

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 17th November, 1999 at the Town Hall, Deddington commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillors Bell, Clarke, Clinch, Cosgrove, Mrs Cox, Mrs Davies, Mrs Fisher, Mrs Harper, Miss Hill, Mrs Swash., Todd and Mrs Walker. District Councillor O'Sullivan in attendance.

85/99 Apologies for Absence were received from Crs Newey and Matthews. It was reported that Cr Newey was in hospital and would be undergoing treatment for some considerable time. It was resolved that a letter be sent to him giving the Council's best wishes and hoping that all is going well. It was agreed that Cr Bell be appointed as Chairman of the Millennium Working Party.

86/99 Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20th October, 1999.

Subject to the amendment of the upper age limit in Min.75/99(a) to 14 years the Minutes were unanimously approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

87/99 Matters arising

It was confirmed that no commitment has, as yet, been made regarding the Clifton Footpath.

88/99 No parishioner wished to address the Council in the 10 Minute Forum.

89/99 Low Cost Housing.

Mrs Linda Gwynne from the OCHA addressed the Council on her duties of allocating the houses to tenants following the receipt of nominations from the District Council. The District Council would be nominating persons in accordance with the terms of the Section 106 agreement –

“ 8. The Association covenants and undertakes with the Council that

- (a) The Development shall at all times be occupied (and if let shall be managed) in accordance with the objects of the Association and in accordance with such published housing waiting list and allocation system as may be adopted from time to time
- (b) The Association shall upon completion of the Development and at all times subsequently allocate each unit of accommodation within the development to a person who is considered by the Association to be in need of such accommodation and who
 - (i) has immediately prior to such allocation been ordinarily resident within the Parish of Deddington or
 - (ii) has a strong connection with the said Parish and in seeking to allocate any such unit of accommodation under this sub-clause the Association shall (but without its wider discretion in this regard) consider:-
 - (A) family associations in the said Parish and/or
 - (B) any periods of ordinary residence not immediately before the date upon which any unit of accommodation becomes vacant and/or
 - (C) whether such person has permanent employment in the said Parish.”

Should, either at first letting or subsequently, no suitable persons be found to satisfy the above criteria the search will be extended to the Parishes of Barford St Michael, Barford st John, Adderbury, Bloxham, Duns Tew or Steeple Aston.

Mrs Gwynne stated that she would visit prospective tenants in order to check upon their suitability and she was unaware of the prices of the 7 properties which were available for shared ownership.

Members were of the opinion that family roots were very important and they were anxious to learn of the District Council's views regarding the occupiers of Stoneleigh House. It was agreed that the Chairman together with Cr O'Sullivan would arrange to meet with the Housing Services Manager to discuss this matter. Mrs Gwynne was thanked for her attendance and it was agreed that a suitable date for a commencing ceremony on site would be the morning of Monday, 13th December.

90/99 Town Hall.

A letter was circulated, received that day from the Clerk to the Deddington Charity Estates, giving the views of the Charity Commission regarding a new lease of the premises or its sale. It was resolved to ask the Clerk to D C E to inform this Council of the views of his Trustees in the matter.

91/99 Panel's Report upon the Regional Planning Guidance for the South-East.

The Public Examination of the Regional Plan proposes 1.1 million new houses in Oxfordshire by the year 2016 as compared to the 41,500 proposed by SERPLAN. As regards this District the share of the latter figure had been allocated with difficulty and no expansion of Deddington was envisaged. It

was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Secretary of State objecting in the strongest manner to the new suggestions which would have the effect of totally changing the character of this County.

92/99 Finance and General Purposes Working Group.

Cr Todd reported as follows:-

- (a) The Working Group had examined the General, Imprest and Chairman's Accounts on 15th November and had found them to be in order.
 - (b) The Clerk will submit the Annual Accounts for 1998/99 together with the budget for 2000/2001 to the December meeting of the Council. Working Groups were reminded that bids for this budget will need to be made known by the end of November.
 - (c) Library. The Friends of the Deddington Library will meet on 22nd November and will be represented at the OCC Friends Conference on 27th November. Arrangements are in hand for a meeting with the County Head of Cultural Services in early December.
 - (d) It is recommended that a copy of the Deddington Millennium Calendar be presented to :-
Cherwell District Council – Ward Member and Chairman
Oxfordshire County Council – Ward Member and Chairman
Member of Parliament
Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils and
Western Counties Construction Ltd.
- The above recommendations were approved.

93/99 Planning and Property Working Group

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

Applications

- 99/1986LB – ex Solar Designs, Hopcraft Lane – Affix various signs to buildings – No observations but part retrospective. Occupiers to be reminded of operating hours.
- 99/1987F – 39, Gaveston Gardens – Single storey rear extension – No observations.

