

Godmanchester Town Council

MINUTES of the meeting held in the Queen Elizabeth School on the 22nd March, 1984.

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

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor B. R. Walsh.

TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor announced :

(a) that Councillors so wishing would be able to obtain nomination papers for the forthcoming Town Council Election from the Town Clerk;

(b) that an Exhibition of the Ouse Valley Recreation Local Plan would be held in the Church Hall in the near future;

(c) that the Town Council's precept represented a reduction from 7.0 p in the £ to 5.4 p in the £:

(d) that it was hoped the Town Council would settle the account from the Black Bull Hotel and that Councillors would individually remit their charges to the Town Clerk: and

(e) that the District Council had agreed the terms of disposal of Buttermel Meadow to the Town Council, each party to bear own costs.

83/131 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd February, 1984 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor subject to the replacement of the words "a discussion" in line 2 of Minute 83/117 by the words "the subject". Councillor Mrs. Parker asked to be disassociated with the reference to "an indictment of many of Godmanchester's young people." in the same Minute.

Arising therefrom, it was noted and/or agreed:

(i) that the repair of the John Bester seat at an estimated cost of £50 be undertaken with urgency (Minute 83/120);

(ii) that little change had been seen to take place with respect to the street lighting scheme - Director of Technical Services to be asked to present written information (Minute 83/121):

(iii) that the planning application in respect of the Queen Elizabeth School extensions might be delayed by the decision taking process associated with the re-siting of the public conveniences: that an estimate of the costs of the extensions be submitted at the next Town Council Meeting (Minute 83/125c):

(iv) that the quotation for Churchyard grasscutting was in the sum of £650 (Minute 83/130).

83/132 PLAYSCHHEME 1984

The Working Party submitted written and verbal details of proposals for operating a Playscheme in Godmanchester in 1984 at a cost marginally beyond the budget estimate of £2,000. In endorsing the proposals (copies of which are appended in the Minute Book) the Town Council

Resolved.- that the Scheme as proposed be approved;

that the Working Party be asked to continue and submit an evaluation of the Scheme at an early opportunity after August, 1984;

that the likely overspend be approved; and

that an Open Meeting be arranged at the Queen Elizabeth School on the 26th April, 1984 (7.30p.m.) at which interested parents and supporters may attend.

83/133 QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL - Review of Use.

Consideration was given to the use being made of the Queen Elizabeth School by the Buttermel Project and the Godmanchester Brownie Pack. Concern was expressed about the conduct of some of the young people associated with the Buttermel Project, but on balance, Councillors were of the view that a firm effort was being made to organise in a useful and creative manner. No problems were associated with the use being made by the Brownies. Thereupon, it was

Resolved. - that subject to the Buttermel Project users complying with the Rules of Use, free use on Wednesdays be extended to the end of June, 1984;

that the use by the Brownies be extended to the end of June, 1984.

83/134 PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINING MAYORALTY 1984/85

The Town Council agreed to reach agreement informally at the conclusion of the meeting.

83/135 ACCOUNTS

Resolved.- that the following payments be approved.-

Audit Commission	£175 - 95
D. B. Sparks	25 - 00
Stedman's (Huntingdon)	35 - 00
J. A. Davie	116 - 65
Inland Revenue	37 - 50
Petty Cash	30 - 00
Black Bull Hotel	152 - 00

In respect of the latter item, the Town Council expressed thanks to the Town Mayor for a most enjoyable occasion.

83/136 DISTRICT AUDIT

The Town Mayor reported that he and the Town Clerk had held a meeting with the District Auditor on the 16th February, 1984 at which the latter had explained that although nothing had arisen during the course of the audit on which he had to make

a report and there was no matter on which he had to take any action, questions raised by interested persons had prolonged the signing of the accounts. The formal signing was made on that day.

With respect to the Audit of the Accounts for the current year, the Town Clerk reported that this would take place on 8th May, 1984 and sought confirmation that it was the Town Council's wish to place notices thereof rather than insert a newspaper advertisement.

