

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held via Skype
at 7:30pm on Wednesday 21 October 2020.

Present: Cllrs D Rogers (Chair), A Collins, M Cox, J Eames, H Oldfield, S O'Neill, M Robinson, C Snashall, M Squires, M Swadling, T Timms and J Watts. **Also, present:** County Cllr A Fatemian, District Cllr B Williams, a Deddington News representative and eight members of public.

195/20	Apologies: Cllr J Higham.
196/20	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Pecuniary Interest: Cllr S O'Neill 207/20 Neighbourhood Planning, 208/20 Response to Government White Paper, 209/20 CPRE petition against government proposals to deregulate the planning system and 210/20 Large Scale Development as a local land owner and did not take part in the discussion</p> <p>General Interest: Cllr S O'Neill 206/20 Planning a) 20/02495/F Home Farm Works, Clifton Road, Deddington and b) 20/02731/TCA Orchard House, Hopcraft Lane, Deddington as knows the applicants. Also item 212/20 3 Allotment Rents as an allotment holder. Cllr M Cox 212/20 3 Allotment Rents as lives with an allotment holder. Cllr J Watts 212/20 3 Allotment Rents as lives with an allotment holder.</p>
197/20	<p>Minutes: Cllr A Collins proposed, Cllr H Oldfield seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous by those in attendance) that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2020 were a true record of the meeting with the addition of Pecuniary Interest for Cllr S O'Neill on items 186/20 and 189/20 who, as a landowner, did not take part in the discussion.</p>
198/20	<p>Matters arising from the minutes and not referred to later on the Agenda: It was agreed that the Clerk chase up the Windmill lease and land registry with Brethertons.</p>
199/20	<p>10 Minute Open Forum: Two DEN committee members spoke on behalf of the DEN proposal for a community orchard. Siting climate change emergency, the need for biodiversity as the reason for considering such a proposal. One confirmed no funding had been given by the PC and the consultation was to open a dialogue and get the community involved. It was noted that 40 people had expressed interest at being involved. A resident spoke in support of the DEN proposal and was disappointed regarding the negative responses that had been aired. It was also noted that the Parish Council had to date only agreed the following (July 2020 minutes) "150/20 (12) Community Orchard. A preliminary paper has been drawn up with no decision to be made on site until public consultation. A project plan to be drafted by Deddington Environment Network considering grant application, consultation, site maintenance, costs division of roles and responsibilities".</p>
200/20	<p>Community Orchard Cllr J Eames spoke stating that the process is on-going and everyone should be heard. She urged people to write to the PC and/or to take part in the survey. She was minded to say that it should be viewed as a positive project such as other community projects (Daedas Wood, Windmill Centre and Farmers Market). Volunteers should be welcomed and encouraged. The DEN will follow the process through and gain community opinion. District Cllr B Williams said that some felt the survey one-sided and biased and that the PC should look to take control of the project. However, some Cllrs disagreed. Cllr A Collins proposed, Cllr H Oldfield seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) that Deddington Parish Council support DEN to continue with consultation activity and will review results and any representations made. It will be an agenda item in December.</p>
201/20	County Cllr A Fatemian: See 213/20.
202/20	<p>District Cllr B Williams update: District Cllr B Williams said that there was little to report although it looked like merger proposals had been taken off the table which was an interesting update. Cllr D Rogers thanked District Cllr B Williams for his time and effort in meeting for site visit regarding the community orchard.</p>

