

Godmanchester Town Council

MINUTES of the meeting of the TOWN COUNCIL held in the Queen Elizabeth School on the 19th April, 1984.

PRESENT: Councilor B.P. Doherty (Town Mayor);
Councillors Mrs. E.C. Conway, M.J. Hopkinson, R.T.D. Hughes,
J.M. James, J.H. Lewis, R. W. Looker, Mrs. M.L. Middlemics,
Mrs. J.M. McCartney and B.R. Walsh.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors
C.E. Dalleywater, C.W. Parcell, Mrs. C.M. Parker, C. Parker and
A.E. Sursham.

TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor announced (i) that in the course of visiting Wood Green Animal Shelter at Heydon he had learned that the Animal Shelter proposed to spend about £750,000 on their project in Godmanchester which was projected to start in early May and be completed in 1985, and (ii) that a Cheese and Wine event was to be held in the Town Hall, Huntingdon on Friday the 29th May, 1984 in aid of the Huntingdon Town Mayor's Charity.

83/145 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 22 March and of the Special Meeting held on the 10 April, 1984 were confirmed as true records and signed by the Town Mayor, subject to the following
i) Minute 83/141 - the amendment of the word "Godon" to "Aldermen".
ii) Minute 83/144 - that Councillor Lewis had voted against the resolution in view of the low number of Councillors then present and the fact that the decision incurred expenditure.

Arising therefrom, it was noted and/or agreed:

- i) Minute 83/131(i) - that the urgency of the subject be emphasised in writing to the Director of Technical Services;
- ii) Minute 83/132 - that a meeting would be held on Friday 27 May 1984 at which further details would be explored before the meeting referred to in Minute 83/132 was arranged;
- iii) Minute 83/140 - that Councillor Looker had declared an interest and had left the meeting during the consideration and determination of the subject;
- iv) Minute 83/143 - that the Music Box Society wished to use School Hill on 30 June, 1984.

83/146 ELECTION OF TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Town Clerk reported that the thirteen Town Councillors validly nominated would serve a four year term of office and that an election for the two vacancies would be held on the 21 June, 1984

83/147 GODSPA

Councillor Hopkinson, on behalf of the Working Party, reported that progress was being made as envisaged and recorded in Minute 83/92. Three contractors had undertaken work and there were noticeable changes in the overall situation at Godspa. Further priority expenditure on capital works was being established. Thereupon, it was

Resolved.- that the following payments be confirmed:

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| D.P. Clarke | £198 - 00 |
| F.T. Ruston Ltd. | 76 - 21 |
| Tony Dighton Ltd. | £248 - 00 |

83/148 CHURCHYARD FENCE

With reference to Minute Minute 83/139, the Town Clerk submitted a quotation of £64 - 42 by Conwell Construction Ltd. for the repairs to the Churchyard fence and the Town Council thereupon

Resolved.- that the cost of the repairs as per the quotation by Conwell Construction Ltd. be met by the Town Council.

83/149 QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL.
(a) Flame-proof curtains.

The Town Clerk reported that the Friends of the Queen Elizabeth School had allocated funds for the provision of the curtains but that they would not be hung until the improvements had been completed. The Town Council noted the information with appreciation.

(b) Extensions.

The Town Clerk reported further to Minute 83/131(i i) that the Architect estimated the costs of the extensions and some external works to approximate to £34,500. Having regard to the need for regular liaison between the Architect and elected members, the Town Council

Resolved.- that a Working Party comprising Councillors M.J. Hopkinson, J.M. James, J.H. Lewis and Mrs M.L. Middlemiss be appointed to liaise with the Architect on the subject of the extensions and improvements to the Queen Elizabeth School.

83/150 REPLACEMENT PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The Town Council were informed that although the District Council had determined that the replacement public conveniences should be sited on the Mill Yard car park, planning permission had still to be obtained. In the circumstances, the planning permission for the listed building works would not be issued until the public conveniences application had been determined.

83/151 PLANNING APPLICATION

Consideration was given to the following application, whereupon it was

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

Renewal of use, Salvation Army Hall, Pipers Lane - APPROVAL

83/152 GODMANCHESTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Consideration was given to the Town Council acquiring formal membership of the Community Association as a corporate body, and it was

Resolved.- that the Town Council acquire formal membership of the Godmanchester Community Association.

83/153 LAND OFF ST. ANNE'S LANE

The Town Clerk gave details of the information prepared and supplied to a large number of enquirers who had expressed interest in the site of the former Health Centre, in response to which ^{seven tenders} had been received. Upon the tenders being opened, the following offers were revealed:

1. Tony Dighton Ltd. £51,000
2. Target Housing Society (Rugby 1969) Ltd. £39,000
3. Muir Group Housing Association Ltd. £38,100

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| 4. Huntingdon District Council | £50,500 |
| 5. G.B. Brudenel Ltd. | £28,000 |
| 6. Roland & Hammond Ltd. | £55,000 |
| 7. Yelcon Ltd. | £48,250 |

In addition, a letter from the Comrades Club was read.
Following consideration of the foregoing tenders, it was


Resolved.- (a) that the tender of Roland & Hammond Ltd. in the sum of £55,000 be assented, subject to contract; and

(b) that Messrs. Winters (Solicitors) be instructed to act for the Town Council in the conveyance of the site.

87/154 ACCOUNTS

Resolved.- that the following payments be approved:

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| Huntingdon District Council - rates, Queen Elizabeth School 1981/85 | £156 - 70 |
| Anglian Water - Churchyard tap | 16 - 15 |
| Smith-Gore - allotment ret to 6th April '84 | 120 - 00 |
| J.A. Davie - salary & expenses | 101 - 56 |
| Inland Revenue | 43 - 50 |
| Petty cash | 30 - 00 |


Town Mayor