

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE

25th OCTOBER, 1989.

Present:

Cllrs. Fenemore (Chairman) Hayward, Cole, Fuller, Marmion, Webber, Garvey, Mrs. Garvey, Mrs. Swash and Mrs. Kedge.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Stevens, O'Neill, Gibbs and Mrs. Stevens.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 27th September, were approved.

**1. MATTERS ARISING.**

a) State of Pavements.

A letter received from Oxfordshire County Council relating to this problem was read to the Council. The matter had been referred to the Area Engineer at Bicester for attention.

b) State of Road Junction (A423 and B4031)

A letter received from the Oxfordshire County Council was read to the meeting. The Area Engineer had been asked to do all that was possible to get the Contractor in at an early date.

c) Windmill Centre and Trust Fund.

Cllr. Hayward informed the meeting that the Clerk had written to Cherwell District Council regarding obtaining the redemption figure for the outstanding loans, as yet no reply had been received.

d) Barclays Bank.

Cllr. Hayward informed the meeting that the Clerk had written to Barclays Bank regarding the interest payable on the Council's accounts. No reply had yet been received. It was agreed that the Chairman would write to the Bank informing them of Mr. Stratford's appointment as Clerk, so that the Bank would respond to the request made.

e) Recreation Ground, Clifton.

A letter and estimate had been received from Mr. Scott for the supplying Hedge and Trees together with spirals and stakes at a cost of £410.48 (+VAT) The Council approved the estimate, and instructed the Clerk to write to Mr. Scott to proceed with this matter. The Council to minute their thanks to Cllr. Fuller for cutting "Welford's Piece". The meeting authorised Cllr. Fenemore to obtain an estimate from Design Go for the maintenance and for mowing of this land. Cllr. Hayward informed the meeting that the provision of a "plague" is in hand.

f) Skip.

A reply had been received from Cherwell District Council concerning the provision of a further skip in Deddington. The meeting confirmed that the Clerk be instructed to write to the C.D.C. The additional skip to be sited in the Lane behind Bungalows although Cllr. Cole expressed concern that this land was a Bridle way and would be classed as an access to Farmland. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Land agent (Lane Fox) to obtain permission to site skip. The Position of the Bottle Banks was raised at this point by Cllr. Swash who asked that the Clerk look into the latest situation regarding the bottle banks to be sited in Earls Lane.

g) Tree Preservation Order.

A letter had been received from Cherwell District Council informing the PC that the Trees at Castle End, Deddington, were now protected by a Tree Preservation order.

h) List of Organisations.

Cllr. Hayward asked Mr. Stone to supply the Clerk with the latest list of organisations for the Cherwell District Council. Mr. Stone to forward information to the Clerk.

i) School Governors.

Cllr. Fenemore informed the meeting that the position now is that the primary school is Church controlled. The existing Governors will remain until the 1/1/90. The election for new Governors for 1990 is to take place in December, 1989, although Cllr. Fenemore is still awaiting further information and documentation.

## 2. WINDMILL CENTRE AND TRUST FUND.

Norman Drake(Windmill Chairman) had spoken to Cllr. Fenemore regarding the Heater upstairs which does not work. He needs permission to repair or replace it. Cllr. Fenemore said that he was under the impression that this heater was on a different circuit to the other heaters, and would be easier to replace if so. It was pointed out by a member of the public that the heaters were on the same circuit. No further estimates received. Cllr Fenemore to speak to Mr. N. Drake.

Further discussion took place about the maintenance work to the Cricket wicket, in which Cllr. Hayward disclosed that he had spoken to members of the Cricket Club who had no idea that this maintenance was required. A decision was taken that this work should go ahead. It was further agreed that Design Gro be asked to prepare a full maintenance programme for the new Sports Field which could be included in the lease when the land is transferred to the Windmill Committee next year.



Cllr. Fenemore had received a further request for the Windmill Centre Field to be available for under 12 yrs football team. The PC agreed that either the Windmill or Castle Ground would be acceptable. Cllr. Fenemore to contact the writer.

Cllr. Webber raised the question of a Caravan Rally not being allowed onto the new Windmill Sportsfield. A letter was read out from Design Gro who confirmed that this should not be allowed.

Cllr. Fenemore reported that he had spoken to the District Auditor who had advised him that the PC should give consideration to retaining a certain amount of Capital under the PC's control for repairs of building. Cllr. Cole had submitted a resume' of the District Auditor's report. The Audit cannot be finalised due to an objection made by Mr. Read, and the District Auditor will now discuss all the details with a Senior Auditor which could take some months to conclude. This could cost the PC between £400/£500. Cllr Webber asked whether this meant that funds are frozen. Cllr. Cole and Fenemore replied that this was not the case. Cllr. Fenemore also reported that the PC was to liaise with the District Auditor during the period of the Trust being prepared. Cllr. Fenemore reported that he had received 3 non PC nominations for Trustees these being. Simon Pleydell-Bouvoire, Roy Berridge and Robert Forsyth. Deddington News was asked to publish this issue.

