

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 20th October, 1999 at the Town Hall, Deddington commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present:- Councillors Bell, Clarke, Clinch, Cosgrove, Mrs Cox, Mrs Davies, Mrs Harper, Miss Hill, Newey, Mrs Swash, Todd and Mrs Walker. Cr O'Sullivan in Attendance.

68/99 Apologies for Absence were received from Crs Flux, Mrs Fisher and Matthews.

69/99 In the absence on leave of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, Cr Todd. chaired the Meeting

70/99 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 15th September, 1999.

Cr Newey moved and it was agreed that in Minute 60/99 the words 'be approved and' be inserted in the fifth line between the words 'report' and 'be'. Subject to this addition it was moved by Cr Mrs Davies, seconded by Cr Mrs Cox and unanimously approved that the Minutes be approved as a true record. They were signed by the Chairman.

71/99 Matters arising

Cr Mrs Davies referred to the late posting of the Minutes on the Clifton notice board which the Clerk reported was due to the fact that a special journey was not made for this task. Cr Davies volunteered to post the Minutes on the notice board and the copies would in future be posted with her Minutes.

Cr Newey asked that the Millennium Working Party be consulted prior to the hanging of the list of past Chairmen of the Parish in the Town Hall.


72/99 Low Cost Housing.

Mr J M Moore, Estimating Director of Western Counties Construction – the Contractors for the Scheme, Mr R Coulston, Project Manager, Oxford Citizens Housing Association and Mr J Danks, Senior Lettings Officer, Cherwell District Council attended to appraise Members on matters related to the scheme. Mr Moore described the scheme new information being that the building programme was of 40 working weeks, the sum of £20,000 had been included for a play area, the scheme would be built to 'security by design' specification, no garages were included and the roads would be constructed to OCC specification with no traffic calming measures. Mr Coulston and Mr Danks spoke regarding the method of allocating the properties and again insisted that each applicant should ensure that a District Council housing application had been made. Subject thereto the properties would be allocated to persons with Deddington association. It was stated that Linda Gwynn was the person who would be actually effecting the allocation upon recommendations from C D C, and it was agreed to invite her to a future meeting. Details of the letting policies are filed with these Minutes.

The Chairman thanked the speakers for their contributions which had greatly assisted Members with their queries regarding the scheme.

73/99 10 Minute Forum.

Mrs Davies of Hudson Street addressed Council on the matter of Buses and other vehicles mounting the footpath in Hudson Street because of the parking on the northern side, creating considerable danger to frontagers on the southern side leaving their front doors.



74/99 Windmill Management Committee.

Cr Mrs Harper reported

- (a) an estimate from J Spencer had been received regarding the insertion of posts and a straining wire alongside the eastern boundary of the sports field in the sum of £200. Acceptance was proposed by Cr Clarke, seconded by Cr Miss Hill and approved.
- (b) the requirement for additional land to enable more football pitches to be made available which could be either purchased or leased. A suggestion was made that an application be made to the National Lottery for a grant and as well as the land, refurbishment of the changing rooms, the provision of additional meeting rooms and additional car parking be included. Cr Mrs Davies enquired about the effect of such a large scheme on other capital projects and Cr Clinch wished to know how such a project fitted in with the Village Appraisal. It was resolved that a detailed report be submitted outlining the need for the expenditure and to prioritise the constituent parts.

75/99 Recreation and Grants Working Party.

Cr Mrs Davies reported (a) the receipt of a grant application from Deddington Colts Football Club in respect of the provision of 4 sets of Mini Soccer Goal Posts at a cost of £1,060 towards which the Club had £265. She stated that the Club's Accounts were in order and that there were now 74 children involved between the ages of 7-18. Of this number some 40 children lived in Deddington. Enquiries were to be made as to this Club's relationship with Deddington Town F C and the Working Party recommended a grant of £400 subject to the goal posts remaining the property of this Council. Cr Clinch proposed that a grant of £530 be made upon the same condition, but allowing 2 sets to be purchased – 3 in total. The motion was agreed Cr Mrs Walker, the Club Secretary, abstaining.

