

GODMANCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL.

MINUTES of the meeting of the TOWN COUNCIL at a meeting held on the 23rd September, 1982 in the Queen Elizabeth School.

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

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Councillors C. Parker and B.R. Walsh.

PRAYERS were said by the Mayor's Chaplain, Councillor Rev. J.P. Young.

82/46 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 26th August, 1982 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor subject to its being noted that in relation to Minute 82/40 (a) the recommendation of the Committee was to defer consideration of the request until any change in the use of the Football Changing Rooms had been decided.

82/47 MATTERS ARISING

(a) In relation to the proceedings of previous meetings, and having regard to Members's wishes to keep abreast of decisions taken, the Town Clerk was asked to present at successive meetings a list of items where action needed to be taken.

(b) In relation to Minute 82/39 the Town Mayor reported that the Fire Officer had visited the Q.E. School, whose report would be forwarded to the Town Clerk. Subject to works to ensure alternative egress from the main hall, it was considered the building could be used for events other than those for which a Music and Dancing Licence was required, provided restrictions on numbers were imposed. Thereupon the Council gave consideration to letting chargesand, having regard to the uncertainty of lighting, heating and other costs

Resolved.- (a) that an interim letting charge of £5 per session be made;

(b) that in respect of events organised by the Friends of the Queen Elizabeth School and meetings of its Executive Committee, the letting charge be waived.

(c) In relation to Minute 81/40 and the subject of repairs to Recreation Ground play equipment, the Council reconsidered the extent to which the Agency Powers of the District Council should extend and whether repairs to the equipment should also be undertaken by the District Council and

Resolved.- (a) that the District Council's agency powers be extended to include the maintenance of the Recreation Ground play equipment with authority to carry out repairs to the value of £100 without prior reference to the Town Council;

(b) that the District Council be requested to arrange for the repairs to the play equipment, referred to in Minute 82/40(d)(ii), as cheaply and speedily as possible.

## 82/48 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 26th August, 1982 were submitted (copies of which are appended in the Minute Book).

Resolved.- That the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee be received and adopted.

## 82/49 PROPERTY WORKING PARTY

The Report of the meeting of the Property Working Party held on the 26th August, 1982 was submitted, which appended a report of the findings by Clr. A.E.H. Sursham following an inspection of the Town Hall roof and guttering (and copies of the Report and findings are appended in the Minute Book). Consideration was given to the recommendations contained in the Report and it was

Resolved.- that items 1 and 2 of the Findings (exterior gutters and down pipes, roof flashings etc.) be put in hand as soon as possible.

(b) that the flagpole be taken down (and in due course, a smaller suitable flagpole be installed at the Queen Elizabeth School).

(c) that the remaining items reported be considered in connection with the preparation of the Precept.

## 82/50 WEARING OF GOWNS

With reference to Minute 81/23, further consideration was given to the subject of wearing of gowns; and Members expressed views on the worth of being gowned at Council Meetings. The opinion was given that Members should have the option of being gowned or not; whereupon it was

Resolved.- that at Quarterly Meetings of the Council, and on other appropriate civic occasions, Members exercise the option of wearing gowns.

## 82/51 INTER-VILLAGE SPORTS COMPETITION

The Town Council gave consideration to details contained in a letter from the District Council on the subject of Inter-Village Sports Competition in 1983. (A copy of the letter is appended in the Minute Book). A number of Members considered that the enterprise could provide fun and be viable and, with a view to ascertaining the degree of interest likely to be generated, it was

Resolved.- that Councillors Dalbeywater, Doherty and James consult the various clubs and organisations in Godmanchester.

## 82/52 BUS SHELTERS

Information from the District Council concerning the provision of new and renovated bus shelters was debated by the Council who, generally, were not enamoured with the proposed site adjacent to the Black Bull public house. In their view, the stop at the White Hart P.H. could be used but the site at Old Court Hall was the most appropriate. However, Councillor C.W. Parcell was authorised to indicate the Council's view at a site meeting to be held on the 5th October, 1982.

## 82/53 TOWN SCHEME GRANTS

Reference was made to the intention of the District Council to introduce a Town Scheme in Godmanchester whereby grants would be available towards the cost of renovating qualifying properties.

Councillor Sursham reported that the Civic Society considered that "The Maltings", Pinfold Lane, merited nomination for a grant when the Town Scheme was introduced, and sought the support of the Town Council to its nomination.

Resolved.- that the introduction of the Town Scheme in Godmanchester be warmly welcomed and that the nomination of "The Maltings" be supported when an application is confirmed.

82/54 PRECEPT 1983/84

Following a suggestion by the Town Clerk that a small Working Party be appointed to consider and make recommendations with respect to items for the Precept, it was

Resolved.- That a Finance Committee comprising all the Members of the Council be appointed.

82/55 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS.

At the request of the Leisure and Amenities Committee, the Town Council gave consideration to a draft calendar of meetings which would incorporate regular meetings of that Committee. The Town Clerk indicated that the draft calendar took into account that the Planning Committee and Property Working Party would meet on any of the dates or as necessary; whereupon it was

Resolved.- that the dates of Council meetings, approved on the 27th May, 1982 be confirmed and that meetings of the Leisure and Amenities Committee be held on the 7th October, 1982; 6th January and 10th March, 1987.

82/56 ACCOUNTS

(a) B.B. Preservation Ltd. Further to Minute 82/45 the Town Council gave consideration to the outstanding balance of account and the detailed statement submitted by B.B. Preservation Ltd. During an examination thereof, the length of time quoted for labour and that during which a 2 Kw generator was supplied were questioned and, in the knowledge that an account for replacing the electricity meter remained to be settled, it was

Resolved.- (a) that B.B. Preservation Ltd. be asked to supply copies of daywork sheets relating to the 135 hours of labour, and

(b) that subject to the retention of amounts of £1181.25 and £80.00 in respect of labour and supply of generator respectively, the balance of the account be paid.

(b) Other accounts. It was

Resolved.- that the following payments be made:

Public Works Loans Board	£667.22
J.A. Davie	37.82
Inland Revenue	36.30

82/57 SECONDARY STREET LIGHTING

Councillor Doherty reported with respect to age and inadequacy of much of the street lighting for which the Town Council was responsible and which was subject to agency maintenance by the District Council. The latter were prepared to carry out a survey on the 6S lamp standards and submit a report on the cost of their upgrading to the standard at which they would be adopted and maintained by the County Council. Following discussion it was

Resolved.- that the District Council be requested to undertake the

above-mentioned survey with a view to a report being made to the Town Council on the 21st October, 1932.

82/58 GODMANCHESTER CEMETERY.

Councillor Doherty informed the Town Council on two occasions where the procedure followed by the District Council at the Cemetery caused graves to be turfed before relatives of the deceased had had adequate opportunity to tend the graves. Members expressed the view that relatives should be permitted to tend graves until headstones were erected and, generally, that a more sympathetic approach by staff associated with the Cemetery should be shown; notwithstanding the undoubted communication problems with bereaved families.

82/59 HUNTINGDON YOUTH CENTRE

The Town Clerk reported with regard to a representative of the Town Council being on the Youth Centre Management Committee and, in response to an affirmative indication, it was

Resolved.- that Councillor C.E. Dalleywater be appointed the Town Council's representative on the above-mentioned Management Committee.

*James M. Dalleywater*  
Town Mayor