

Godmanchester Town Council

MINUTES of the meeting of the TOWN COUNCIL held on the 24th February, 1983 at the Queen Elizabeth School.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs. J.M. McCartney (Town Mayor);
Councillors Mrs. E.C. Conway, B.P. Doherty, R.T.D. Hughes,
R.W. Looker, Mrs. M. L. Middlemiss, C.W. Parcell, Mrs. C.E.
Parker and A.E.H. Sursham.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C.E. Dalleywater, M.J. Hopkinson, J.M. James, J.H. Lewis, C. Parker and B.R. Walsh.

82/103 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th January, 1983 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor.

Arising therefrom it was noted that a water heater for the Queen Elizabeth School was being provided through the Friends of the Queen Elizabeth School; and that in connection with the proposed Restricted Roads Order for London Road, Councillor R.W. Looker and the Town Clerk be appointed to attend a site meeting to be held on the 25th February, 1983.

82/104 Local Government Act 1972. Sec. 95

With reference to Minute 82/95, the Town Clerk reported that the District Council had removed any disability upon the Councillors who by reason of their membership of Godspa would have been prevented otherwise from speaking and voting on related subjects. It was explained that Councillor Looker had not requested removal of any disability. In connection therewith Councillor Looker submitted a letter from London Solicitors which stated that by virtue of Sec. 95(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 no pecuniary interest existed in so far as membership of Godspa was concerned.

82/105 Leisure and Amenities Committee. 6th January, 1983

Minute 82/19 of the meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee held on the 6th January, 1983 was submitted, whereupon it was

Resolved.- that the recommendation contained in the above-mentioned Minute be approved and adopted.

(Councillor Mrs. Conway requested that her vote against the above decision be recorded and Councillor Looker took no part in the discussion or voting thereon).

82/106 Planning Committee.

The Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on the 20th January and 10th February, 1983 were submitted, whereupon it was

Resolved.- that the Minutes of the meetings be received and adopted.

82/108 Councillors' Use of the Queen Elizabeth School.

The Town Clerk reported that it was thought that Councillor Dalleywater had asked for the subject to be placed on the Agenda so that consideration could be given to free use of the Queen Elizabeth School for Members' surgeries. In view of the absences of Councillor Dalleywater and others it was agreed that the subject be placed on the Agenda of the next meeting of the Council.

82/109 Queen Elizabeth School.

(a) Milner & Roberts, Architects.

The Town Clerk reported the content of correspondence between the former Town Council and Milner & Roberts and his own observations that no legal obligation lay between the Council and the Architects, and therefore, between Godmanchester Town Council and the Architects, with respect to alterations to the Queen Elizabeth School. However, in order to clarify the matter, it was decided that the Town Clerk should seek the co-operation of the Town Clerk of Huntingdon with a view to determining decisions recorded in the Minutes of the former Town Council.

(b) Alterations and Improvements.

It was reported that Messrs. David Stokes and Willoughby-Fletcher were working together on the scheme for repairing, restoring and altering the Queen Elizabeth School. The Town Council were also informed that Councillor Sursham was not connected with the two gentlemen in the preparation of the scheme but was prepared to act as consultant for the Town Council. The Town Council concurred with the foregoing arrangements and affirmed their preference for Messrs. Stokes and Willoughby-Fletcher to undertake the scheme for the improvements.

82/110 Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils.

(a) Nomination for Huntingdon District Committee.

Resolved.- that subject to his concurrence, Councillor M.J. Hopkinson be nominated for the Huntingdon District Committee.

(b) Representation on School Governing Bodies.

The Town Council noted that under the new Constitution, the Town Council was able to make nominations only to the Godmanchester Primary School Governing Body. However, a question was raised with respect to the Hinchingsbrooke School Governing Body which was not shown in the Schedule presented by the Cambs. Assoc. of Local Councils, whereas St. Peter's School Governing Body was.

82/111 Godmanchester Sports and Recreation Association.

The Town Council were reminded that the Constitution of GODSPA allowed a seat on the Executive Committee to a member of the Town Council, whereupon it was

Resolved.- that Councillor A.E.H. Sursham be appointed as the Council's representative on the GODSPA Executive Committee.

82/112 Emergency Planning in the Community.

Councillor Doherty reminded the Town Council of the arrangements being made for the Public Meeting to be held on the 23rd March 1985 at the Oak Lane Primary School which would be addressed by Mr. N. Godfrey, District Controller designate and Mr. G. Bushe'll, Emergency Planning Officer. The Town Clerk reported with respect to the extent to which expense would be incurred and thereupon it was

Resolved.- that emergency planning in the community be regarded as in the interests of the residents of the town and any expenditure incurred in connection therewith be met pursuant to Section 137 of the Local Government Act,

82/113 Huntingdon Area Local Plan. Exhibition.

Details were given of proposals for an exhibition to be held in the Queen Elizabeth School relating to the Huntingdon Area Local Plan on the 25th/26th March, 1983 by the District Council, and it was

Resolved.- that the charge for the use of the Queen Elizabeth School be waived.

82/114 Dick Turpin's Ride to York.

The Town Council received information with respect to a cavalcade which would pass through Godmanchester during June 21st and 22nd in connection with a long-distance ride being organised by the Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation. It was reported that part of the intended route was along the footpath over the Recreation Ground. Upon learning of the arrangements for preparing and reinstating footpaths being used for this purpose, the Town Council

Resolved.- that no objection be raised to the above described proposals.

82/115 Churchyard Repairs.

Details were given in a letter from the Vicar of repairs to the clock and churchyard identified during the quinquennial survey and for which the Town Council would be responsible, whereupon it was

Resolved.- that the Vicar be asked to obtain estimates of repair for which the Town Council will accept financial responsibility.

82/116 Accounts.

Resolved.- that the following payments be approved.-

Osmans of Huntingdon	£30. 29
Huntingdon Town Council (repayment of 75% of £53, 76 to John Smith & Sons for maintenance of the Church clock)	£40. 32
Eastern Electricity (lighting, Queen Elizabeth School to 7/2/83)	£11. 24
Public Works Board (repayment, St. Anne's Lane site - 15/3/83)	£672. 19
J.A. Davie	£118. 56
Inland Revenue	£48. 30
Petty cash (cleaning of Queen Elizabeth School at £1.63 per hour)	£20. 00
Huntingdon District Council (Inter-Village Sports Competition entry fees)	£37. 50

82/117 Huntingdon & Godmanchester Carnival Committee.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Mrs. Conway, the Town Council agreed that the annual carnival should continue to be organised for both towns and

Resolved.- that Councillor Mrs. Conway be appointed as the Town Council's representative on the Carnival Committee.

James M. Barbary

Town Mayor