

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 17th May, 2000 at the Town Hall, Deddington commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present:- Councillors Flux (Chairman), Bell, Clarke, Clinch, Mrs Cox, Mrs Davies, Mrs Fisher, Mrs Harper, Miss Hill, Newey, Mrs Swash, Todd and Walker.

188/99 Apologies for Absence were received from Crs Cosgrove, O'Sullivan and Matthews. The Chairman welcomed the return of Cr Mrs Fisher following her illness.

189/99 Minutes of the Council Meeting on Wednesday, 19th April, 2000.

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

190/99 Matters arising

Cr Newey asked for the logistics of getting the approved Minutes onto the Web site. It was agreed that a disc would be supplied to Deddington On-Line on the Monday following the Meeting approving same, subject to Bank Holidays, when it would be the first working day thereafter.

191/99 10 Minute Forum

Two parishioners spoke against the granting of approval to a planning application for development to the rear of properties to the north of Chapmans Lane.

192/99 Low Cost Housing

The Clerk reported that the selling price of the 7 shared ownership dwellings was as follows:- 2 three bedroomed houses - £105,000 and £108,000 the latter having a larger plot

5 two bedroomed houses - between £86,000 and £90,000 depending on whether the houses are mid-terraced or semi-detached and the size of the plot. The Clerk was requested to obtain the breakdown of the above prices from the OCHA.

193/99 Windmill Management Committee.

Cr Mrs Harper reported that at the Annual Meeting of the Committee it was decided to revise the Lease and Trust Deed, which was entered into on the 22nd February, 1988, as it was now very much outdated. New Trustees were to be appointed.

194/99 Finance and General Purposes Working Group.

Cr Todd reported as follows:-

- (a) The draft Standing Orders which were circulated to Members at the last Meeting were considered and, subject to minor amendments, Cr Todd proposed their adoption, seconded by Cr Miss Hill. The new Standing Orders were unanimously adopted.
- (b) The District Auditor had given unqualified audit opinions in respect of the Statements of Account for the years ended 31st March, 1998 and 1999. It is now necessary to advertise such closure and it was agreed that copies of the accounts could be purchased for the sum of £5 each.
- (c) Library. A meeting had taken place between the County officials and Deddington On-line regarding the computer installations and a further meeting is to be held later this month. The Friends of the Library will meet prior to the latter meeting.

The Government are issuing a consultation paper in relation to libraries and will be setting standards to be adopted.

- (d) A meeting of Friends of Libraries is to be held from 6th to the 9th of June at the NEC and it was agreed to meet the travel costs of 2 representatives from the local Friends.

195/99 Planning and Property Working Group.

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

(a) Applications

00/0319F – Earls Farm, Earls Lane – Erection of 3 garages with parking spaces for units 4,5 and 6 – Each of the garages should be sold with the appropriate dwelling if they cannot be built integrally with such dwellings.

00/00658F – 8, Philcote Street, - Conservatory extension at rear – No observations.

00/00665F – The Vicarage, Earls Lane – Demolition and erection of 3 dwellings revised plans – Reaffirm objections raised in Min.181/99.

00/00703F – The Cottage, Bull Ring – Change of use from commercial to residential (retrospective) – No observations.

00/00711F – Junior School, Earls Lane – Single Storey extensions to provide 2 new classrooms, resource area and cloak spaces together with internal alterations – Object on following grounds – (a) Would need confirmation that the doors leading from the extensions would be fire doors and not for general use as they lead onto a car park and not a playground as stated on the drawings.

(b) the visual effect upon entering the village will be spoilt as the proposed development is in front of a building line created by properties to the north and (c) would observe that the architects for this project and those for the vicarage project should be asked to work together.

(Crs Flux and Mrs Harper declared non-pecuniary interests in this application and took no part in the debate which was chaired by Cr Todd)

00/00754F – Deddington Mill Cottage – 2 Storey rear extension – Object on the following grounds:- (a) Plans incorrect, and (b) the proposal will overlook Deddington Mill House and gardens due to the gradient of the land and will have an unacceptable impact on that property.

00/00827LB – Castle End, Castle Street – Single Storey extension and internal alterations – No observations subject to the internal alterations not conflicting with the listing.

00/00847F – Land north of Chapmans Lane – New single storey dwelling – Object on the following grounds:- (a) this is backland development

(b) an application 95/1808F for land adjoining to the south was refused and upon appeal was again refused

(c) incorrect boundary of available site on plan and

(d) would create extra traffic to use a dangerous junction

with the A4260.