Cllr. Hayward raised with the meeting that he was concerned about the letter sent to Johnson & Gaunt (Solicitors) re The Trust Fund, bearing in mind that in his opinion the PC had not yet reached the decision to instruct Johnson & Gaunt until the Cherwell District Council Solicitors' had be approached. Cllr. Cole informed the PC that the C.D.C. legal Officer did not want to be involved in this matter. Cllr. Hayward requested that his concern be minuted and did not want the contents of the said letter to form part of the Trust. Cllr. Fenemore agreed that the contents, especially the split in Capital, was an example. At this stage there had been no reply from Johnson & Gaunt.

### **3. RUBBISH BINS.**

Cllr. Fuller reported that the rubbish bin outside the Post Office is too well used. Cllr. Swash would see Mr. Smith at the Post Office about emptying the bin mid-week. Cllr. Fenemore reported that he still had a spare bin at his home, and this could be placed by the Bus stop on the Green in Market Square. Cllr. Swash to deal with this matter. Cllr. Fuller also informed the PC that there had been rubbish left behind at the Skip site in Earls Lane, due to the fact that the skip was full on the first day. The remaining rubbish had not been cleared, but the situation may be better when the second skip is in operation.

#### **4. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY.**

Cllr. Hayward informed members that the PC would be taking part in the remembrance day parade and a wreath laying ceremony. A full itinerary would be sent out by the Clerk prior to the day which was Sunday November 12th 1989.

#### **5. POSTAL SERVICE.**

Cllr. Hayward reported that he had received many complaints that deliveries were irregular and that some Parishioners did not receive their post until 11.30/12.00 noon. Cllr. Cole was asked to take this matter up with The Post Office and Telecommunications Advisory Council.

#### **6. DUSTBIN, CASTLE GROUNDS.**

Cllr. Cole informed the PC that Mr. Clinch who visits the Castle Ground each day, requested that a Dustbin be made available for the collection of rubbish and litter in the grounds. After discussion about the feasibility of such a request, Cllr. Cole reported that Mr. Clinch had offered to ensure that the bin was emptied on refuse collection day. The PC approved this request and Cllr. Cole was authorised to purchase a bin and small supply of bin liners, and to make bin secure.

#### **7. TOWN HALL.**

Cllr. Fenemore reported that window in the Town Hall needed to be repaired, and that the area beneath the Arches was being used as a "public convenience". Much discussion took place and it was resolved that the Clerk acquire estimates for the installation of "vandal proof" floodlights for this area, and that the provision of proper public convenience be looked into by the Trust.

#### **8. CHURCHYARD.**

A letter had been circulated about the request from the Parochial Church Council for the PC to take over the Church Yard extension maintenance. A discussion took place and Cllr. Marmion suggested that the area be fenced in and sheep be allowed to graze, but it was resolved that the Clerk write to Mr. Boss to obtain estimates for tidying up Church Yard extension and for the cost of mowing and maintenance. No further commitment at this stage.

(Cllrs. Fenemore and Marmion disclosed a non-pecuniary interest)

**9. COUNCIL MEETINGS.**

Cllr Fenemore reported that in his opinion the meetings were taking more time than was necessary and he suggested that all correspondence should be circulated to members with the minutes and agenda. He further suggested that the cost of a photocopier be looked into to make this possible. Cllr. Hayward is to obtain quotations although it was brought to the notice of the PC that the copier at Cllr. Haywards Business was available for the Clerk to use to copy all correspondence for the meetings and that Cllrs. Fenemore and Hayward had agreed favourable terms for the use of the machine in the meantime.

**10. BUS TOKENS.**

The PC agreed to implement the same scheme as last year and authorised Cllr. Cole to spend £1,000.00 on tokens as the PC already have some £400 worth of tokens in stock. It was further agreed to charge £2.00 cash for £15.00 of tokens. The finance for this scheme to be paid as last year from the interest from capital.

**11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

a) No objections were raised to the following planning applications :-

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| 2a, Philcote Street,<br>DEDDINGTON              | Single storey rear extension<br>and conservatory. |
| Stone Cottage<br>2, High Street,<br>DEDDINGTON. | Single storey rear extension                      |

b) The following approvals to Planning Applications were noted :-

14, The Daedings, Deddington. - Double glazed PVC conservatory and Patio.

Winmour Cottage, Philcote Street, Deddington - Demolition and re-erection of lean-to extension. Replace unsound beam.

The Unicorn Hotel, Market Place, Deddington - Internal alterations to Bathrooms, Bedrooms Kitchen and Dining room.

**12. The following accounts were passed for payment :-**

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| 1) British Gas .....          | £9. 94   |
| (Gas consumption - Town Hall) |          |
| 2) Design Gro .....           | £663. 55 |
| 3) Mrs. E.K. Busby .....      | 6. 25    |
| (Caretaking - Town Hall.)     |          |

**13. November Meeting.**

To be held on Wednesday, 22nd November, 1989.

14. Meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

