

GODMANCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the TOWN COUNCIL held in the QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL, GODMANCHESTER on THURSDAY the 18th JULY 1991

Present: Councillor Mrs. J. Doherty (Town Mayor)  
Councillors B. Doherty, P. Forster, Mrs. B. Hennessy, R.T.D. Hughes,  
E. Kynoch, J.C.S. Lager, R/ Marsden, L. Miller, A. Sursham

Apologies were tendered on behalf of Councillors Looker, Stokes & Mrs. Middlemiss.

**TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

British Telecom has notified the installation of a kiosk in Cambridge Road. Smiths of Derby have confirmed that St. Mary's Church Clock is in good condition - no major expenditure in view - and have offered an Auto Restart Unit - The Rev Clark will advise.

Floor Treatment in the Queen Elizabeth School will commence Monday 22nd July.

**91/019 HINCHINGBROOKE HOSPITAL - TRUST STATUS**

The Town Council was addressed by Mrs. S. Gough and Mr. Ryder of the Hospital Administrative Staff. The main reason for the proposed change was the improved control of finances at the Hospital, and consequent local decision taking on priorities. Basic finance on a per capita basis would attract revenue to the most successful units, so bringing in an element of competition and promoting efficiency. Some concern was expressed by Councillors on the probable reduction in revenue for the less popular hospitals. It was felt that, owing to widely diverging views, Councillors should write individually to the Regional Health Authority at Cambridge.

**91/020 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meetings held on 20th June and 4th July 1991 were APPROVED and signed as a correct record.

**91/021 MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM**

Godspa Football Pitch Maintenance

In view of the fact that maintenance of grassed areas is no longer required, the payment of £150 to Godmanchester Rovers should be refunded.

Control of Dogs on Roads Order 1991

The District Council has confirmed that a supplementary Order would be implemented to cover the roads omitted from the original Order.

**91/022 ACCOUNTS**

It was Resolved that the following payments be APPROVED.

	£.
Mrs. J. Doherty	207.93
Kall-Kwick Printing	142.47
Godmanchester Rovers	150.00
R.W. Looker	13.70
Playscheme	3000.00
Huntingdonshire District Council	4077.50
H. Shepherd	379.77
J.K. Doherty	200.00
Inland Revenue	120.02
Customs & Excise	100.00
R.T.D. Hughes	91.96

91/023 RECREATION & AMENITY WORKING PARTY

Councillor Forster presented a report of a meeting held on July 7th.

Play Area

The provision of a seat within the Play Area for a sum of £460 plus delivery and VAT was APPROVED. Installation would be arranged separately.

Approval of the safety standard on the see-saw was still awaited from the Insurance Company Engineering Inspectorate.

Grass Maintenance

A further letter would be sent to the District Council.

Vehicle Gate - Recreation Ground

The gate at the Mill Yard requires modification so that high vehicles such as ambulances/fire engines can pass through.

91/024 GODSPA

It was AGREED to complete the payment for the initial work on removing the BMX track Arrangements for completing the work would be progressed by Councillor Mrs Hennessy, who would obtain a firm quotation.

91/025 PLAYScheme

Payment of £3000 was APPROVED, with a request for full details of expenditure.

91/026 STRUCTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Assessment of the new taxation proposals was on the whole favourable, though comment was made that the individual Community Charge was a good principle - its failure due to insufficient weight placed on ability to pay.

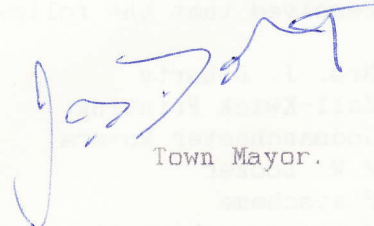
Banding of properties considered a fair proposal. The allocation of business rates requires further study, as the present averaging creates anomalies between dissimilar areas.

Locally the provision of improved public toilet facilities, perhaps with attendants, might be an acceptable expense to the majority of residents.

91/027 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT

Details are awaited from the District Council of proposals for litter abatement.

The meeting closed at 10.25 pm.



Town Mayor.