

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, DEDDINGTON ON 31 OCTOBER 1990

Present: B E W Mace Chairman, N Oddy Vice Chairman, Cllrs. Bowen, Canning, Clarke, Clinch, Garvey, Lee, Hill, O'Brien, Stevens, Swash, and Cllr. Todd.

Also present were County Cllr Matthews and District Cllr Croft.

71. Apologies

Cllr. Reed.

72. The Minutes of the last meeting on 26 September 1990 had been circulated and were approved as a true record.

73. Matters arising

67.g Church clock: Noted that there was an implied obligation to help maintain a public facility of this sort. Agreed that a contribution of £40 be made.

67.h Cllr Stevens reported that Mr Boss was prepared to continue grass cutting at the same rates.

67.k Councillors felt that, when possible, letters should be read out at public meetings.

69. Boningales. Reported that the failed trees had not been replaced. Agreed that Cllr Oddy, as chairman of Windmill Committee, should investigate and advise on payment.

74. Chairman's report

a) Parish of Deddington Trust

All Trustees were present on 13 October 1990 at the Town Hall. Dr Mace welcomed the six Trustees of the "Parish of Deddington Trust" gathered together for the first time. He outlined the progress made towards registration as a Charity and reported on applications received for financial assistance and action taken so far. The PC intended to pass the funds to the Trust as soon as it received charitable status; meanwhile the PC would continue to act as hitherto but would welcome observations or guidance from the Trustees.

Dr. Mace invited the Trustees to appoint a Chairman, Sir Brian Kellett was nominated and appointed and took the Chair.

The draft Trust Deed was discussed and was felt to need amendment. Trustees were asked to put their suggestions in writing to Mrs Moreton so that they could be collated in time for a definitive discussion at the next meeting.

It was agreed that the various applications for grant received by the PC should be copied to all Trustees prior to examination at the next meeting.

Mr Oddy suggested that a standard form of guidance for applicants should be devised, which was warmly endorsed. Mr Oddy volunteered to produce a draft document for discussion.

Sir Brian Kellett thanked Dr. Mace, and through him the PC, for all their work towards getting the Trust established.

b) Neighbourhood Watch

The Chairman expressed his disappointment that only 23 people had attended the Public Meeting on October 19. An insert would be placed into the Deddington News next month with a tear off slip to see if the village wished to pursue with the above scheme. If there is sufficient interest another meeting would be arranged.

c) Housing Survey

So far the Chairman had received about 180 replies; these would be analysed by Vice Chairman who would then approach Mrs P Phipps of the Rural Housing Trust and would report to PC as soon as possible

d) Meeting at C.D.C.

Chairman reported briefly on this meeting, on October 24, which he had attended with the Vice Chairman.

e) British Legion

A further meeting had been held on October 10, with the Architect (F Jewell) present: he had agreed to suggest changes to the Windmill Committee building to make it more compatible with B.L. club needs.

f) Remembrance Day

Councillors were reminded that of the Remembrance Day Service and Ceremony on Sunday November 11th.

75. Environment Committee

- a. Water tap allotments - clerk awaiting estimate from Thames Water she has now written for the third time.
- b. Security light, Town Hall. Council agreed to accept the quotation of N Harrison for this work.
- c. Street lighting - at present all lights are working - Cllr Swash asked that a letter be sent re lighting for the Tchure as this was a dark alley.

- d. Cllr Clinch presented proposals for a Play Area to be sited at the Windmill Centre, and a smaller scheme for Welfords Piece in Clifton, at an approximate cost of £10,000 and £6000 respectively. A District Council Grant of 50% of cost should be available.

Council approved, and asked Cllr Clinch to prepare the scheme, so that application can be made to the P.D.T. for a grant.

- e. Cllr Bowen will take down the old play equipment at the Castle ground site.

76 Windmill Committee

- a) Cllr Oddy reported that quotations had been received for the "Phase 1" work - access, driveway, car parking etc. The Committee, with advice from Cllr O'Brien, had suggested that Council opt for block rather than tarmacadan, and that the lowest quote (Messrs. P J Meagher £53888.72 be accepted.

Council agreed to this, and also that interim payments to be made as necessary on the advice of the architect (F Jewell of Peter Reynolds Ass.)

- b) The need for a footpath from the Windmill Centre entrance to the Parish Burial Ground was again emphasised. On County Cllr Matthews advice, agreed to write to O.C.C. on the importance of this, and if necessary, to obtain an idea of cost.

77 Planning Committee

- a) Solar Designs Ltd

Noted that decision on this application, amended slightly, had been deferred on technical grounds. Council discussed this application again, with clear division of views.

Chairman presented a Draft Resolution to Council, which, after formal amendment, was proposed by him and seconded by the Vice-Chairman.

