

Godmanchester Town Council

MINUTES of the meeting of the TOWN COUNCIL held in the Queen Elizabeth School on the 21 June, 1984

PRESENT: Councillor R.T.D. Hughes (Town Mayor),  
Councillors Mrs. E.C. Conway, B.P. Doherty, Mrs. J. Doherty,  
M.J. Hopkinson, J.H. Lewis, W.R. Looker, Mrs. M.L. Middlemiss,  
L. Miller, Mrs. P. Tenten and A.E. Sursham.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors J.M. James and Mrs. C. Parker.

84/17 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 17th May and of the Special Meeting held on the 31st May, 1984, were confirmed as correct records and signed by the Town Mayor, subject to it being recorded that Councillor B.P. Doherty was present at the Special Meeting and that at the Annual Meeting it had been agreed to send a letter of appreciation to former Councillor Mrs. J.M. McCartney in respect of the many years of public service to Godmanchester

Arising therefrom it was noted and/or agreed:

- (a) that the respective organisations would be informed in writing of the Town Council's respective representative,
- (b) that the John Bester seat was expected to be repaired by Wednesday the 27 June (which the Town Council agreed should be re-sited in the garden of the former Nonconformist Chapel and one therefrom should be bolted into School Hill), and
- (c) a meeting of the Town Council should be held in August - probably on the 30th.

TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor announced that in a busy four weeks he had

- (a) visited the Cheshire Homes Open Day,
- (b) met the Blood and Fire Group from Woking - from whom a letter of appreciation had been received,
- (c) visited Wertheim, West Germany, on the occasion of the Anniversary Twinning Link with Salon-de Provence where an exhausting programme had been fulfilled and in connection with which the Town Council's gift of a framed original water colour of the Chinese Bridge and background of the Old Grammar School and church spire had been very well received together with a history of the Mayoral Chain, and
- (d) completed arrangements for the Civic Service to be held on the 24th June at 11.15 a.m. (Town Councillors to assemble at the Town Hall at 11.00 a.m., consort at the Church door at 11.05 a.m.).

84/18 QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL

Councillor Hopkinson gave a detailed account of the deliberations of the Working Party's meeting with officers of the District Council and the Chairman of the appropriate programme committee on the 8th June 1984 where it had been decided to request that the District Council's decision to re-site public conveniences on the Mill Yard Car Park be rescinded in favour of their being rebuilt on School Hill as part of the scheme to extend the Queen Elizabeth School in a single contract under one Architect. It was indicated that adding the conveniences to the Scheme would not increase the cost to the Town Council, although final costings still need to be completed. Thereupon it was proposed, seconded and

Resolved. (a) that the Town Council support the siting by the District Council of the new public toilets on School Hill as part of a refurbished Queen Elizabeth School,

(b) to that end the Town Council endorse the further work necessary by the Working Party to have finalised plans submitted to the District Council for their next meeting of the Planning Committee, and

(c) that delegated powers be granted to the Working Party to instruct the Architect accordingly and that the Working Party report regularly to the Town Council on progress and on the details of costings as they become available.

84/19 GODSPA WORKING PARTY

It was reported that the Working Party had nothing to report further to Minute 84/11.

84/20 PLAYSCHHEME 1984

Councillor B.P. Doherty gave an account of a meeting held in the Church hall on the 10th June 1984 between interested parties including Action Space Mobile where details of ambitious schemes had been displayed and where it was revealed -

- i) there was still a need for one additional helper,
- ii) there was a need to involve parents if desired achievements were to be realised,
- iii) that with adequate input by townspeople the Playscheme would achieve considerable results, and
- iv) that the strategy was to create a major impact on the final day of the Playscheme.

The Town Mayor added that the Playscheme themes would be of latter day Godmanchester. A fuller organising day was to be spent on the 14th July, 1984 starting at 9.45 a.m. at which all helpers were expected to be present. Following this, a report to be prepared by Mr. P. Heseltine would be submitted.

(Councillor J.H. Lewis here left the meeting).

84/21 COW LANE

The Town Clerk reported that following the receipt of observations by Councillor Looker upon the inadequacy of Cow Lane if it was to be used both by the gravel operation vehicles and private cars taking garden and other refuse to the civic amenity tip, there was no indication at the present time that the civic amenity tip would be re-sited or, if so, where. However, the Town Council agreed that if Councillor Looker's fears proved to be correct there was a need for Cow Lane to have a carriageway which was adequate in width.

(Councillor Mrs. Conway here left the meeting).

In reaching the foregoing conclusion, the Town Council recorded their concern at the prospect of a large number of private cars mixing with such large commercial vehicles on an inadequate road and asked that their concern be transmitted to the County Council.

84/22 TRAFFIC ON WEST STREET

The Town Clerk referred to a letter to the Town Mayor from the Member of Parliament in relation to representations made by Marcial Echenique & Partners (copies of which were circulated with the Agenda and are appended in the Minute Book) and indicated a means whereby the Town Council could ventilate their views to the Member of Parliament at a meeting which should be called by the County Council as the strategic planning and highway authority.

The Town Mayor added that he hoped that such a meeting could take place but that it should not be a public meeting having regard to the M.P.'s wishes to learn the views of the Town Council on the subject.

Thereupon, and notwithstanding an indication that a public open meeting would be preferable, it was

Resolved.- that the Member of Parliament be informed of the Town Council's willingness to attend a meeting to be arranged by the County Council on the subject of traffic in West Street in particular and strategic road communications in general.

84/23 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) Change of use, chandlery office to study and workshop to utility room, Huntingdon Boathaven, The Avenue.

REFUSAL The application constitutes an extension of development for which for which it is considered no planning permission was given in the first instance.

- (b) Amended plan and aerial mast, Kings Bush Animal Shelter, London Road.

APPROVAL

- (c) Extraction of sand and gravel, restoration to lake, land off Cow Lane.

APPROVAL subject to the Gravel Operators being requested to extend the afteruse to a greater number of local inhabitants by the development of recreation footpaths throughout the whole of the former gravel workings.

- (d) Demolition of existing barns, Silver Farm, Silver Street.

REFUSAL The Town Council do not concur with the demolition of the listed buildings.

84/24 ACCOUNTS

Resolved.- that the following payments be approved:

Teckys Ltd. -	£150 - 19
Cambs. Assoc. of Local Councils	£107 - 00
Huntingdon Town Council	£162 - 00
Eastern Electricity	8 - 17
Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd.	10 - 00
J. A. Davie	£119 - 77
Inland Revenue	43 - 50
Petty cash	50 - 00

Town Mayor

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