

GODMANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the GODMANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL held on Thursday 1st April, 1982.

PRESENT : Councillors E.C. Conway, C.E. Dalleywater, B.P. Doherty, M.J. Hopkinson, R.T.D. Hughes, J.M. James, J.H. Lewis, Mrs. J.M. McCartney, Mrs. M.L. Midlemis, C.W. Parcell, Mrs. C.M. Parker, C. Parker, A.E.H. Sursham, B.R. Walsh, J.P. Young.

82/01 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

that Councillor Mrs. J. M. McCartney be elected Chairman of the Godmanchester Parish Council.

82/02 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

that Councillor M.J. Hopkinson be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Godmanchester Parish Council.

82/03 ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

The Returning Officer reported that, at the election held on 25th March 1982, the following were duly elected to serve as parish councillors until 1984 :

Councillors E.C. Conway, C.E. Dalleywater, B.P. Doherty, M.J. Hopkinson, R.T.D. Hughes, J.M. James, J.H. Lewis, Mrs. J.M. McCartney, Mrs. M.L. Midlemis, C.W. Parcell, Mrs. C.M. Parker, C. Parker, A.E.H. Sursham. B.R. Walsh, J.P. Young.

82/04 STATUS OF PARISH COUNCIL

The Secretary to the Huntingdon District Council advised members that, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, the Godmanchester Parish Council was eligible to adopt Town Council status, without incurring any additional responsibilities. Accordingly, following a discussion of the civic traditions of Godmanchester, and of the need to develop the identity of the town, it was

RESOLVED

that in accordance with Section 245(c) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the Godmanchester Parish Council adopt the status of a Town Council, and that hereafter the elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council be styled Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor, respectively.

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82/05 APPOINTMENT OF TOWN CLERK

Following a discussion of the need for a Town Clerk to undertake the servicing of meetings and other administrative functions, it was

RESOLVED

- (a) that an appointment of Town Clerk to the Godmanchester Town Council (Part-Time) be made and that in accordance with recommendations of the Association of Local Councils the salary payable be £1,453 per annum.
- (b) that the Secretary to the District Council be requested to arrange for the advertising of the post of Town Clerk; and
- (c) that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, together with Councillors J.H. Lewis, Mrs. C.M. Parker and J.P. Young be authorised to interview and appoint a Town Clerk.

82/06 AGENCY ARRANGEMENTS

Members considered the responsibilities of the Town Council with regard to the provision and maintenance of open space areas, footway lighting, and the Godmanchester Cemetery. Having noted the arrangements made for the discharge of these responsibilities by the former Huntingdon and Godmanchester Town Council, and following a report of the financial considerations by the representative of the District Council's Director of Finance, it was

RESOLVED

that the Huntingdon District Council be requested to undertake the maintenance of open space areas, footway lighting and the Godmanchester Cemetery on behalf of the Godmanchester Town Council, for a period of one year from 1st April 1982, after which time the arrangement shall be reviewed.

82/07 BANKING ARRANGEMENTS

Having discussed the financial administration of the Town Council, it was

RESOLVED

- (a) that in accordance of Section 151 of the Local Government Act, 1972, the Town Clerk be responsible for the proper administration of the financial affairs of the Godmanchester Town Council;
- (b) that Lloyds Bank of Godmanchester be appointed banker to the Godmanchester Town Council;
- (c) that the signatures of two councillors be attached to all cheques issued in the name of the Godmanchester Town Council;
- (d) that, prior to the appointment of the Town Clerk, the Huntingdon District Council's Director of Finance be authorised to make payments on behalf of the Godmanchester Town Council subject to the attachment of the signatures of two councillors to all cheques so issued.

82/08 PARISH PRECEPT

Members considered the financial provision made for the Godmanchester Town Council. The assets of the former Huntingdon and Godmanchester Town Council had been divided between the Huntingdon Town Council and Godmanchester Town Council on a ratio of 8:1, calculated on the basis of the penny rate product for 1981/82. The total monies available to the Godmanchester Town Council for 1982/83 was £30,991 comprising a Precept of £21,000, £5,402 from the division of net balances, £3,813 from "reserved schemes" and £776 from the sharing of plant and other fixed assets. Accordingly, it was

## RESOLVED

that the financial provision for the Godmanchester Town Council for 1982/83 as proposed by the Separation of Parishes Sub-Committee, be approved

82/09 INSURANCE

Members noted the action taken by the Town Clerk to the former Huntingdon and Godmanchester Town Council, in arranging insurance coverage for the Godmanchester Town Council, as from midnight on 31st March 1982. Thereupon, it was

## RESOLVED

that the action taken to provide the Godmanchester Town Council with insurance coverage from the Municipal Mutual Insurance Company Limited as from midnight on 31st March 1982, be endorsed.

