chair and thanked Council for his election.

#### 2/96 Election of Vice-Chairman for 1996/97

Cr Mrs Stevens proposed Cr Flux which was seconded by Cr Clarke. There being no further proposals Cr Flux was unanimously elected.

#### 3/96 Committee Structure.

Cr Hill proposed and it was agreed that a separate working party be set up charged with investigating and making recommendations on ways of combatting the shortage of car parking in the village centre but in addition taking on the Highways responsibility from the Environment Committee.

#### 4/96 Allocation of Members to Committees.

Recreation and Grants - Crs Drake, Mrs Fisher and Mrs Lee.

Environment - Crs Brewer, Cosgrove and ~~Cr Mrs Stevens~~ *Cr Mrs Stevens*

Highways (including Car Parking) - Crs Miss Hill, Mrs Fisher and Brewer.

Planning and Property - Crs Miss Hill, Swash and Clinch

Windmill - Crs Flux, Clarke and Colley.

Post Office Advisory - Cr Mrs Swash.

Holly Tree Club - Cr Clinch

Primary School Governors - Crs Mrs Lee and Colley.

#### 5/96 Appointment of Committee Chairmen.

Recreation and Grants - Cr Drake

Environment - Cr Mrs Stevens



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- Highways - Cr Mrs Brewer
- Planning and Property - Cr Miss Hill
- Windmill - Cr Flux

6/96 Accounts for Payment.

Accounts for payment totalling £8,454.96, in accordance with a schedule circulated at the meeting (a copy of which is filed in the Minute Book) were approved for payment.

7/96 Investment of the Council's Funds.

The Clerk reported that at close of business on 28th May, 1996 the balances were as follows:-

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450,000.00	Privilege Bond at 6.25% variable with Bradford and Bingley Building Society under notice.
58,000.00	Treasury Deposit fixed to 15th July, 1996 at 5.125%
.40	at 2.5% at 14 days notice
84,086.18	at 3% overnight
<u>592,086.58</u>	

During the day the Privilege Bond had been reinvested in the Bradford & Bingley B S Bonus 120 Account at a variable rate commencing at 6.5%. This investment is subject to 120 days notice which has already been given. Further investments were about to be made.

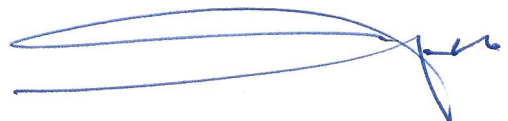
8/96 Correspondence.

(a) Letter from English Heritage stating that they propose to recommend to the Secretary of State that the entry in the Schedule of Ancient Monuments in respect of Deddington Castle be changed to include the total area within the western bailey and the whole of the eastern bailey together with a 2 metre margin to ensure the preservation of the fully recorded extent of the monument. This will have no major effect on the Council's land other than preventing the use of metal detectors on the land.

(b) Letter from the Health Centre informing the Council of the OXDOC out of hours service between 11pm and 8 am. Between these hours if a doctor is required 338611 should still be rung when the number of the duty doctor will be given.

(c) The annual report of the Deddington Players has been received in which the accounts show a closing balance of £1,653.70 and an operating surplus for the year ended 31st March, 1996 of £398.17 having expended £260.60 upon improvements to the stage etc. The Council were appreciative of the endeavours of the organisation and received the report with thanks.

(e) Letter from the MP Tony Baldry stating that he has taken up with ministerial colleagues this Council's fears regarding the wording of certain sections of the Housing Bill.



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9/96 Dates of Next Meetings.

Future Council Meetings were arranged as follows:-

1996	1997
12th June	15th January
17th July	19th February
21st August	19th March
18th September	16th April
16th October	7th May Annual Parish Meeting
20th November	21st May Annual Council meeting
11th December	

