

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 19th May, 1999 at the Windmill Centre commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present:- Councillors Flux (Chairman), Clarke, Cosgrove, Mrs Cox, Mrs Davies, Mrs Fisher, Mrs Harper, Newey, Mrs Swash and Todd. County Councillor Matthews in attendance.

1/99 Apologies for absence were received from Cr Miss Hill.

2/99 The Chairman reported the receipt of a letter of resignation from Cr Church who will shortly be leaving the Parish. He had written a letter of appreciation for his services.

3/99 The Chairman asked for nominations for the Chairmanship of the Council for the year 1999/2000. Cr Swash proposed Cr Flux and there being no further nominations Cr Flux was appointed there being 1 abstention.

4/99 The Chairman asked for nominations for the Vice-Chairmanship. Again only 1 nomination was received that of Cr Todd who was unanimously appointed.

5/99 In regard to the resignation of Cr Church it was agreed that the Council should proceed to fill the vacancy/ies by public advertisement on the Council's noticeboards.

6/99 It was agreed that the same system of Working Groups be maintained as for 1998/99.

7/99 The allocation of Members to Working Groups was agreed as follows:-

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| Finance and General Purposes | - | Crs Todd and Mrs Davies. |
| Planning and Property | - | Crs Miss Hill and Mrs Swash. |
| Millennium | - | Crs Newey Mrs Harper and Clarke |
| Environment and Highways | - | Crs Mrs Cox and Cosgrove & Fisher |
| Recreation and Grants | - | Crs Mrs Davies and Todd |
| Windmill Management | - | Cr Mrs Harper supported by the Chairman of the Council. |

(Chairmen of groups in **Bold**)

8/99 Dates for future Council Meetings.

It was agreed that the Council should meet on the third Wednesday of each month with the exception of August when there would not be a meeting.

9/99 Grants to Scholars proceeding to Tertiary Education.

It was proposed by Cr Clarke and unanimously resolved that the Scheme be continued for 1999/2000 in the same sums, such total cost to be financed from the Chairman's Allowance.

10/99 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 21st April, 1999.

With the correction of an omitted apology from Cr Mrs Harper the above minutes were unanimously approved.

11/99 Matters arising.

In connection with Min.167/98(c) it was agreed that the Clerk should investigate the financial position of this Council in respect of the deeds of the Royal British Legion Club subject to a maximum outlay of £500.

12/99 10 Minute Forum.

No parishioner wished to address Council.

13/99 Low Cost Housing.

The Clerk reported that progress was now being made in accordance with the programme issued to members at the last meeting. It was hoped that details regarding tendering would be available for the next meeting.

14/99 Finance and General Purposes Working Group.

Cr Todd reported that

- (a) in accordance with Financial Regulations , the accounts for the remainder of the financial year 1998/99 had been inspected and appeared to be in order.
- (b) a presentation by the County Council's Library Service at its headquarters at Holton was to take place on Monday, 6th June, 1999. Cr Todd and Cr Mrs Fisher were will attend on behalf of the Council.
- (c) The group will be giving further attention to amendments to Standing Orders in the near future.

15/99 Planning and Property Working Group.

In the absence of Cr Miss Hill, Cr Mrs Swash reported the recommendations of the Group as follows:-

Applications

99/0828TCA – Manor Farm, Hempton Road – Fell 1 poplar tree and attend to the crowns of further poplar and sycamore trees, - No observations.

99/0856F – College Farm House, Duns Tew Road, Hempton – Erection of double garage and creation of new access.- No observations.

Approvals

99/0102F – 3, Hudson Street – as below.

99/0103LB – 3, Hudson Street, - Conversion of roof space into living accommodation and erection of single storey rear extension.

99/0497F – 4, Chapel Close, Clifton – Conversion of half double garage to study.

99/517TCA – Castle End, Castle Street – Lift crown on Yew Tree and fell deadwood Ash, Beech and Horse Chestnut Trees.

Notification from the District Council that due to the high number of responses to the consultation paper 'Housing and Employment in the Rural Areas' it is now likely that the responses to the paper and some preliminary conclusions will be reported to Development Referrals Committee on 23rd June, 1999.

16/99 Millennium Working Group.

Cr Newey reported as follows:-

- (a) Clifton Footpath. A reply had been received from the County Council stating that they were prepared to provide, free of charge, the services of design and contract supervision for this footpath. It was resolved that Crs Mrs Davies, Mrs Cox, Newey and the Clerk form a Group to progress this scheme.

