

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 20th November, 1996
at the Town Hall, Deddington commencing at 7.30 pm

Present:- Councillors Todd (Chairman), Clarke, Clinch, Colley, Cosgrove, Drake, Mrs Fisher, Flux, Miss Hill, Mrs Lee, Mrs Stevens and Mrs Swash. Councillors Matthews and O'Sullivan in attendance.

68/96 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Brewer and Oddy.

✓ 69/96 Chairman's Report.

The Chairman thanked the Members who had supported him at the recent Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service. He had also attended a meeting at which Solar were presented with their Investors in People Award - the first Jewellery Manufacturer in the country to achieve the distinction. It was resolved that the Clerk write to the company conveying the Council's congratulations.

70/96 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 16th October, 1996.

It was proposed by Cr Mrs Lee, seconded by Cr Drake and agreed unanimously that the Minutes be approved as a true record and they were then signed by the Chairman.

71/96 Matters of Urgency.

The Chairman consented to the following matters being raised:- Cr Flux - Installation of a loop system in the Council Chamber.

Cr Clinch - Report upon the Holly Tree Club Meeting.

72/96 Precept 1997/98.

The Clerk submitted 4 papers, (copies filed with these minutes), as follows:-

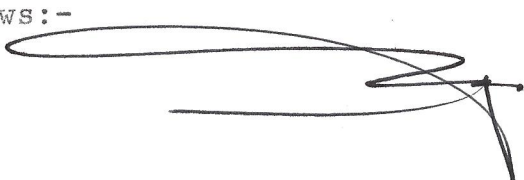
1. Actual use of Capital Receipts and Interest 1995/96
2. Receipts and Payments Accounts 1994/95 to Revised Estimate 1996/97
3. Estimated use of Capital Receipts and Interest 1996/97
- and 4. Estimated Net Expenditure 1997/98.

Cr Flux moved and Cr Mrs Fisher seconded that £2,000 of Capital Receipts currently allocated to the Grants Budget be set aside for an, as yet not defined, Millenium Project. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

Following debate the Chairman proposed, seconded by Cr Flux that a precept for 1997/98 of £8,850 be raised, requiring an estimated contribution of £10.96 per Band D property, the same sum as for 1996/97. The motion was approved unanimously.

73/96 Recreation Committee.

Cr Mrs Lee reported as follows:-



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✓(a) Request from the Junior School for a grant towards the provision of Musical Instruments. Their requirements were for

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| (i) Multi-cultural instruments | £117.00 |
| (ii) Instrument storage | £135.50 |
| (iii) Glockenspiel | £275.00 |

Cost estimate
Her Committee recommended a grant of £252.50 to acquire items (i) and (ii) above. Cr Flux declared his non pecuniary interest and stated that the recent Inspector's Report upon the School had been good, but one of the few criticisms had been relating to music. He moved an amendment that a grant of the total sum - £527.50 - be made which was seconded by Cr Clarke. On the amendment being put it was carried by 7 votes to 2 with 2 abstentions.

This grant will be in accordance with powers granted to Councils under Section 145 of the Local Government Act of 1972.

✓(b) The pavilion on the Castle Grounds is now in a dangerous condition and it was recommended and agreed that the Clerk should write to the Deddington Town Football Club stating that if the pavilion is not demolished by the end of this calendar year, the Council will organise such demolition and recharge the Club.

(c) The Committee recommended that Allotment Rents be increased for the financial year 1997/98 to £15 per chain and £10 per $\frac{1}{2}$ chain. It was agreed that the availability of Allotments be advertised and the rent increases were moved by Cr Mrs Lee seconded by Cr Clarke and agreed unanimously.

(d) English Heritage had agreed to the inclusion of a rent inflation escalator in the proposed management agreement for the Castle Mound and also that this Council would determine the number of cuts per annum of the grass. It was agreed that subject to the amendment of minor detail, the Management Agreement be accepted.

(e) The contractor for the improvement of the Clifton Playing Field had suggested that due to weather conditions the newly sown grass seed had grown more quickly and required rolling and a first cut. It was suggested that Mr A Welford had offered to assist with works on this field and that the Clerk should contact him prior to asking the contractor to undertake the works.

74/96 Environment Committee.

Cr Mrs Stevens reported as follows:-

✓(a) An invitation had been received for the village to participate in the Central Southern England in Bloom 1997 Competition. There appeared to be no entry fee and it was agreed that the village should participate.

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(b) The area for the burial of cremated remains at the Parish Church was now full and it was suggested that a suitable area at the Council's Cemetery be set aside for the purpose. Charges were already in place for the plots and it was recommended that the area to the ~~right~~ of the path within the Cemetery be set aside for this purpose, and that memorials, horizontal or upright be allowed with maximum measurements of 2' by 1' at a

charge of £6. The recommendation was agreed nem con.