203/20	<p>Finance & General Purposes.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Bank and Investments. The Bank Reconciliation balances. The Disposition of Council Funds schedule had been circulated showing total funds of £714,396 2) Financial Regulation update 2020. Cllr H Oldfield proposed, Cllr S O'Neill seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to adopted the amended financial regulations. 3) Remembrance wreath. Cllr H Oldfield proposed, Cllr A Collins seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to pay £25 for a wreath under S137. 4) Tree works. Cllr D Rogers proposed, Cllr H Oldfield seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) agreed to spend up to £5,473 + VAT on tree works. The Clerk to speak with the contractor to ensure only the most necessary trees are dealt with. 5) Extension of bow fence on pocket park. Cllr M Robinson proposed, Cllr J Watts seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (eleven for and one against) that a contractor is appointed to do the works at a cost of £3,346.40 plus VAT. 6) Additional street light at junction Daedings/Hempton Road. County Cllr A Fatemian to request a fixed price (currently advise iro £2,000) 7) Photocopy contract. Cllr H Oldfield proposed, Cllr A Collins seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to agree five-year length of contract at £154.99 per quarter. 8) Budgeting for the future. The Clerk to speak with OALC and Internal Auditor regarding having a large reserve and the effect on the precept. 9) Vandalised woodland walk item. Cllr H Oldfield proposed, Cllr S O'Neill seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to pay up to £315 plus VAT for the repair. The Clerk to make an insurance claim that would see an excess of £100. 10) Insurance at Windmill Centre. Clerk to check cover of office and storage cupboard and increase cover if necessary. The solar panels are paid for by the Windmill on their insurance and the PC reimburses the premium. 11) Independent remuneration panel. Cllr H Oldfield proposed, Cllr A Collins seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) that the PC waive this allowance. 																																																							
204/20	<p>Approval of Invoices. Cllr S O'Neill proposed, Cllr C Snashall seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (nine for and one abstention) that the invoices with a total of £10,206.43 were approved for payment.</p>																																																							
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206/20	<p>Planning Report.</p> <p>Applications.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) 20/02495/F Home Farm Works, Clifton Road, Deddington. Retrospective change of use. Containers on west side of property. Cllr D Rogers proposed, Cllr H Oldfield seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (eleven for and one abstention) no objection. b) 20/02731/TCA Orchard House, Hopcraft Lane, Deddington. Tree works. Reduce boundary trees back to the boundary wall. Species include - Hazel, Field maple, Cherry, Hawthorn etc. Trees are overhanging the neighbouring property. Cllr D Rogers proposed, Cllr H Oldfield seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (eleven for and one abstention) no objection but request that applicant plants suitable replacement trees in a more appropriate position. c) Notice of Landowner Deposit: College Farm, Hempton, Deddington, OX14 0QZ Application 1677. 1678 and 1679. Full application may be viewed online including associated maps at 																																																							

	<p>https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/prowd?sprowd= For information only. Landowner has filed plans of footpaths on their land with County Council to protect themselves from others claiming footpaths across their land in future.</p> <p>Approvals 20/02367/TCA Innisfree, St Thomas Street, Deddington. 20/01926/F 2 County View, Clifton. 20/02348/TCA Wynford House, New Street, Deddington. 20/02085/F 14 Flux Drive, Deddington. 20/01974/F Barn Cottage, Hempton</p> <p>Withdrawals None Refusals None</p> <p>Appeals APP/C3105/W/19/3242236 Land South of Clifton Road, The development proposed is outline planning permission for the residential development of up to 15 dwellings is allowed and outline planning permission is granted for the residential development of up to 15 dwellings with all matters save for the means of access reserved for subsequent approval. Appeal B Ref: APP/C3105/W/20/3247698 Land South of Clifton Road. The development proposed is outline planning permission for the residential development of up to 14 dwellings with all matters save for the means of access reserved for subsequent approval is allowed and outline planning permission is granted for the residential development of up to 14 dwellings with all matters save for the means of access reserved for subsequent approval.</p>
207/20	<p>Neighbourhood Planning. Cllr A Collins said that sites that have been proposed by landowners have been pared back to those meeting the NP requirements. Only those meeting these criteria have been written to asking them what they propose to do. So as not to prejudice any site they are being kept close to chest.</p>
208/20	<p>To agreed Deddington PC response to HM Government Planning white paper. Cllr D Rogers proposed, Cllr A Collins seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (eleven for and one abstention) that the response incorporating Cllrs A Collins, J Eames and H Oldfield comments be sent by the Clerk in time for the deadline to say the Council opposed and thought undemocratic and goes against Neighbourhood Plans.</p>
209/20	<p>CPRE petition against government proposals to deregulate the planning system. Cllr A Collins proposed, Cllr H Oldfield seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (ten for and two abstentions) that the PC sign the petition.</p>
210/20	<p>Large Scale Developments Working Group. Cllr D Rogers proposed, Cllr H Oldfield seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (eleven for and one abstention) that Cllr D Rogers to request an extension to the re-consultation of the Land West of Wimborne outline planning application.</p>
211/20	<p>Thames Water meeting re flooding in Clifton – next steps Cllr D Rogers proposed, Cllr M Squires seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to open formal complaint on each open case and ownership issue.</p>
212/20	<p>Environment and Recreation Working Group – Cllr M Robinson</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Autumn litter pick: Cllr J Watts says will do when weather allows and with councilors only. Christmas tree: A resident has offered more lights for the Christmas Tree. Cllr M Robinson proposed, Cllr A Collins seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) that instead of the main Christmas tree that he be encouraged to install lights and management of the other trees on the two main Market Place greens. Allotment rents: Cllr M Robinson proposed, Cllr H Oldfield seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (nine for and three abstentions) that ground rents and water fees remain unchanged. Verge outside Castle Barns: Clerk to speak with home owner and contractor. New lavatories: Drawings and quote (to include provisional costs) expected by end of week. EV charging points: DVLA grant (now £700, not £1K) agreed, donor still on board. Contractor being asked to proceed. Windmill Gate: The WMC still opposed to car park gate but happy with a gate across the vehicle entrance to the playing field. Police advice is at the entrance to entire site.

