# **DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL** Minutes of the Meetings held in the Holly Tree Club, Deddington on

Wednesday 17 December 2014 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs A Collins, S Boulter, M Cox, F East, J Finnigan, J Flux, H Oldfield, S O'Neill, D Rogers, M Squires, J Watts, B Williams, B Wood and one member of the public and representative of Deddington News.

amendment to the motion so that the school be removed which Cllr B Wood seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** (10 votes for, 1 against and 2 abstentions) to approve. The amended proposal was then voted on and the Council **RESOLVED** (10 for 1 against and 2 abstentions) that the PC ask for the Church & Old School Hall in Hempton, the Duke of Cumberland's Head in Clifton and Library to be added to the local heritage asset list.

**Tays Gateway.** Complaints have been received about Tays Gateway being closed during the day over the last few weeks due to building works without a road closure being granted. Cllr A Collins to speak with the owners of the property.

## 246/14 Large Scale Development Working Group Report

School Ground: Cllr D Rogers will attend Local Plan Inspection meeting at CDC on 18 December and it was hoped that he may be able to get a copy of the planning application for the School Ground. Land to the rear of Orchard View, St Thomas Street 13/01941/OUT (Refused / Appeal). Erection of 7 Dwellings. The PC previously objected to this application, and CDC refused the initial application. □Cllr D Rogers proposed, Cllr J Finnigan seconding that the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) that the PC will submit a further objection to the appeal on the following grounds: 1) This development is backfill development contrary to policy in the emerging Cherwell Local Plan. 2) The development is under 10 dwellings and constitutes "Windfall" and not a contribution to the required housing supply. 3) Permission has been granted in Deddington for a development of 85 dwellings including 35% affordable homes making this application unnecessary to the needs of the community. 4) This application represents development beyond the built-up limits of Deddington and the application has not been made on the basis that it is a rural exception site. It represents a development in a sensitive, green area adjacent to a scheduled ancient monument which erodes an important green buffer gap between the village, the Castle site and damages the conservation area. 5) This development would change the well-defined historical settlement pattern in this part of Deddington. □6) The Parish Council believes that this proposed development will cause substantial harm to the setting of several listed buildings and our conservation area and that paragraph 14 of the NPPF seeks to protect against developments that would result in harm to the natural or built environment. As such this development should be refused on these grounds alone. □7) If allowed this development would cause an undesirable president leading to a number of similar applications for back fill development all over the parish, especially in adjacent sites, removing green areas and effecting the beauty 

County Cllr A Fatemian joined the meeting at this point.

**Rural Village Plan**. Cllr B Wood proposed, Cllr H Oldfield seconded the motion and the Council **RESOLVED** (unanimous) that DPC supports the fact that the CDC Local Plan does not include building significant numbers of houses in rural villages.

# 247/14 | County Cllr A Fatemian

Area Stewardship fund. The Clerk will send an electronic request the funds for the replacement lighting by the Town Hall to Cllr Arash Fatemian. Cllr H Oldfield proposed, the Chair seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) that County Cllr A Fatemian be thanked. Cllr Fatemian advised that there is some money left in the maintenance pot and it was suggested that the Clifton to Hempton path be weed killed. County Cllr A Fatemian offered a crew for a day to do this and other minor issues. Cllr A Collins thanked Cllr D Rogers for his work on the potential lighting problem at the Town Hall.

248/14 **Neighbourhood Planning Update:** The results of the questionnaire will soon be on the website and used to formulate a draft proposal.

249/14 **Emergency Winter Planning Working Group Report** Salt stocks have been received and Windmill Committee thanked for allowing hard standing for salt stocks storage.

# 250/14 Highways & Transport Report

- 1) Speedwatch. Suspended until Spring 2015.
- 2) **Horsefair yellow lines** The Clerk has sent a letter to OCC to ask for their reinstatement. Concern was raised regarding parking in the bus bay outside the Holly Tree Club.
- 3) Horsefair pot hole. It is being monitored and reported to OCC once large enough to repair (40mm).
- 4) Windmill Street Car Park. No reply received. The to Clerk will chase.
- 5) **Clifton traffic Calming measures**. A Clifton resident has suggested specific traffic calming measures so a site meeting will be arranged.
- 6) **Parking Issue in New Street.** A parishioner complaining about parking near the old bus stop has been advised that enforcement is a matter for TVP.
- 7) Traffic Lights Battery Fault. The Clerk to ask OCC to confirm that the batteries have been replaced.
- 8) Town Hall Lights. County Cllr A Fatemian has kindly agreed to allocate the monies to re-instate the lights to the North West and South East of the Town Hall from the area stewardship fund. County Cllr A Fatemian and Tim Parker (OCC) to be thanked. Cllr D Rogers proposed and Cllr B Wood seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (unanimous) that OCC be asked to place the lights on diagonally opposite corners (North West and South East)).
- 9) Streetlights in the Stile. Complaint received regarding a broken streetlight. This has been actioned. TRANSPORT £25m has been made available for mini buses for rural transport but it had various restrictions such as requiring a driver and somewhere to keep it, running as a charity and not passing to commercial operations. This was not considered viable. The Banbury Assisted Transport had another bus and was helping with the Thursday Morning Club transport needs.