(c) The winter meeting of the Cherwell Countryside Forum was to be held on 5th December at Bodicote House concentrating on the theme 'Towards a District Nature Conservation Strategy'. Crs Stevens and Brewer would be attending.

- ✓(d) Christmas Illuminations. It was recommended and agreed that they be as last year with the addition of a crib and back-drop portraying a nativity scene.

75/96 Highways Committee.

Cr Mrs Fisher reported as follows:-

- ✓(a) The County Council had quoted £2,281.81 plus VAT for the three lamps in the current programme. A successful application for grant in respect of The Daedings footpath light had been made which would reduce the net cost to this Council by £503.44. It was unanimously agreed to proceed.
- (b) A reply had been received from Energis which was not satisfactory regarding the fibro-optic pipelaying and it was agreed that the Clerk reply making points on the following matters:- upheaval at fourway traffic lights, trees on Deddington Hill, rubble and green pipe at the end of Chapmans Lane and need for reinstatement of the parking area adjoining Goose Green.
- (c) Notification of the closure of the B4031 for 3 weeks for further forestry work on the Great Tew Estate.
- (d) Letter from the Oxfordshire County Council requesting comments regarding their proposed pedestrianisation plans for the Oxford City Centre and in particular Cornmarket Street. Agreed to inform the County Council that this Council are supportive of the Scheme.
- ✓(e) A letter had been received from Mrs Nichols regarding the condition of the Clifton Footpath regretting that Committee members do not view this issue as a priority and ask for renewed consideration. Agreed that the Clerk reply suitably.
- ✓(f) Letters from Messrs Drawmer and Small regarding the difficulties resulting from car parking in Clifton on Main Road. The main problems stated are (a) the danger caused by obstructing access and vision for driveways; painting of Keep Clear adjacent to driveways on the main road; traffic management works such as at Croughton. They also query whether their safety is less important than residents of Earls Lane. Agreed that the Clerk reply suitably.
- ✓(g) Agreed that the Clerk enquire of Thames Valley Police as to when the mobile speed camera is to be brought to Deddington as promised.
- (h) A letter had been received from Mr Carritt regarding the High Street/New Street footpath stating that this village had been 'guinea pigs' and apologising for the slowness in removing the loose chippings. A final vacuum sweep by Cherwell District Council is being arranged and next Spring new turf will be laid in the vicinity of Hudson St. junction to the Art Shop just at the top of the banking. Agreed that the Clerk should write to Mr Carritt stating that sweeping should be undertaken until residents are satisfied, regretting that Deddington was a



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'guinea pig' and stating that puddling was occurring on the footpath due to its unevenness.

(i) Agreed that preliminary discussions take place with County Council officers in relation to traffic management works at Clifton and on Hempton Road.

76/96 Planning and Property Committee.

Cr Miss Hill reported the recommendations of the Committee as follows:-

Applications

96/1711F&17121b - Clifton Mill, Clifton - Temporary erection of picket fence and air inlet and vent. No objection

96/1821F - 5, St Thomas St - 2 storey rear extension and internal alterations.- No objection subject to no adverse comment from neighbour who could not be contacted.

The recommendations were approved.

Approvals

961373F&13741b - Deddington Arms - Conversion & extension of cottage & barn to 13 letting bedrooms etc.

961456F&1457CAC - 7 Hudson St - Demolition of single storey extension and erection of substitute.

961582F - Clydesdale, Market Place - Change of use from business to full residential.

961583F - Red Lion Cottage, Market Place - Change of use from residential to beauty salon.

In connection with the Deddington Arms approval the Clerk was asked to enquire what the position is relating to demolished wall.

- ✓ The Cherwell Local Plan was discussed and though there are now no outstanding permissions for new development in the village it is still classed as a Category 1 Village i.e. where development may take place. The Clerk was asked to clarify the situation.

The Draft Structure for the County Council was discussed and the 2 matters raised for comment were (a) surprise that no mention is made of the Cherwell Valley in a similar context to the Thames Valley and (b) concerns re total housing provision being less than the Government's allocation for the County.

There is to be a meeting in January to discuss the Conservation Area including its enlargement. Any suggestions should be passed to the Clerk or Cr Hill.

Cr Clinch reported that at a recent meeting of the Holly Tree Club it was decided to close it due to lack of attendance. A formal meeting would be held in January.

77/96 Windmill Committee.

- ✓ Cr Flux stated that occupation of the Centre was improving, repairs to the roof insulation were complete, stage curtains



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were in position and everyone was working well.