82/10 TRANSFER OF MAYORAL INSIGNIA

## RESOLVED

that the transfer of Mayoral Insignia from the former Huntingdon and Godmanchester Town Council to the Godmanchester Town Council be deferred until the appointment of a Town Clerk.

82/11 PLAY SCHEME

Having discussed the merits of the play-scheme formerly operated during the summer school vacations by the Huntingdon and Godmanchester Town Council, and having noted the advantages of running such a scheme as a joint exercise, it was

## RESOLVED

- (a) that the play-scheme be operated in 1982 in conjunction with the Huntingdon Town Council;
- (b) that the Godmanchester Town Council contribute an estimated sum of £2,000 towards the cost of the play-scheme;
- (c) that three members, being Councillors B.P. Doherty, R.T.D. Hughes and Mrs. C.M. Parker, be appointed to the Huntingdon Town Council's Play-Scheme Management Committee to assist in the running of the scheme for the forthcoming summer.

82/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) PROPOSED ERECTION OF DWELLING ON LAND ADJOINING 25 WEST STREET, GODMANCHESTER, for Dr. and Mrs. J. MIDDLEMISS APPLICATION No. 45H0045/82F

In connection with this item, Councillor Mrs. M.L.Middlemiss declared an interest, and accordingly withdrew from the meeting.

Having discussed the planning application at length, it was proposed and seconded that the application be not supported, whereupon the motion was not carried. Thereafter, an amendment that the recommendation of the former Huntingdon and Godmanchester Town Council that the application be approved, was not carried.

- b) PETROL FILLING STATION, AFTON SERVICE STATION SITE, CAMBRIDGE ROAD, GODMANCHESTER, for GREEN STREAM LTD., 32 HIGH ROAD, BUSHEY HERTS. APPLICATION No. 45H0288/82F

In connection with this item, Councillor Mrs. J. McCartney declared an interest, and accordingly withdrew from the meeting.

## RESOLVED

that consideration of Planning Application No. 45H0288/82F be deferred until the meeting of the Planning Committee to be held on 15th April, 1982, and that a representative of the Department of Planning be requested to attend that meeting.

- c) CONSERVATORY, GARAGE AND WORKSHOP AREA, 8 LONDON ROAD, GODMANCHESTER for Mr. M.A. Robins, 8 LONDON ROAD, GODMANCHESTER APPLICATION NO. 45H0295/82F

## RECOMMENDED

that planning permission in respect of Application No. 45H0295/82F be approved.

- d) RENEWAL OF PERMISSION FOR MOBILE HOME, 9 PARK LANE, GODMANCHESTER for E.C. JAMES, 9 PARK LANE, GODMANCHESTER APPLICATION No. 45H1142/75F/R

## RECOMMENDED

that planning permission, in respect of Planning Application No. 45H1142/75F/R, be approved.

- e) ERECTION OF 126 DWELLINGS INCLUDING ROAD, GARAGES AND ALL ANCILLIARY MATTERS OFF LONDON ROAD, GODMANCHESTER, for HILLSON & TWIGDEN LTD., CHURCH STREET, ST. NEOTS APPLICATION NO. 45H0326/82D

## RECOMMENDED

that planning permission, in respect of Planning Application No. 45H0326/82D, be approved.

82/13 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DETERMINATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To facilitate the determination of future planning applications, it was

RESOLVED

- (a) that a Planning Committee of six members, together with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor ex-officio, be appointed.
- (b) that the Planning Committee be empowered to exercise the responsibilities of the Town Council in connection with town and country planning and related matters, with the exception of any case where the magnitude or controversial nature of a matter is such that a decision should be taken by the Town Council.
- (c) that Councillors R.T.D. Hughes, J.M. James, J.H. Lewis, C.W. Parcell, A.E.H. Sursham, and B.R. Walsh be elected to serve on the Planning Committee until the date of the Annual Meeting, 1983.
- (d) that those members of the Town Council not appointed to the Planning Committee be sent copies of the Planning Committee agenda for information.

82/14 TRANSFER OF PROPERTY

RESOLVED

that the transfer of property from the former Huntingdon and Godmanchester Town Council to the Godmanchester Town Council be deferred until the appointment of a Town Clerk.

82/15 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

RESOLVED

- a) that the next meeting of the Godmanchester Town Council shall be held on 23rd April, 1982.
- b) that the Annual Parish meeting shall be held on 27th May 1982, at 7.00pm and shall be followed by a meeting of the Town Council, and
- c) that the first meeting of the Planning Committee shall be held on 15th April, 1982.

*G. M. Catney*

Chairman