That this Council:

- a) Appreciates that the valuable contribution that Solar Designs Ltd had made to this community by providing flexible and convenient employment for local people, and by supporting local initiatives: it would not wish to see this enterprise leave the village.
- b) Recognises that the success and rapid expansion of Solar Designs Ltd had led, not only to loss of amenity to households in close proximity, but to environmental strains on a wider basis in the conservation area.
- c) Urges the Planning Authority, in considering whether to allow Sollar Design to proceed with further expansion, to recognise the importance of preserving the character of the conservation area,

whilst balancing this against the employment needs of the village, on a long term basis.

This resolution was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by the Vice Chairman. Council voted as follows:

Cllr Bowen, Cllr Canning, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Clinch, Cllr Garvey, Cllr Hill Cllr O'Brien, Cllr Oddy. 8 for the motion

No votes against the motion

Cllr Lee, Cllr Swash, Cllr Stevens abstained.

The motion carried.

Cllr Todd declared an interest and did not vote.

District Cllr. Croft confirmed that he Planning Authority would keep in mind the conditions associated with the original planning consent.

b) Car Parking

A letter from C.D.C. on car parking in the village had been circulated to Council: agreed that this be discussed at the next meeting.

- c) Bloxham Bridge Barn CHN.485/90. "The amended plan still resembles two dwellings and we refer you to our original comments in July. We note your letter states a four bedroom house in fact it is five. We are concerned that there may be difficulties of their natural lighting standards in some of the habitable rooms"

Summer House Stonewalls Castle Street CHN.722/90." We note that there is no Part 1 section & does not have a space for conservation area consent. The proposed Summer House matches with the existing property, is contained within the walls on the site and we therefore have no objections."

Centrepont CHN.723/90 Part 1 Section and V incorrectly filled in. The PC has previously expressed concern about living accommodation into office space. We maintain the view in respect of this application.

We draw attention to the particularly dangerous access being proposed for business purposes, which is likely to be heavier than the residential flat use. You are already aware of the problem of Long Term parking both in Chapel Square and bear by Market Place.

78. Financial Matters

- a) Council agreed the Chairman's suggestion for realignment of Bank Accounts, so that money belonging to PDT could be separated from parish funds.
- b) Council considered the draft budget for 1991-92, and agreed this with minor variations.
- c) Council agreed an increase in the clerks salary to £108.00 monthly.

79. Correspondence

- a. O.C.C. re Public Transport Policy Review; referred to Environment Committee
- b. Mr J Boss: quote for grass cutting 1991 approved
- c. Mrs G Brewer - complaint about smell in village. attributed to chicken unit; clerk to write
- d. Lane Fox: Allotments Agreement. No change envisaged
- e. Thames Valley Police public meeting 2nd April 1991- items for discussion needed from public and councillors. Noted that the date (Easter Tuesday) was likely to be inconvenient: no alternative dates at the Windmill Centre suitable with Thames Valley Police.
- f. Mrs F Ivings County Fayre 13 July 1991 - request that cars be excluded on that day.- clerk to write to Police and Area Surveyor.
- g. Anti litter - Responses about street litter from: Philip Allen, J B Antiques, Hayward White referred to Environment Committee
- h. Mr R Berridge asking Council to undertake grass cutting outside Almshouses - Agreed.
- i. Hayward & White - Notifying increase in photo copying charges 5p to 7p
- j. O.C.C. Notifying their intention to adopt footway lighting on April 1 1991
- k. Design Gro - importance of applying fertiliser to sports ground. Referred to Chairman Windmill Committee.
- l. Association of Historic Towns and Villages - invitation for membership - deferred for consideration
- m. Mrs C Blythe - need of a pedestrian crossing on A423 - clerk to respond.
- n. Oxfordshire Best Kept Village competition Comments on Deddington largely favourable; (letter to be shown on Village Notice Board).
- o. Deddington Charity Estates - response to Councils suggestion for toilet to be used by public. Need acknowledged, but the Trustees would not approve of this change of use.

80 Accounts passed for payment:

Audit Commission	£615.82	No. 2 account
Alan Healey	12.00	No. 1 account
J Boss	145.00	No. 1 account
St Peter & St Paul Church	40.00	No. 1 account
Southern Electric	297.69	No 1 account
B E W Mace (payment for Banbury Cake)	13.00	No. 2 account
Centre Point	330.28	No 2 account
Ferguson & Bricknell	23.00	No 2 account
Hayward & White	43.98	No 1 account

Thames Water
Lane Fox

11.75 No 1 account
62.50 No 1 account

81 Building defects Windmill Centre

Council considered comments from Mr R Forsyth on behalf of the former Financial Working Group, together with a paper from Cllr M Reed.

Proposed by Cllr Hill, and seconded by Cllr Garvey that no further action be taken in this matter.

This motion was passed, 10 votes in favour, 1 against.
Agreed to notify Johnson & Gaunt, and the District Auditors of this decision. (Documents in Minute Book).

82 Any other business

Council to invite Gp Capt Marmion to inform P C of the Civil Protection Scheme.

Earls Lane lighting, clerk to send map to Southern Electric for quotes before submitting to C.D.C.

83 Date of Next Meeting

November 28
December 19

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