- ✓ The Chairman declared his non-pecuniary interest and vacated the Chair for the next item relating to the Beeches Bowls Club. Cr Flux related the background to the decision of the Council (Min 186/95) to contribute half the cost of the fertiliser used to exterminate the fairy rings on the green - £466.92. The Club were invoiced for this sum on 3rd June, 1996 and a reply dated 2nd November, 1996 was received stating that their committee had decided not to authorise payment of the Council's invoice. (copy of letter filed with these minutes). Cr Clinch proposed and Cr Swash seconded that the August letter from this Council (requesting payment) be supported and that the Bowls Club be given until 31st December, 1996 to pay the account otherwise more drastic action will need to be taken. The motion was approved with 1 abstention.

78/96 Finance Committee.

The Chairman stated that the majority of the meeting was taken in considering the recommendation to be made to Council in respect of the 1997/98 precept. Regarding the investment of funds approval was given to the letter to the financial adviser setting out in detail the Council's requirements.

79/96 Payment of Accounts.

Accounts totalling £4,793.88, in accordance with a schedule circulated at the meeting, (a copy of which is filed with these minutes), were unanimously approved for payment.

80/96 Investment of the Council's Funds.

The Clerk reported that at close of business on 19th November, 1996 the balances were as follows:-

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450,000.00 Bradford & Bingley B.S. Bonus 120 Acc. at 6.2%
100,000.00 Treasury Deposit fixed to 25.11.96 at 5.25%
23,839.98 at 14 days notice at 3.625%
3,748.27 overnight at 2.25%
577,588.25

81/96 Upper Heyford Planning Forum.

Cr Miss Hill reported upon her attendance at the recent meeting which considered the Sports Academy and the allocation of 1,000 dwellings in the District Council's Local Plan to the former base.

82/96 Appointment of Delegates.

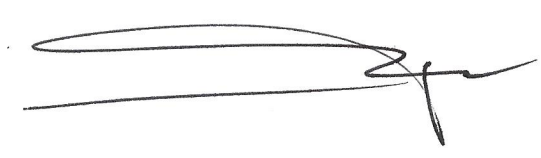
Members were appointed as delegates to meetings as follows:-

Annual Meeting between Parishes and the District Council at Bodicote House on Thursday 21st November, 1996.

Chairman and Vice-Chairman

General Meeting of the O A L C at Exeter Hall, Kidlington on Monday, 2nd December, 1996.


Chairman and Cr Miss Hill.



83/96 Correspondence.

- ✓ (a) Letter from Oxford Citizens Housing Association enclosing an outline layout for the Low Cost Housing Scheme for this Council's comments and, in order that the Open Space as set out "harnesses the healthy energies of the scheme's younger household members would seek the sponsorship and patronage of the Parish Council". The scheme layout was agreed unanimously but it was resolved that in relation to the Open Space the Association be informed that there are 2 Council owned play areas at the Windmill Centre, immediately opposite this proposed development, and that there would be no need for the installation of play equipment. The Council would however be prepared to take the conveyance of the play area and be responsible for future maintenance subject to the usual commuted sum agreement.
- ✓ (b) Leaflet from the Oxfordshire Association for Young People explaining the 'Bus Project' - a double Decker Bus funded by the National Lotteries Charities Board which, commencing in April 1997 will visit communities in Oxfordshire for 1 weekday evening per week for up to 10 weeks encouraging the formation of Youth Clubs. It was thought to be an excellent project and it was resolved that the Parish Council would support an early location of the Bus at the Windmill Centre.
- (c) Questionnaire from the County Council on Road Safety Proposals asking very pointed questions. Agreed that the Chairman and Clerk complete the form.
- (d) Letter from Thames Valley Police stating that to make the Force more accessible to the people they serve, they are exploring the possibility of acquiring a mobile station that can visit parishes on a regular basis, offering support to the local officer and a focal point for members of the public. Costs for the vehicle would be met by local sponsorship. They wish to know whether the Council feel if it is worthy of further effort. Agreed that, in the light of the interest shown recently when a police trailer visited the village, the Council would very much appreciate such a project getting off the ground.
- (e) Letter from O A L C regarding the establishment of a Youth Parish Council. Agreed that the Clerk inform them that this matter will be considered further when a Village Youth Club has been re-established.
- (f) Receipt of leaflet detailing the first six Millenium Award schemes launched as follows:-

Help the Aged - Creating Links, Community Action, Mutual Support	£2.4m
Raleigh International - Community & Environmental Projects	£1.8m
Farmington Institute - Sabbatical term for primary school teachers of religious education	£0.7m
British Association for Advancement of Science - to bring science alive to non-scientists	£1.7m



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Techniquet/Pantecnicon - Science awareness
in Wales £0.3m
Earthwatch - Environmental field projects as
part of an international team £1.3m

84/96 Any other business

Cr Flux referred to a number of members who found it hard to hear what was said at meetings and it was agreed that quotations be sought for a loop system.

85/96 Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, 11th December in the Town Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.

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