

Godmanchester Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held in the Queen Elizabeth School, Godmanchester on the 12th December, 1985.

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

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

Town Mayor's announcements.

i. The Town Council were reminded of the Carol Service to be held in the Parish Church on Christmas Eve at 6 p.m. Councillors were asked to assemble at the Queen Elizabeth School at 5.45 p.m. whence they would process to the south porch of the Church.

ii. The Town Mayor announced with respect to the two vacancies on the Town Council that Notices thereof would be posted. If no request in the names of ten electors was received by the Returning Officer within the due period, it would fall to the Town Council to appoint persons to fill the vacancies.

iii. Town Councillors were requested to sign a fresh bank mandate for which specimen signatures would also be required.

iv. The Town Mayor and Mayoress invited Councillors and all members of the public present to join them in Festive cheer at the conclusion of the meeting.

85/87 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 21 November, 1985 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor subject to the substitution of B.P. Doherty for Mrs. J.B. Doherty in Minute 85/84, and the deletion of the words "and as the grass maintenance was now satisfactory" in the second paragraph of Minute 85/79.

Arising therefrom, it was agreed and/or noted:

that the details contained in some Press reports of Council Meetings were obtained by telephone from the Town Clerk;

Minute 85/79 - that the application to fell etc. trees in the Causeway Conservation Area had not been well received by Planning Officers: and that an estimate of repairs to the Jubilee Hut was being prepared by the Volunteer Work Force - with a view to repairs being carried by the summer;

Minute 85/82 - that no further information was available in respect of the proposed community school - and that the site off London Road earmarked for a new school was accumulating litter and rubbish;

Minute 85/86 - that no further progress had been made with respect to new Recreation Ground Byelaws: that about £18,000 had been spent on the Town Hall since April, 1982: and that there was evidence of goodwill within the Senior Citizens' Club towards the Town Council.

85/88 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Following consideration of the undermentioned applications, it was

Resolved.-

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

- (a) 85/1732F. New garage and store, 41 London Street.
APPROVAL
- (b) 85/1745F. Car port and kitchen extension, 12 Cambridge St.
APPROVAL
- (c) 85/1783LB. Re-roof red brick cottage facing Old Court Hall
1, West Street - APPROVAL
- (d) 85/1746F. Erection of 10 flats, ancillary works, demolition
of summer house and garden wall, rear of 21 Post St.
REFUSAL
 - i) Proposal constitutes backland development;
 - ii) object to the introduction of additional traffic onto an already hazardous and heavily trafficked area;
 - iii) Demolition of part of the boundary wall would destroy part of the architectural heritage which "listing" seeks to retain;
 - iv) the design of the units is incompatible with those of adjacent and surrounding dwellings;
 - v) the development would prejudice the historic amenities of the surrounding area; and
 - vi) object to the loss of trees which the development inevitably would cause.
- (e) 85/1714LB. Refurbishment of existing building, 21 Post St.
APPROVAL
- (f) 85/1726LB. Demolition of wall north side of "The Holme",
demolition of summer house, refurbishment,
renewal of windows etc., erection of gateway,
21 Post Street - REFUSAL
 - i) Object to part demolition of wall.
 - ii) Object to demolition of summer house which, with sympathetic refurbishment, could be returned to an habitable dwelling.
 - iii) No objection to refurbishment of 21 Post St., renewal of windows etc.,
 - iv) Object to proposed gateway which would alter the character of that part of the listed building.

85/89 ACCOUNTS

Resolved.- that the following payments be approved.-

D. Fuller	£85 - 00
C. Toliday & Son	£11 - 00
Godmanchester St. Mary's Men's Club	£350 - 00
J. A. Davie	£119 - 68
Inland Revenue	£43 - 50
Petty Cash	£30 - 00

85/90 QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL

Councillor Hopkinson reported that Building Regulations approval had been granted in respect of the new-build proposals and that the reconstituted Management Committee had held one meeting. It was

their aim to formulate objectives as soon as possible

The Town Council then noted details of tenders received for the combined work of erecting new public conveniences and carrying out extensions and repairs to the Queen Elizabeth School as shown hereunder, for which the combined estimate was about £110,000.

(The Town Mayor here declared an interest in the subject and left the room)

Councillor R.T.D. Hughes in the Chair.

Conwell Construction Ltd.	£121,468.
Coulson	£136,306.
T.L. Sturgeon	£126,387. 15
David Walsh	£137,390.
Waymans	£137,731.

Councillor Hopkinson thereupon explained that ~~as the specification was capable of being reduced in its standards without harming the quality of the work desired - as far as the School was concerned -~~ It would be necessary to examine the tenders against the specification. Thereupon, it was

Resolved.- that the details be examined by the Queen Elizabeth School Working Party for a recommendation to be made to the next meeting of the Town Council.

Councillor B.P. Doherty here returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

Councillor W.R. Looker was not present for the rest of the meeting.

85/91 GODMANCHESTER SPORTS ASSOCIATION

The Town Council were informed that Solicitors had written on behalf of the Trustees of Godspa to indicate that they wished to transfer their undertaking to the Town Council.

Councillor Lewis stated that notwithstanding his position as Treasurer of Godspa, his only interest was that of the best interest of the people of the Town and he deprecated the manner by which the District Auditor had ^{been led to ask} asked questions on the subject. The Town Council learned that the three trustees were R.W. Looker, C.W. Looker and J. Jacques. It was reported that the outstanding loans to Godspa were by the Brewery, the Joint Stock Bank and R.W. Looker, ^{the Godmanchester Rugby and Athletic Association}

The Town Council acknowledged that they would need to know more details, including the equity of the Town Council in the project if a transfer of interests took place. Notwithstanding their favourable inclination towards the offer, the Town Council

Resolved.- that further investigations be undertaken by the Godspa Working Party.

Councillor Mrs. Conway here left the meeting.

85/92 PRECEPT 1986/87.

Further to Minute 85/83, the Town Council gave consideration to their amended estimates and noted that projected Agency expenditure in the current year would be £7,530: and was estimated to be £7,800 in the ensuing year. In the context of their Budget, the Town Council

carried out the two-yearly review of the Town Clerk's salary and noted the need to adjust the payment for office accommodation. Whereupon, it was

Resolved.- ~~(a) that with effect from the 1st April, 1986, the salary of the Town Clerk be increased by £192 per annum and the payment for office accommodation be increased by £18 per annum; and~~

~~(b) that a precept in the sum of £40,562 (8.5p) be levied for the ensuing financial year.~~



Town Mayor