

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th October, 1996 at the Town Hall, Deddington commencing at 7.30

Present:- Councillors Todd (Chairman), Mrs Brewer, Clinch, Cosgrove, Drake, Mrs Fisher, Miss Hill, Mrs Lee, Oddy, Mrs Stevens and Mrs Swash. County Councillor Matthews in attendance.

55/96 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Councillors Flux, Colley and District Councillor O'Sullivan.

56/96 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 18th September, 1996.

The Chairman referred to Min. 45/96(e) and stated that with a reduction of VAT, claimed twice, he was satisfied with the account of the Traditional Clock Company and it had been paid. The minutes were unanimously approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

57/96 Recreation Committee.

Cr Mrs Lee reported as follows:-

- (a) A considerable amount of fungus had been found growing from the woodchip on the Tots Play Area at the Windmill Centre and as a precaution the area had been temporarily closed. The fungus was said to be mildly poisonous and an antidote was suggested by the District Council's Environmental Health Department. This had been applied this morning and the area had been reopened to the public.
- (b) The Clifton Play Area had now been sown and it was hoped that the problems would be at an end.
- ✓(c) Deddington Football Colts Club had requested a grant to enable them to pay for the use of the All Weather Pitch at times when use of the main pitch would be detrimental. Cr Mrs Lee proposed, Cr Clinch seconded and it was unanimously agreed that a grant of up to £50 be made available for use of the All Weather Pitch in such circumstances.
- (d) A report, copy attached, regarding the District Council's Draft Leisure Strategy was circulated. It was agreed that further copies of the main report be obtained and circulated to Members prior to this Council's comments being forwarded to the District Council.

58/96 Environment Committee.

Cr Mrs Stevens reported that

- (a) the Committee had agreed to recommend that the seat stolen from the Clifton Road be replaced and it was agreed that a sum of £200 be included in next year's budget.
- (b) the Clerk was asked to check on the condition of the new planter at the St Thomas Street/New Street island.



59/96 Highways Committee.

Cr Mrs Brewer reported as follows:-

- (a) The Clerk had been asked to provide a list of all the Council's property holdings with a view to the possibility of car parking provision
- (b) In regard to the High Street/New Street Footpaths the Chief Engineer of the County Council and the District Council's Conservation Officer are to inspect the site in the near future. Several sweepings of the surface have taken place in the last weeks but some complaints still remain.
- (c) Energis Communications have removed stones from the verges but seeding or turfing remains outstanding. A reply has not as yet been received to the Clerk's letter.
- ✓(d) The Earls Lane Traffic Management scheme, as produced by the District Council, was presented. The Clerk reported that several residents of Earls Lane had that morning inspected the plans, expressed their disappointment that nothing was being done at the western end of the Lane and finally requested that 2 chicanes be included in the scheme the first to be to the west of that planned and the second to the east. Cr Mrs Brewer proposed and Cr Miss Hill seconded a proposal that the scheme as presented by the Council's agents be approved and this was unanimously agreed. Provision for the estimated cost of £8,000 was already in the budget.
- ✓(e) A letter had been received from DPA Lighting Consultants, one of the firms occupying the former St James' Church at Clifton, stating that they wished to be good neighbours and asking the Council for advice as to what they could do to ameliorate the parking problems. The ex-Church occupiers were not the only persons parking in that vicinity. It was agreed that the Clerk should write thanking the company for their wish to be supportive and stating that the main problem was inconsiderate parking creating difficulties for adjacent occupiers.

60/96 Planning and Property Committee.

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

- ✓(a) Applications.
 - 96/1551F - Humberstone House, Hempton Rd. - Widening of Access - No observations.
 - 96/1552F - Clydesdale, Market Place - Change of use from business to residential - No observations.
 - 96/1583F - Red Lion Cottage, Market Place - Change of use from residential to beauty salon - No observations.
 - 96/1598ADV & 1599LB - Deddington Arms, Horsefair - Internally illuminated box sign. (Cr Oddy declared his interest in this application and left the meeting whilst it was considered.) Objection to the sign projecting, but would support an unlit sign flat on the wall.
 - 96/1626F - Kings Cottage, High Street - Pitched roof extension to utility room - No detail is shown as to existing wall heights but subject to no disadvantage to neighbours no further

observations.

The aforementioned recommendations were approved.

(b) Withdrawal of Application.

96/1086F & 1087LB - Wirral House, Bull Ring - Extensions & new garage.

(c) Approvals.

96/1333F & 1334LB - The Cottage, Philcote Street - Bedroom & bathroom in roof space.

(d) Cr Clinch reported that due to lack of interest the Holly Tree Club had folded. Contracts for hire of the Hall were continuing but it was suggested that publicity be given to the availability of the Hall for meetings.

(e) The Clerk reported that the District Council is shortly to undertake an appraisal of the Deddington Conservation Area and officers would be pleased to consider any points this Parish might like to raise. It was suggested that a small part of Hempton may well form an additional area.

61/96 Windmill Committee.

(a) In the absence of Cr Flux the Chairman reported that on going maintenance was being effected and that Mr Rylands had joined the Committee.

✓(b) The Clerk presented a quotation from Banbury Bathrooms for the repairs to showers in the changing rooms, which were required as a matter of urgency, in the sum of £485. It was resolved that the quotation be accepted.

62/96 Finance Committee.

The Chairman reported that at a recent meeting, attended by a financial adviser, it had been decided to proceed with a change in the investment strategy in that £200,000 should be invested to obtain capital and income growth over the medium term - say 5 to 10 years. Further consideration as to the means of achieving this without a considerable initial cost are to be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

63/96 Accounts for Payment.

Accounts totalling £7,476.40, in accordance with a schedule circulated at the meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes, were unanimously approved for payment.

64/96 Investment of the Council's Funds.

The Clerk reported that at close of business on 15th October, 1996 the balances invested were as follows:-

£	
450,000.00	Bradford & Bingley B.S. Bonus 120 Account at 6.5%
100,000.00	Treasury Deposit at 5.25% fixed to 25th November, 96
23,839.98	at 14 days notice at 3.25%
9,883.77	overnight at 2.25%
<u>583,723.75</u>	

65/96 Cushions and Lighting of Council Chamber.

It was agreed that there was a need to improve the comfort of the seating and lighting of the chamber. One quotation for cushions had been received and it was resolved to seek further quotations for the cushions and improved lighting.

66/96 Correspondence.

(a) The Clerk reported the receipt of the following documents which were available for inspection at the office.

(i) Oxfordshire County Council October News - the main matter being the warning of a further £20m cuts in next year's budget.


(ii) Consultation on proposed changes to Physical Disability Services from the Oxfordshire Community Health Council.

(iii) The District Council's Environmental Strategy

(iv) Consultation document on the Health Strategy and Purchasing Plan from the Oxfordshire Health Authority.

67/96 Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, 20th November, 1996 commencing at 7.30 pm.

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