

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 16th May, 2001 at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.

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

County Councillor Matthews and District Councillor O'Sullivan in attendance

203/01 **Apologies:-** Apologies were received from Mrs J Smith (Minute Secretary)

204/01 **Minutes:-** The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th May, 2001 were approved as a true record, incorporating the extended Minute 189/01, (which had been circulated to all Members), and signed by the Chairman.

205/01 **Matters arising:-**

Min 189/01 – There was nothing further to report regarding the registration of the land.

Min 201/01 – The entrance to the Castle Grounds was in a terrible condition and the Clerk was asked to write to owners of land utilising the access to make contributions to the costs of improvements. Also fallen branches and other debris on the outer bailey required removing and the Clerk was asked to see if the BTCV could organise a further clearance weekend in the fall.

Min 192/01(k) – The Clerk was asked to endeavour to expedite the erection of additional bollards in Chapel Square.

Min 190/01 © - The Clerk reported that an adjustment of the dates of delivery and collection of the Skip had been successful.

206/01 **No parishioner wished to speak at the Open Forum.**

207/01 Finance and General Purposes Working Group.

Cr Todd reported as follows:-

(a) The Group had audited the accounts for the months of December to March 2001 and had no comments to make.

(b) The Choros concert had been a success and had enabled the Friends of Deddington Library to meet their overall target for the improvements. Cr Matthews said that this was a wonderful achievement and he would endeavour to ensure that the County Council met their commitment.

208/01 Planning and Property Working Group.

Cr Miss Hill reported as follows:-

Applications

01/0413 TCA – Brick Court, Hudson Street – Fell Leylandii – No observations

01/0499 F – Sunnyside, Hopcraft Lane – Retrospective one roof-light – No observations

01/0745LB – 3, Philcote St. – Replace aluminium windows with hard wood – No objections but would prefer to see 6 pane windows.

01/0754F – Weeping Ash, Clifton – New vehicular access – No observations.

Each of the above recommendations was approved.

Approvals

01/0077F & 0079LB – Grove Lodge, High Street, - Conversion of existing barn to dwelling

01/0245F – Walnut Tree Workshop, St Thomas Street – Fell Walnut Tree. The LPA state “that it was considered that given the health and position of the tree, its removal was justified. A replacement tree was not considered appropriate due to the size of the site for the tree.”

01/0459TCA – 1 to 4, Holly Tree Cottages, Horsefair – Various arboricultural works.

01/0482F – 25, the Daedings, Rear single storey extension and enclosure of exiting porch

01/0501F – 1 to 4, Holly Tree Cottages, Horsefair – Alterations to outbuilding adjoining no.3.

Environment and Highways Working Group,

Cr Mrs Cox reported as follows:-

209/01 Environment.

- (a) Dust-bin Collections – Many local residents have their refuse collected on a Monday and suffer on most Bank Holidays from holding refuse for 2 weeks. The Clerk was asked to establish when the rounds would be changed and whether it would be possible for a resident to have 2 bins whether free or at a charge. A paper recycling scheme is to come into operation later this year.
- (b) Street Cleansing - £100,000 has been allocated in this year's budget by CDC to enable the appointment of a street cleansing manager to oversee weed spraying twice a year and mechanical sweeping 2 to 4 times a year in the villages. A litter blitz team will be provided to litter pick in villages twice a year and there will be more enforcement of the law relating to littering and fly tipping.
- (c) Cr Haslam and his team were congratulated on the successful litter picking exercise in the village.
- (d) Ragwort Strategy. The Area Engineer has asked that someone be appointed as a local contact point for locating and monitoring any serious ragwort problems in the Parish. It is suggested that someone, especially with horses, be nominated in each village to take on this task.
- (e) Weed spraying. The first spraying at this Council's expense has taken place
- (f) Planters are being prepared and the Clerk will obtain confirmation of willingness to continue from previous volunteers.

210/01 Highways.

- (a) The Clerk had not yet spoken to the occupier of 7, The Paddocks but would do so prior to the next meeting.
- (b) Replies are awaited from the OCC regarding the skip on New Street and High Street footpath.
- (c) Similarly no replies have been received regarding Parish Project Grants and the use of SID.
- (d) "Centrepoint" signs have been erected in various positions on the Highway, investigations will be made as to authorisation.
- (e) The Hempton footpath extension is now complete and appears to be working well in slowing traffic at the dangerous bottleneck. Cr Cosgrove had worries regarding egress from The Lane.
- (f) "A" Boards. A draft questionnaire was circulated which was thought to be biased in its preamble and was referred back to the Group for further consideration.
- (g) Parking Sub-Group. Cr Bell has analysed the figures and is determining the most appropriate manner in which to present them. Following a presentation to the Sub-Group he hoped to be in position to report back to Council at its next meeting.
- (h) A letter has been received from Mr Gillespie, on behalf of the tenants of Holly Tree Bungalows, showing concern about the "Proposal" to create a formal parking area in the Holly Tree grounds. There is no such proposal and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Mr Gillespie confirming the situation.