00/00944F – Castle End, Castle Street – see App.00/00827LB above.

Each of the above recommendations was agreed by Council.

(b) Approval

00/00437F – 1, The Maunds, High Street – Single storey extension at rear.

(c) The District Council have requested a name for the Earls Farm development and it was agreed to recommend “Pound Close”.

196/99 Millennium Working Group

Cr Bell reported as follows:-

8 teams had turned out for the Treasure Hunt the receipts from which amounted to £20. He requested reimbursement for photocopying costs of £16 which was agreed. Tickets were still available for the remaining MADD events.

197/99 Environment and Highways Working Group.

Cr Mrs Cox reported as follows:-

Environment

- (a) The Brownies had undertaken the litter pick and it was agreed to make the usual contribution of £25.
- (b) Grasscutting by the County Council had not taken place although the Clerk had made several telephone calls. It appears that the contracts had this year been granted to local farmers and the cutting therefore depends upon their priorities. The Clerk will continue to press as in certain instances the footpaths are impassable and cyclists and pedestrians are using the roads.
- (c) Regarding the second instalment of Millennium Tree Planting the Clerk was requested to obtain details of statutory undertakers mains etc along the Hempton Road.

Highways

- (d) Mr Hood of Earls Lane had enquired about the maintenance of the footpath outside his drive entrance. He had been informed that this is a County Council responsibility.
- (d) The County Council had stated that it was their intention to widen the Hempton Road footpath at the Traffic Lights and to erect pedestrian barriers around the junction. The barriers would be replicated on the Horsefair/Banbury Road side. The Clerk was asked to request the County Council to ensure that such barriers were in keeping with the Conservation Area.
- (e) It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Carritt for his talk at the Parish Meeting.

198/99 Recreation and Grants Working Group.

Cr Mrs Davies reported as follows:-

- (a) Her attendance at the Souldern Meeting had been beneficial and recommended that as well as ROSPA undertaking an annual check on the playground equipment they be asked to undertake a risk assessment this year. Should an accident occur such a certificate would be of benefit to this Council. It was agreed that a Risk Assessment be undertaken by ROSPA.

199/99 Invoices for Payment.

Invoices totalling £4,405.83 in accordance with a schedule circulated at the meeting, (a copy of which is filed with these minutes) plus an invoice for the Annual Insurance Premiums totalling £1,359.29 were approved for payment with the exception of the account from DesignGro which should be held until the grasscutting at the Castle Grounds is satisfactorily completed.

200/99 Investment of the Council's Funds

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

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£	
500,000.00	Bradford and Bingley Building Society 120 day Bonus A/c at 5.95%
40,000.00	Treasury Deposit fixed to 14 th June 2000 at 5.1175%
1,514.61	at 14 days notice at 0.5%
19,180.54	overnight at 2.7%
<u>729.53</u>	overnight at 2.1%
<u>561,424.68</u>	

201/99 Members' Attendances 1999/2000.

The Clerk submitted a schedule of Members attendances for the above year which showed an average percentage attendance of 84%, two Members having 100% attendances.

ANNUAL MEETING

1/00 Election of Chairman for 2000/2001.

The Chairman asked for nominations and Cr Mrs Swash proposed Cr Flux seconded by Cr Todd and Cr Todd took the Chair. There being no other nominations Council voted unanimously for Cr Flux. Cr Flux took the Chair and thanked Members for the confidence they had shown in him.

2/00 Election of Vice-Chairman for 2000/2001.

The Chairman asked for nominations and proposed Cr Todd seconded by Cr Mrs Swash. There being no further nominations Council voted unanimously for Cr Todd.

3/00 Determination of the Working Group Structure for 2000/2001.

Following discussion it was agreed that Members should consider the current arrangements and report their findings to the present Chairmen of the Groups who would then meet and their findings to be reported to the next meeting of the Council.

4/00 Continuation of the Scheme of Grants to Students commencing Tertiary Education financed from the Chairman's Allowance.

Cr Todd proposed the continuation of the Scheme on the same basis as in previous years and this was agreed by 11 votes to 1.

5/00 Correspondence.

Wednesday, 31st May was fixed for the meeting with Mr Meigher to discuss the financing of the publication on the Hedgerows of Deddington.
(This meeting was subsequently postponed)

6/00 Date of next Meeting of the Council.

Wednesday, 21st June, 2000 at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.