(b) The resurfacing of the Tennis Courts had now been completed and it was noticed that the sign stating members only had not been removed. The Clerk undertook to take up this matter.

76/99 Finance and General Purposes Working Party.

Cr Todd reported that the Friends of Deddington Library had been due to meet the previous Monday, but it had to be postponed, and that a meeting of Friends of Libraries throughout the County was to take place in Oxford and he requested authority for 2 Friends to attend. This request received unanimous approval.

77/99 Planning and Property Working Party

Applications

99/1652LB – Old Farmhouse, New Street – 2 Storey Rear Extension – No observations provided there are no neighbour objections

99/1713F – Windmill Centre – New Storeroom, roof cladding etc. – No observations.

Approvals

98/2154F – Solar Designs – Hopcraft Lane – Relaxation of conditions 10 & 11 of CHN152/84(2) and 12 & 13 of CHN587/90 to allow use of premises by person(s) other than the applicants but for a B1(a) use only.

99/0100F Stonewall, Castle Street – Alterations to existing garage to form additional living and erection of accommodation and erection of detached double garage.

99/1091F&1092LB – Stile House, New Street – First floor extension over part of existing single storey building.

Approvals continued.

- 99/1126LB – South Gate, Market Place – Alteration to front bay window and canopy.
- 99/1136F – Plum Cottage, Philcote Street – Demolition of rear lean-to and erection of single storey extension to form sun lounge, toilet and cloakroom.
- 99/1337F – Russell House, New Street – Demolition of conservatory etc
- 99/1396TCA- Hen Cloud, Castle Street – Remove tops of 5 Lawson Cypress Trees.
- 99/1454F – Former Dexters Restaurant, Market Place – Change of use of ground floor to Police Officer's Beat Office.
- 99/1536TCA – High Street Garage – Fell one Ash Tree
- 99/1576LB – Unicorn Hotel, Market Place – New signage and repainting of frontage.
- 99/1589TCA – 7, Castle Street. – Arboricultural work.

Upper Heyford – A draft supplementary planning guidance on Temporary Use of Land and Buildings has been received for comment. It was agreed that there were no matters which affected this Council.

Town Hall – It was agreed that an Agenda item be incorporated in the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

78/99 Millennium Working Party.

Cr Newey reported as follows:-

- (a) Calendars – The quotation accepted from Cheney and Sons did not include an envelope, and this was essential in order to include an order form for additional calendars and in order to be able to number them and keep accounting records. Cheney and Sons had quoted the sum of £794 plus VAT for the envelopes and the insertion of the calendars. Agreed by 9 votes to 1 that the quotation be accepted.
- (b) VAT – The Clerk had written to HM Customs and Excise for an exemption from charging VAT upon the Calendars to be sold, as this was a one off occurrence, and a reply was awaited.
- (c) Millennium Night – It was proposed that pre-recorded music be played in the Market Place from 10.00 to 11.30pm prior to the Church Bells being rung.
- (d) A further costing of the events would be presented at the next meeting.
- (e) The County Council had confirmed that the sum of £40,000 for the footpath could be accepted as a quotation from County Direct Services provided the works were completed by 31st March, 2000. The Clerk had requested details of the specification so that the scheme could be put to tender.

79/99 Environment and Highways Working Party.

Cr Mrs Cox reported as follows:-

Highways

- (a) Hudson Street – The County Highways and Police were investigating means of easing traffic flows in this street and a report was awaited.
- (b) Parking of Goods Vehicles in The Daedings. The Police had investigated this matter and would be submitting a report to the County Highway authority.
- (c) The County Council had launched a campaign to stop the parking of vehicles on pavements. Stickers were available to affix to the side windows of vehicles so parked.
- (d) Hempton Pinchpoint. It was agreed that an approach be made to OCC for the extension of the footpath through the pinch point thereby making it a single carriageway.