211/01 Recreation and Grants Working Group.

Cr Mrs Davies reported as follows:-

- (a) The Pre School playgroup had applied for a grant to replace the fencing surrounding their site. The normal application form has been forwarded to them and will be considered upon its return.
- (b) Further discussions have taken place regarding a Skate Board or BMX Track.. Finance required for the latter would amount to some £2,000 to £3,000. A site for a skate board installation could be alongside the All Weather Pitch at the Windmill Centre but its cost would be many times that for a BMX Track.

- (c) It was agreed that the All Weather Pitch should be left unlocked for a period of 3 months to see how it is treated and whether as a result of the free opening there is a reduction in vandalism at the Windmill Centre. A charge will still be made for the use of floodlights.

212/01 Windmill Management Committee

Cr Hart reported as follows:-

- (a) Mrs Vivien Bouverie was thanked at the last meeting for her 20 years of service to the Committee recently as Honorary Treasurer.
- (b) Three new trustees have been appointed and a new Trust Deed is to be drafted to take into account the current methods of operation.
- (c) It is now possible that an application will be received from the Deddington Colts Football Club to hire pitches at the Castle Grounds.
- (d) A letter has been received from the Deddington Beeches Bowls Club asking that should a proposal to change the hire terms regarding the exterior maintenance of the pavilions be agreed, they be recompensed for their recent expenditure on their pavilion.

213/01 Invoices for Payment.

Invoices totalling £6,432.10 in accordance with a schedule circulated at the meeting, a copy of which is filed with these Minutes, were approved for payment.

214/01 Investment of the Council's Funds.

At close of business on 15th May, 2001 the balances were as follows:-

Account No.	Balance £	Rate of interest %	Notice Required
Barclays plc 60858471	5,425.29	3.00	14 days
60708569	28,579.97	1.80	overnight
70708542	500.00	Nil	current account
	34,505.26		
Bradford & Bingley BS	19,970.00	5.00	120 days
West Bromwich B S	505,277.47	5.55	overnight
	<u>559,752.73</u>		

215/01 Record of Members' Attendances 2000/2001.

The Clerk presented the above schedule which showed that 3 members had achieved 100% attendance. A copy of the schedule is filed with these Minutes.

ANNUAL MEETING 2001.

Cr Flux announced his intention not to stand for re-election to the Chairmanship of the Council after a lengthy spell of 4 years.

1 /02 The Clerk asked for nominations for the office of Chairman of the Council for 2001/2002.

Cr Flux proposed Cr Clinch which nomination was seconded by Cr Bell. There being no further nominations, when put to the vote Cr Clinch's nomination was carried unanimously.

2 /02 Cr Clinch took the Chair and thanked Cr Flux for his work over 4 years as Chairman of the Council and Cr Todd for his work as Vice-Chairman.

3 /02 The Chairman asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Council for 2001/2002.

Cr Miss Hill proposed Cr Mrs Davies which nomination was seconded by Cr Clarke
There being no further nominations Cr Mrs Davies was elected unanimously.

4 /02 Determination of the Working Group Structure 2001/2002.

Finance and General Purposes

Crs Todd, Bell and Newey

Planning and Property

Crs Miss Hill, Mrs Swash and Flux

Environment and Highways

Crs Mrs Cox, Mrs Walker, Cosgrove, Haslam and Clarke

Recreation and Grants

Crs Todd, Haslam and Hart

Windmill Management Committee

Crs Hart, Flux and Mrs Walker

Stonepit Sub-Group

Crs Bell, Cosgrove and Miss Hill

(The Chairman and Vice-Chairman are ex-officio members of each Group)

Representatives to Outside Bodies

Deddington Charity Estates – Crs Mrs Swash and Clinch

School Governor – Cr Mrs Davies

Friends of Deddington Library – Cr Todd.

5 /02 Dates of Meetings of the Council for 2001/2002

The third Wednesday of each month (including August)

6 /02 Grants to Students to be financed from the Chairman's Allowance

It was resolved to continue this scheme, grants being awarded to students undertaking Tertiary Education for the academic year commencing September, 2001.

7 /02 Correspondence.

(a) A schedule of matters relating to this Parish discussed on-line was circulated topics included Traffic speeding and Canine faeces.

(b) Details of Correspondence received were circulated to Members.

8 /02 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 20th June, 2001 at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.