Resolved.- that notices with respect to the Audit be placed.

83/137 CIVIC CONTINGENCY ALLOWANCE

The Town Council concurred that it was helpful to set a limit within which it was intended to meet the cost of any hospitality (associated with twinning etc.) and

Resolved.- that an item be included in the draft budget when it is prepared for the next financial year.

83/138 RECREATION GROUND FOOTPATHS

Councillor Sursham explained reasons for requesting the Town Council to give attention to this subject and in the discussion it emerged that the surface adjacent to the Mill Yard bridge was to receive attention by the District Council. The Town Council asked that the attention of both the County and District Councils be drawn to the deteriorating state of the footpath between the footbridges.

83/139 CHURCHYARD FENCE

Having regard to information provided by Councillor Sursham with respect to the Churchyard fence adjacent to the wicket gate in the north-east corner, the Town Council accepted the Councillor's offer to obtain an estimate of the cost of repair for the next meeting.

83/140 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to the following applications:-

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

- (a) Division of 13 Post Street into two separate dwellings-
APPROVE
- (b) Cash & Carry meat sales, Unit 21 Roman Way Estate-
APPROVE
- (c) Cul-de-sac road to housing, land off Silver Street-
APPROVE
- (d) Two new shop units with flats over, adj. 41 Cambridge Street- APPROVE
- (e) Office & stores, 6 The Stiles-
APPROVE
- (f) First floor extensions, 23 Cambridge Villas -
APPROVE

AIMS OF SCHEME
The playscheme should be designed to provide :

1. A high quality, intensive play experience for children aged between five and thirteen.
2. A base for involving parents and the wider community in children's play.
3. An embryonic play association which would be prepared to undertake future organisation of children's play in Godmanchester.

METHOD

In order to achieve these aims, the following are proposed :

1. A three week playscheme between August 6 -25 be organised at Godmanchester Primary School.
2. The scheme should be based around a theme with the play activities during the first two weeks leading to the involvement of a professional community arts team for the third week.
3. The third week of the scheme should be organised by the staff of Action Space Mobile, one of the most experienced teams in the country. Their work with children has been of a consistently high standard since 1968.

ORGANISATION

For the purposes of this year's scheme, the following is suggested:

1. A small sub-committee of the Town Council be appointed to act as the co-ordinating group together with an Action Space Mobile representative, a Godmanchester Community Association representative, Mr Brian Brown, Headmaster of the Primary School, Mr P. Heseltine.
2. The sub-committee would :
 - a. Make the necessary administrative arrangements
 - b. Advertise for and interview staff
 - c. Oversee the general organisation of the scheme
 - d. Prepare a report and suitable accounts for the Town Council
3. In order to begin the involvement of the local community it is suggested an initial meeting be called to include Action Space Mobile representatives.

FINANCE

The following budget is suggested :

Hire of Action Space Mobile	1000 + VAT
Employment of three playworkers	720
Insurance	80
Equipment and materials	150
Sundries	50.

It is assumed that the Town Council will be able to reclaim VAT. A possible grant from the Eastern Arts Association should be claimed. Equipment will either be scrap material or purchased from the Midlands Play Resource Centre.

P.J. Heseltine, 3 Earning Street, Godmanchester.

J.D.

Public Meeting

Report of the Committee

Date: March 15, 1964

Time scale: week of March 15, 1964 - August 15, 1964
This is a week of public meeting to draw ideas of similar projects; helping with the writing of proposals (to be approved) and finally a training week - all or by all parents and caregivers.

aim of programme: to give to each a solid base of **parental** and local play to be used by the parent and child. extends beyond the normal concerns of occupying children in the school holidays to building up a programme of ventures that culminate in the city centre (parents and children) presenting an enjoyable occasion to the community. Also as a long term aim to build from this event into a continuous involvement with play facilities and community activities in Southchester by this group of local people.

<u>Working:</u> One week of full time company plus 4 weekends	£1,000 - 15 W/P
2 W.P. workers for training week and	200 - 10 W/P
Interviews and public meeting	travel costs