Harper

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- (b) Town Hall. A first draft of the plan for the amendment of the building has been produced, but it was again stressed that it was essential to have a structural survey of the building before any works are undertaken. Deddington Charity Estates had offered to finance half of the cost of such a survey but the Clerk was asked to obtain a legal opinion as to (a) any financial obligation for this Council to bear any costs of repair by financing the other half of the survey cost.
and (b) the responsibilities of this Council for repairs in general ie what is the definition of "tenantable repair".
- (c) Millennium Weekend. Various activities had been discussed for the turn of the Century some of which may entail the closure of the Market Place, notice of which should be given as soon as possible, as signs could be in short supply. A Public Meeting had been called for in order that final decisions could be taken on the events to be progressed.

17/99 Environment and Highways Working Group.

Cr Mrs Cox reported as follows:-

- (a) Speed Signs. It was resolved that the Clerk's letter of apology to the Clerk of Kings Sutton PC be endorsed and that a further letter be forwarded to their Chairman.
- (b) Messrs Llewelyn-Davies had prepared an Integrated Transport Study of Banbury which was now open for consultation. A copy is deposited with the Clerk.
- (c) Many complaints had been received regarding the lack of weed cutting of the Hempton footpath. The Clerk had contacted the Area Engineer who had promised to have his contractors on site as soon as possible.
- (d) The local Brownie Pack had taken part in the litter blitz and as a reward for their efforts it was agreed to send a letter of thanks together with a cheque for £25 for Pack funds.

18/99 Recreation and Grants Working Group.

Cr Mrs Harper reported as follows:-

- (a) A letter had been received from Deddington Map Group requesting further financial support for their work towards their Millennium Projects. It was resolved that a standard grant application form be completed.
- (b) It had been learned that the land fronting the River Swere to the east of Daeda's Wood was being marketed and it was agreed that the Woodland Trust be informed that this Council would be supportive of the Wood being extended.
- (c) The Heart of England Tourist Board are about to prepare a review of tourist activity in this area and had enquired whether this Council would give support to its enquiries. It was agreed to give such support.
- (d) Windmill Centre. A quotation had been received from Messrs J P Charles and Sons Ltd to re-clad the south eastern area of the Centre to stop the constant ingress of rain when the wind is in a particular direction. This company has previous experience of endeavouring to solve this problem and it was recommended that the quotation of £5,063.00 plus VAT be accepted.
- (e) A further quotation from the same company had been received in respect of the erection of a small extension for storage purposes on the south eastern corner of the building in the sum of £4,419.00 plus VAT. It was agreed that a planning application be submitted for the scheme and that if successful, quotations be invited.
- (f) It was agreed that the School Governors representing the Parish Council remain as Cr Mrs Harper and Mrs Lee.

19/99 Accounts for Payment.

Accounts totalling £8,479.72, in accordance with a schedule circulated at the meeting, (a copy of which is filed with these minutes), were approved for payment.

20/99 Investment of the Council's Funds.

The Clerk reported that at close of business on 18th May, 1999 the balances were as follows:-

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500,000.00	Bradford and Bingley Building Society Bonus 120 Account at 5.65%
60,000.00	Treasury Deposit fixed to 12 th July, 1999 at 4.375%
25,023.85	at 14 days notice at 3.5%
6,609.16	at 14 days notice at 2.375%
11,272.14	overnight at 1.625%
<u>720.37</u>	overnight at 1.25%
<u>603,625.52</u>	

21/99 Members' Attendance Record.

The Clerk presented the record of Members' Attendances for the year ended April, 1999, a copy of which is filed with these Minutes.

22/99 Correspondence.

- (a) It was agreed that a 'Get Well Soon' card be sent to the Vicar, who was in hospital for a major operation.
- (b) Letter of thanks from the Chairman of The Katharine House Hospice for this Council's highly valued support.
- (c) Letter from the Managing Director of Solar Designs advising that completion of the sale of the Hopcraft lane premises was completed on 12th May. The new owners are Liggins Thomas – Surveyors currently based on the Banbury Business Park at Adderbury. 'This brings to an end a long, happy and profitable association with Deddington and on behalf of the Directors and everyone in the company I would like to thank the Parish Council for their support over the years'.
- (d) Letter from Mrs Nancy White seeking the approval of the Council to the placing of a seat, at her expense, near to the entrance to Daeda's Wood. Council thought this to be an excellent idea and agreed to forward her request to the Woodland Trust, the site owners.
- (e) Receipt of the first edition of the Oxfordshire Community Health Council Newsletter.
- (d) Notification from the District Council of the commencement of a Housing Condition Survey of the District which would involve a detailed inspection of 1000 houses in the District, selected at random. Members were worried about the possible effect on the elderly of such action particularly as it appeared that it would not be possible to opt out of an inspection if selected. The Chairman offered to investigate the situation further.

23/99 Date of next meeting – Wednesday, 16th June, 1999 at the Town Hall commencing at 7,30 pm.