#### 251/14 | Environment & Recreation Report

1) School notice board. Cllr D Rogers proposed, Cllr J Watts seconded the motion and the Council

- **RESOLVED** (unanimous) that new cork be ordered to repair three notice boards.
- 2) **Christmas tree lights.** DPC thanked Jonathan Egan, Simon East, Richard Banister and Cllrs F East, D Rogers, J Watts and B Williams for their help erecting the Christmas tree and installing the lights.
- 3) **Business advertising and Planters.** The owner of Dragon Framing has offered to sponsor the planter by the school to advertise her business. The School will be asked to confirm that they no longer wish to maintain this planter. If so the working group will liaise with Dragon Framing and Hook Norton Vets to arrange a coordinated standard design for the planters for discussion at the January 2015 meeting.
- 4) Windmill Hedges. Cllr D Rogers proposed, Cllr J Watts seconded the motion and the Council RESOLVED (9 for 2 objections and 2 abstentions) to rescind the decision to cut the hedges back outside the Windmill Viewing Lounge made in November 2014. Cllr J Watts proposed and Cllr B Wood seconded the motion that the Viburnum (mixed hedge) be cut to 8 foot and the beech Hedge to 3 ft. but this motion was later withdrawn by Cllrs J Watts and B Wood. Cllr J Flux proposed that the hedges be kept at 8 foot which Cllr D Rogers seconded. Cllr Squires proposed an amendment to the motion which Cllr J Watts seconded and the Council RESOLVED (10 for 2 against and one abstention) that part of the hedge be reduced to 8 foot and the remainder cut to 3 foot.
- 5) **Energy survey of the Windmill Centre**. EIE do energy efficiency audits of community buildings and identify ways of improving the efficiency of buildings as part of the Enrich project. The cost after a TOE grant would be £150. The Windmill Committee have discussed this and see no merit so will not pursue.
- 6) **Muga update**. Meeting held with one MUGA Supplier. Two more quotes will be sought and forwarded to Clerk. The rep will also quote for repairing the all-weather court.
- 7) **Clifton Flooding**. Rain water flooding on Clifton Road and Chapel Lane. OCC sent a jetting team and a programme of root cutting and pipe lining is scheduled for 2015. Some issues are not easy to remedy so OCC will assess the surface flooding when the pipes are at maximum capacity and reassess.
- 8) **Damage to Windmill Centre**. Two individuals identified on CCTV have admitted causing damage and are repaying the costs of repair.
- 9) Land near Ilbury Farm, Hempton. It was confirmed that the tenants rent does not come to this PC.

## 252/14 | Finance and General Purposes Report

- 1. Cash flow to end November. Agreed and reconciled with the bank.
- 2. **Council Funds**. The £130,000 deposit with Nationwide at 1.4% has been acknowledged. The Santander bond has been rolled over.
- 3. **Budget 2015-16**. Cllr B Wood has produced a forecast for the year to March 2015, and a preliminary budget for 2015-16 on the assumption that the precept will remain the same as this year, including the New Homes Bonus £1,457, received in April. SEE have been chased for quarterly payment not received and will be sending £4,171.24. The provisional budget for next year assumes £40,000 spend on maintenance at the Windmill. E&R have asked for a budget of £17,000.
- 4. Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. Draft update to be bought back to PC in January 2015.
- 5. Steward. The steward is regularly asked to work more than his contracted hours and now accrues holiday entitlements for the additional hours. A proposal will be brought to council as to what his hours should be in order to meet its needs. The Clerk will discuss with the Chair of the E&R and Cllr Finnigan and then make a recommendation to F&GP. The Steward will be reminded to wear his high viz jacket whenever he is working near a road.
- 6. **Drive repairs outside Poplar Chinese Restaurant**. The PC received and rejected a request for a contribution to the cost of replacing the drive in front of the Chinese Restaurant.

### 253/14 Update from the Parish Council Representatives

**School Governors.** The school has received a "Good" Ofsted rating. A reconstitution of all governing bodies has abolished the PC's right to nominate a school governor. However as there is a trust fund that is administered by the PC the current PC governor can become a co-opted member.

#### 254/14 Invoices for Payment:

**RESOLVED** (unanimous) that the invoices for 20 November – 17 December 2014 totalling £7,192.38 were approved for payment. **Mower Service**. Next year Cox's Garage will be asked to quote for the service. **Danwood Copier**. Concern was raised that a bill has been received for the Danwood Copier despite it being unusable at present. The contractual obligations will be checked.

#### 255/14 Report upon the investment of the parish Council's Funds as at 30 November 2014 Account Balance Interest Notice **Valid Until** Imprest 2,515.55 0.1% **Imprest** Current 44,305.26 0.1% Current 1.2% Santander 75,000.00 1 Yr Fixed End June 2015 141,962.14 1.1% End Sept 2015 Santander 1 Yr Fixed Santander 75,000.00 1.4% 1 Yr Fixed End Jan 2015 Santander 81,129.44 1.1% 1 Yr Fixed End Dec 2015 Nationwide 130,000.00 1.4% 1 Yr Fixed End Nov 2015 Total 549,912.39

#### 256/14 | Correspondence:

**MP Letter.** A letter has been received in response to the Chairs letter regarding working groups. It was incorrectly addressed to the Clerk and quoted a different minister than the one to whom it was addressed and has been forwarded to Tony Baldry MP for info.

**Fair Application.** The application for a charter fair in November 2015 will be considered by the PC next January 2015. The Warriner School and church will then be informed of the date.

257/14	AOB as allowed by Chairman: Cllr H Oldfield asked that the S106 list be revisited in January 2015.
258/14	Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 21 January 2015 at
	<b>7.30pm</b> in the <b>Windmill Community Centre, Deddington.</b> The meeting closed at 9.45pm. The Chair then
	invited those present to join him for a Christmas drink in the Red Lion.