

Godmanchester Town Council

MINUTES of the meeting of the Town Council held in the Queen Elizabeth School, Godmanchester, on the 13 December, 1984

PRESENT: Councillor R.T.D. Hughes (Town Mayor);
Councillors Mrs. E.C. Conway, B.P. Doherty, Mrs. J.B. Doherty, Mrs. J.V. Harris, M.J. Hopkinson, J.M. James, J.H. Lewis, Mrs. M.L. Middlemiss, L. Miller, C.W. Parcell, Mrs. P. Tenten and A.E. Sursham.

APOLOGIES for absence from the meeting were presented on behalf of Councillors W.R. Looker and Mrs C. Parker.

PRAYERS

Prayers were said by the Rev. D.H. Clark, Vicar of Godmanchester.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor announced (a) that since the last meeting he had attended -

- i) at a Mencap Charity event for the launch of a new appeal for funds towards a new bungalow;
- ii) at the Exhibition Public House where he had drawn the winning ticket in a lottery sponsored by the Landlord which had raised nearly £500 in one week towards the Children In Need Appeal;
- iii) at the Salvation Army Carol Evening;

(b) that Councillors Doherty, Sursham and Miller together with Councillor Miller's brother had planted 15 trees on the Recreation Ground and on behalf of the Council he thanked them;

(c) that an invitation had been received from the Vicar of Godmanchester to attend in a civic capacity the Carol Service to be held in the Parish Church at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve;

(d) that a similar invitation had been extended by the Friends of the Queen Elizabeth School to join in carol singing on School Hill on Saturday the 22nd December, 1984 and afterwards to take seasonal refreshment in the School; and

(e) that a quotation in the sum of £548 .00 had been received for a suitable single arm barrier for the Mill Yard entrance to the Recreation Ground. In this connection the Town Council asked that alternative quotations be obtained before an order was placed.

84/93 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 22 November, 1984 were confirmed as a correct ^{copy} and signed by the Town Mayor following clarification with respect to

- i) Minute 84/86 in that it was intended that a public meeting should be held to determine also the particular facility at the proposed Community School to which the Town Council should contribute funds;
- ii) Minute 84/89(a) as to the accuracy of the terms of the licence.

Arising therefrom, it was reported

- a) Minute 84/82 (d) - the Christmas tree would be erected on Saturday the 15 December, 1984;
- b) Minute 84/85 (b) that the District Council had granted planning permission in respect of a house on land adj. 10 Orchard Way;
- c) Minute 84/90 - that applications by the Cricket Club for grants by the Sports Council, the County Council and the District

Council had all been rejected; in respect of which the Town Council decided that the subject should be referred to the Recreation and Amenities Working Party for further consideration.

84/94 ACCOUNTS

Resolved.- that the following payments be approved.-

D.B. Sparks	£25. 00
S.S. Motors (Fuels) Limited	£90. 00
J.A. Davie	£121. 24
Inland Revenue	43. 50
Petty Cash	£50. 00

84/95 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to the following applications, whereupon it was

Resolved.- that the Director of Planning be informed that the Town Council recommend as follows:

- (1) Return to shop use, 3/4 Old Court Hall - APPROVAL
- (2) Bungalow adj. Chapel House, The Stiles - APPROVAL
subject to a reservation that the existing brick wall might be lowered to improve visibility.

84/96 PLAYScheme 1984

The Town Clerk reported that whereas a total of £440 in grants towards the cost of the Playscheme 1984 had been anticipated, in the event £240 from Messrs. Saatchi and Saatchi would not materialise. The Town Council were acquainted with the circumstances of the situation and confirmed that ^{the} procedure for obtaining the grant by Mr. P. Heseltine had been undertaken by him in good faith. The Town Council were also informed that Mr. Heseltine had indicated that he would be unable to assist with a summer playscheme in 1985. In noting the information with regret, the Town Council agreed that Mr. Heseltine should be warmly thanked for his substantial contribution towards the undoubted success of the Playscheme 1984. Thereupon it was

Resolved.- that the Playscheme Working Party continue to promote a suitable group of people to organise a summer playscheme in 1985.

84/97 PRECEPT 1985/86

Further to Minute 84/91, consideration was given to the Budget estimate for 1985/86 prepared by the Town Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book). Councillor Hopkinson described the extent to which the Budget incorporated indications given at the last meeting and suggested that the cost of the Civic Service and Reception should be excluded from the Mayoral Purse. It was further suggested that any grants to be made to Godspa should be included in a total provision of £3,000. The Town Council took into account anticipated balances as at 31 March 1985 and

Resolved.- (a) that the work necessary to restore and extend the Queen Elizabeth School in accordance with Plans 15 and 16 at a total estimated cost of £70,00 less any grants be approved;

(b) that the work be funded by utilising £50,000 from revenue and £20,000 by raising a loan;

(c) that a sum of £500 for civic purposes be included in the Budget: and

(d) that a precept equal to a rate of 8.5p (£38,350. 00) be levied for 1985/86.

In relation to the provision of buildings for community use the Town Council further

Resolved.- that a public meeting be called early in 1985 to inform townspeople and seek discussion on both the Queen Elizabeth School project and the possibilities of developing a community school in Godmanchester.

The Town Council noted that Councillors Hughes and Doherty would prepare and submit items which they consider should be funded by the Civic Fund and that a filing cabinet was likely to be purchased out of the Furniture provision.



Town Mayor

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<u>Draft Budget 1985/86</u>	£
Administration	2,600
Town Hall	2,500
Queen Elizabeth School	70,000
Town Mayor	350
Insurances	300
Twinning	1,000
Churchyard & clock	1,500
Street lighting	3,000
Grants	2,000
Godspa	1,000
Furniture	500
Playscheme	2,000
Agency Works	10,000 6,210
Allotments	320
Amenity & recreation	6,000