

Godmanchester Town Council

MINUTES of a SPECIAL MEETING of the Town Council held in the Queen Elizabeth School, Godmanchester on the 31st May, 1984

PRESENT: Councillor R.T.D. Hughes (Town Mayor).  
Councillors Mrs. E.C. Conway, Mrs. J.B. Doherty,  
M.J. Hopkinson, J.H. Lewis, L. Miller, Mrs. C. Parker,  
J.M. James and Mrs. P.F. Tenten.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors W.R. Looker, Mrs. M.L. Middlemiss and A.E. Sursham.

84/14 TWINNING VISIT

The Town Mayor explained that he had considered it necessary to call the Special Meeting of the Town Council to give details of arrangements being made to receive visitors from Wertheim and Salon de Provence on the 31st August, 1984 before he departed on the visit to Wertheim on 7th June, 1984. The Town Mayor reported that other commitments would preclude his visiting Salon de Provence in September.

The Town Clerk gave details of costs associated with the trip to Wertheim, of estimated air and other costs associated with a visit to Salon de Provence and estimated costs of providing hospitality to the visitors (assume 40) from Wertheim and Salon de Provence from 31st August to 3rd September, 1984.- the total of which approximated to £889, including gifts valued at £25 on every occasion.

No questions were raised against the proposed programme from the 31st August to 3rd September other than that a dinner at the Black Bull on the Sunday evening might be preferable to the proposed buffet. However, although the principle of the twinning concert was unanimously endorsed, some Members questioned the manner of apportioning costs between the two Town Councils of Huntingdon and Godmanchester. The Working Party members were of the view that it was not expected that costs would be shared equally, but nevertheless, the Town Council

Resolved.- that the costs of joint twinning functions be apportioned as follows:

- i) where the function is Huntingdon established the cost be met by Huntingdon Town Council unless otherwise funded;
- ii) where the function is Godmanchester established the cost be met by Godmanchester Town Council unless otherwise funded.
- iii) where no clear definition is apparent, the division of cost be negotiated by the Town Councils' respective representatives.

With further reference to the impending trip to Wertheim, the Town Council

Resolved.- that an additional allowance of £100 be made to the Town Mayor to meet hospitality expenses abroad.

84/15 QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL EXTENSIONS AND PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Councillor Hopkinson reported that the subject had been placed on the Agenda in the event that the Working Party was in a position to report further. In fact, a meeting with District Council representatives was to take place on the 8th June, 1984. However, he wished to question the basis of an article in a recent issue of the Trader Newspaper which had quoted Councillor Mrs. Conway on the reason for the Working Party's interest in the siting of the conveniences other than on the Mill Yard car park.

The Working Party was satisfied that the matter had been adequately debated at the last meeting (Minute 84/8 refers).

On a further issue of the ownership of the freehold of School Hill, it was indicated that no-one had attempted to challenge the transfer of the Queen Elizabeth School to the former Huntingdon and Godmanchester Town Council.

84/16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to the following applications, whereupon it was

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

- (a) Extension, 11 Windsor Road - REFUSAL - the bulk of the extensions would prejudice the amenity of dwellings in Stuart Close.
- (b) Replacement windows, 20 Post Street - APPROVAL
- (c) Double garage, Silver Farm - APPROVAL

The Refusal of permission in respect of Unit 21 Roman Way Industrial Estate was noted.

*R. Khyber*  
~~Chairman~~ Town Mayor