Environment

- (e) "Parish Pump" The Conservation Foundation, which initiated the Yew Tree planting scheme has asked the Parish to appoint a "Parish Pump". This would be a person who would act as a regular environmental link person to receive information on grants awards, advice etc., they would also have access to leading experts to receive advice on matters of local interest. The Working Party suggested and it was agreed that Mr Meagher be this Council's "Parish Pump".
- (f) Dog Bin at Daeda's Wood. It was agreed that the Council finance the purchase and emptying of a dog bin at the wood, its precise location to be agreed with the Woodland Trust.
- (g) Grasscutting. Resulting from the recent good growing weather for grass and the fact that the full number of cuts per the tender had been effected it was agreed that one additional cut be made to the following areas at a cost of £163.
Cemetery, Market Place, Castle Grounds, and Clifton, Mill Close and Gaveston Gardens Open Spaces.
- (h) The AGM of the Banbury Branch of the CPRE will be on Monday, 22nd November, 1999 at Bodicote House commencing at 7.30 pm.
- (i) Millennium Tree Planting. Mr Meagher has assessed the sites suggested at the last meeting and will be preparing a paper for the next Working Party Meeting. It has been suggested that Mr Mayo represent Clifton and a representative for Hempton is being sought.

80/99 Invoices for Payment.

Invoices totalling £20,993.02, in accordance with a schedule circulated at the Meeting, a copy of which is filed with these Minutes, were approved for payment.

81/99 Investment of the Council's Funds.

The Clerk reported that at close of business on 19th October, 1999 the balances were as follows:-

| £ | |
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| 500,000.00 | Bradford & Bingley B S 120 day Bonus A/c at 5.65% |
| 50,000.00 | Treasury Deposit fixed to 13 th December, 1999 at 4.5675% |
| 15,295.40 | at 14 days notice at 3.5% |
| 11.61 | at 14 days notice at ½% |
| 7,291.02 | at 1.625% overnight |
| <u>724.47</u> | at 1.25% overnight |
| <u>573,322.50</u> | |

82/99 Correspondence..

- (a) Letters of thanks from the students who received tertiary education grants.
- (b) The AGM of the Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association will be held at the Windmill Centre on 18th November, 1999 commencing at 1.45 pm.
- (c) The Annual Parish Liaison Meeting will be held at Bodicote House on 25th November, 1999 commencing at 7.00pm.
- (d) Letter from Mrs Canning stating that it grieves her to say that she and her husband will no longer be able to be responsible for the village planters at the 4 entrances to the village as her husband is no longer able to drive their car which she is also unable to do. Agreed unanimously that the Council express their regret at this turn of events and thank them for the work they have put into beautifying the village, upon which the Council has received many commendations.

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- (e) Volunteers are sought to undertake the maintenance of the 4 planters in Deddington for the Council.
- (f) Letter from the MP Tony Baldry, making reference to a speech at a fringe meeting at the Labour Party Conference by Michael Meacher the Environment Minister in which he referred to many Parish Councils being unaccountable, but in some cases their powers may need to be extended – but otherwise we need to look at alternatives. Mr Baldry pledged his and other colleagues to fiercely resist any such proposals. The Association of Local Councils has taken up this matter with the Minister for Local Government and she denies that Parish Councils are under threat.
- (g) The Clerk has received the following documents which may be seen in his office – the Bicester Local Plan Review; the 1998 Housing and Waste County Council Monitors; Floodline; (the Environment Agency's Plan to avert flooding in the future, the Clerk has checked that a copy has been sent direct to the owners of Clifton Mill) and the County Council publication "The Future of Transport in Oxfordshire" which will be discussed at the next meeting of this Council.

83/99 Members are advised of the Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday, 14th November, 1999, meeting in the Bull Ring at 10.25 am. The service is being held this year at the Congregational Church, High Street.

84/99 Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday, 17th November, 1999 at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.

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