	<p>8. Sports club contracts: Cllr M Robinson proposed, Cllr H Oldfield seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) that Cllr D Rogers be empowered to sign the contracts on behalf of the PC.</p>
213/20	<p>County Cllr A Fatemian report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Test and Trace. Oxfordshire has its own localised tack and trace system which has extra capacity. 2) Budget. There is a £15 million deficit. Council income is down so having to make genuine savings. Due to Cov-id items that are usually funded have been cut as they could not go ahead but this does not mean that they will be cut off permanently. 3) Funding available. There is funding available. Cllr D Rogers suggested monies for feeding vulnerable people a Christmas meal and monies towards the street light on Hempton Road. County Cllr A Fatemian said that he would welcome applications for both of these items. 4) Unitary Authority. The momentum is there to discuss a unitary authority but it has been pushed further down the path (2020 at best guess). 5) Deddington Library. County Cllr A Fatemian to enquire when the library is likely to open.
214/20	<p>Highways and Transport.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Electric Charging Point (ECP). Clerk has securing funding for an ECP at the Windmill Centre. Other sites identified are Bullring and Earls Lane and a recent suggestion of outside the former Holcombe Hotel - opposite the library – useful for users of the library, Holly Tree and for those in High Street without garages. Given government guidance that we should go electric from 2030 it would be prudent to take advantage of any funded ECP's which may be on offer from CDC. Cllr D Rogers proposed, Cllr H Oldfield seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) to write to CDC Planning officers, Joy White OCC to express PC's keenness to be considered for future funded ECP's. It was noted that locations for EV charging points would require consultation. 2) Earls Lane – Electric Charging point. This ECP is sited on the building but the resident's vehicle has to park illegally on double yellow lines to enable the resident to charge the car. Cllr A Collins to speak with the Head of Deddington Primary School to gain his opinion. 3) Hopcraft Lane, Deddington Cllr D Rogers communicating with OCC re 'unsuitable for HGV' signs. Clerk to ask for cost of DPC purchasing 3 to 4 signs. Siting will require OCC approval. 4) Super Users. OCC informed and awaiting training. 5) Speed signs. '20 is plenty' signs to be considered for certain sites around the Parish. <p>Transport</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6) Stagecoach bus service. Stagecoach have responded to the queries posed last month and all but the broken bus stop opposite Deddington Grange have the new S4 timetable. The PC also asked whether the additional late evening S4 service and the direct service to the John Radcliffe was paid for from S106 developments along the S4 route? They have reported that the extra buses were paid for from a government grant for transport across the country. (The last bus to Banbury now leaves Deddington at just past midnight and the last bus to Oxford at shortly after 10pm.) It was noted that it was a sad irony that the late evening buses are being laid on at a time when few people are likely to be using them because of Covid restrictions.
215/20	<p>Update from the Parish Council Representatives. Library. Cllr S O'Neill has stood down from running Deddington Library. All Cllrs expressed their thanks for her many years of service and they were sorry to see her go.</p>
216/20	<p>Any other business. The Clerk thanked the Council for approving her attendance of the SLCC on-line conference. She reported it interesting and informative.</p>
217/20	<p>Date of the next meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 18 November 2020 at 7.30pm via Skype. The meeting closed at 9:46 pm</p>