Approvals

- 99/1506F – 3, Gaveston Gardens – Part single and part one and a half storey extension to rear of garage including the insertion of a dormer window at rear first floor.
- 99/1713F – Windmill Community Centre, Hempton Road – Enclosure of rear covered way to create storeroom, overcladding of brickwork to rear and new window.

94/99 Environment and Highways Working Group

Cr Mrs Cox reported as follows:-

Environment

- (a) Letter from the District Council reporting a successful year of collecting dog faeces.
- (b) Letter from Deddington Colts Football Club regarding the fouling of the football field which they were having to clean prior to matches. The Deddington News was requested to highlight this problem.
- (c) It was agreed that Cr Mrs Walker join this Group.

Highways

- (d) Agreed that the legend on the new speed reduction signs to be purchased be “Are You Speeding”.
- (e) The Group will be studying the County Local Transport Plan and making recommendations.
- ✓ (f) The newly formed Hempton Neighbourhood Watch had written requesting a contribution to the purchase of the signs required to denote the area concerned which in total will cost £30. Agreed unanimously that this Council meet the total cost.
- (g) An inspection of the pavements in the village had been undertaken and the following were to be notified to the County Council as requiring urgent attention :- Market Place/Horsefair Junction, West End of Wychway House, East side of Church St, Banbury Road west side by traffic lights and Market Place outside Unicorn.

95/99 Millennium Working Group.

Cr Bell reported as follows:-

- (a) The Calendars had now been delivered to households but the sales were not going as quickly as the Group would like.
- (b) H M Customs and Excise had granted permission not to register for VAT in respect of the sales of calendars but will not permit the refund of VAT in respect of those sold.
- (c) The Clerk reported that the specification for the Clifton Footpath was still awaited from the County Council.

96/99 Recreation and Grants Working Group.

Cr Mrs Davies reported as follows:-

- ✓ (a) A grant application had been received from Mr E J Cresswell regarding a Millennium Charity event which he is organising in the Parish Church on 19th February. The basis of the application was for the Council to meet advance expenditure of £200 which will be a first call on the proceeds raised on the night. It was resolved unanimously that advance expenditure of £200 be financed to be recouped as a first call on the proceeds of the event.
- ✓ (b) Letter from Deddington News Editorial Committee offering to finance an explanatory noticeboard in the Castle Grounds, using photographs from the excavations that were carried out some years ago, as a Millennium gift to the village. It was resolved to thank the News for their kind offer and would certainly grant permission for the noticeboard to be situated on Parish Council land. English Heritage would, as suggested, need to approve the detailed wording.

97/99 Invoices for Payment

Invoices totalling £13,900.80, in accordance with a schedule circulated at the meeting, (a copy of which is filed with these Minutes), were approved for payment.

98/99 Investment of the Council's Funds.

The Clerk reported that at close of business on 16th November, 1999 the balances were as follows:-

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500,000.00	Bradford & Bingley Building Society Bonus 120 Account at 5.4%
50,000.00	Treasury Deposit fixed to 13 th December, 1999 at 4.5675%
15,295.40	at 14 days notice at 3.125%
11.61	Nil
<u>724.47</u>	overnight at 1.375%
<u>566,031.48</u>	

98/99 Correspondence

- (a) Letter from J P Charles and Sons Ltd regarding the works at the Windmill Centre additional to those approved in Minutes 18/99(d) and (e) viz £1,100 plus VAT in respect of a floor slab for the Storeroom, £1,080 plus VAT in respect of the window for the Clerk's office and a charge for the fees in respect of the planning application and producing the drawings. It was resolved that the above additional costs be approved.
- (b) Notification of the Parish Liaison Meeting with the District Council on 25th November, 1999 at Bodicote House.
- (c) Notification of the AGM of the OALC on 6th December, 1999 at Exeter Hall, Kidlington.
- (d) Change of Licensee and Gaming Permit for 2 machines at the Unicorn Hotel from MW Lapworth and Pauline Ann Whittall to Martin McLeod Sloan and Graham John Mainwaring.
- (e) Notification of the ½ yearly meeting of the County Environmental Services Department with Town and Parish Councils on 13th December, 1999 at Exeter Hall, Kidlington.
- (f) Notification of the publishing of the Oxfordshire Food Directory giving details of shops stocking locally grown and produced food – available by ringing 01865 810148.

99/99 Date of next Meeting.

Wednesday, 15th December, 1999 at the Town Hall, commencing at 7.30 pm.


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