

Godmanchester Town Council

MINUTES of a meeting of the Town Council held in the Queen Elizabeth School, Godmanchester, on the 18th July, 1985.

Present: Councillor B.P. Doherty (Town Mayor):
Councillors Mrs. E.C. Conway, Mrs. J.B. Doherty, M.J. Hopkinson, R.T.D. Hughes, J.M. James, W.R. Looker, Mrs. M.L. Middlemiss, L. Miller, C.W. Parcell, Mrs. V. Warris and Mrs. P. Tenten.

Apologies for absence from the meeting were presented on behalf of Councillors J.W. Lewis and A.E. Sursham.

PRAYERS

Prayers were said by the Town Mayor's Chaplain, the Rgv. Denis Clarke, Vicar of Godmanchester.

TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

i) the Town Mayor expressed appreciation to those Councillors who had been able to attend the Civic Service on the 20th June, 1985, and reported that he had since attended Civic Services at Ramsey and St. Ives accompanied by the Mayoress.

ii) The Town Mayor announced that he had derived pleasure from attending the Girl Guides Flowers of Friendship Ceremony: and

iii) That as Councillor Mrs. C. Parker had not submitted a written resignation from the office of town councillor, it would be necessary for six months to elapse from the 13th June, 1985 before a vacancy could be declared in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 1972, unless a written resignation was received beforehand.

85/31 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of the Town Council held on the 13th June and 10th July, 1985 were approved as correct records of the proceedings and signed by the Town Mayor, subject to

a) it being noted that Councillor Mrs. Tenten had left the meeting following consideration of the subject shown at Minute 85/21: and

b) the subject matter of Minute 85/25 being noted as a resolution of the Town Council. In relation thereto, the Town Clerk indicated his view that the decision, though needing to be properly recorded, was ultra vires and the Town Council agreed to consider the matter again at their next ordinary meeting.

85/32 GODSPA WORKING PARTY

Although there was nothing to be received from the Working Party, Councillor Looker expressed anxiety that the Town Council's agreement in principle to accept a dedication of the Children's Play Area had not proceeded to any likely conclusion. Thereupon, and after hearing from the Town Clerk that the Play Area was leased to the National Playing Fields Association, it was

Resolved.- that the freeholder's Solicitors be requested to submit details relating to the freehold and the terms of the lease.

85/33 PLAYScheme 1985

It was reported by the Town Clerk that he had been acquainted with

the programme to be followed by the Playscheme and that procedures for placing orders and the payment of bills had been conveyed to the Primary School Head Teacher.

85/34 OPEN SPACE VOLUNTEER WORKFORCE

Councillor Hughes reported on the progress made by the Volunteer Workforce with respect to a) the Osier beds (expected to be completed within the next week or so). b) the need for a heavy-duty strimmer. c) the removal of dead trees/ the condition of the newly planted trees. d) supervision of the saplings planted by the Town Council in December, 1984 and e) the purchase of a number of hand tools.

It was further reported that a lifebuoy was missing. In the ensuing discussion, it was asked that the County Council be requested to inspect the rails of the footbridges. Similarly, it was agreed that any pressure that could be applied by the Open Spaces Society upon the County Council would be an advantage.

With regard to a suggestion that the play equipment was too near the river, Councillors were reminded of their own plans to re-site some of the play equipment on higher ground nearer to the footpath; and in response to a comment that there was an excessive number of moorings on the river bank, information was given that the Ouse Valley Recreation Plan contained proposals for increasing the number of moorings.

85/35 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Following consideration of the applications shown on the Schedule submitted, it was

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

- (a) Redevelopment of Old School Site, St. Anne's Lane to provide sheltered accommodation - REFUSAL

the Town Council note that the application proposes to demolish the Old School shown therein as a listed building and they are opposed to the demolition of the Old School.

- (b) Demolition of existing garage and utility room : replace by new garage and 2 storey extension, 1 Linden Grove - APPROVAL

- (c) House and single garage between 41 and 42 London Street- APPROVAL

- (d) Notice of Appeal in respect of refusal of planning permission for development adj. 11 Park Lane -

that the Town Council's reasons for recommending refusal be transmitted to the Inspector by the 6th August, 1985.

85/36 ACCOUNTS

Resolved.- that the following payments be approved:-

	£	p
D.B. Walsh (3rd Payment) Town Hall	2,230	32
S.J. & D.F. George	614	10

	£	p
Playscheme 1985: Paul Burry (Leader)	400	- 00
Paul Smith (Assistant)	120	- 00
Andy Gibbons(")	120	- 00
S. Wilson (Caretaker)	40	- 00
J.A. Davie	120	- 64
Inland Revenue	43	- 50
Petty Cash	40	- 00
Playscheme 1985 Petty cash	100	- 00
Batchelor and Lee Ltd.	56	- 70

85/37 COMMUNITY SCHOOL (PROPOSED)

Details were given of a meeting convened by the School Governors to be held on the 25th July, 1985 at 7.30 p.m. on the subject; and also a request by the School Governors for financial assistance in the provision of a dual use sports facility was submitted along with details of its funding. In connection therewith, and in relation to the proposals for funding a facility in the proposed Community School, it was

Resolved.- (a) that a contribution of £4,000 be made to the dual-use sports facility; and
(b) that the Local Education Authority be informed that the Town Council are prepared to commit £4,000 per annum in each of the financial years 1986/87 and 1987/88 for the provision of a community-use facility at the Primary School and to consider raising a loan at the same revenue cost thereafter.

85/38 GODMANCHESTER CRICKET CLUB: REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

(Councillors James, Hughes, Looker and Parcell declared pecuniary interests in this item of business and although having been invited to remain in the room, took no part in the deliberation or determination thereof).

Having previously learned that the Recreation and Amenity Working Party had considered that favourable consideration should be given to the application and in the knowledge that that amount of the request which could not be met from the Grants item in the Budget could be provided from the Council's anticipated balances, it was

Resolved.- that a grant of £3,250 - 00 be made to the Cricket Club towards the cost of pavilion extensions.

85/39 GODMANCHESTER ALLOTMENTS

A request by the Allotments Association for the Town Council to meet the cost of new gates to the allotments was submitted. Following consideration of the reasons held by the Association for the need of gates, it was

Resolved.- that the Town Council meet the cost of new gates to the allotments and that the sum be recovered from the Allotments Association over a period of five years via an addition to the half-yearly rental.

85/40 GODMANCHESTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Requests by the Association were submitted with regard to -

- a) free use of the Recreation Ground (and by vehicles) on the occasion of Feast Week;
- b) Use of the Queen Elizabeth School on the 16 and 17 August, 1985; and
- c) Provision by or funding by the Town Council for a "Welcome Pack".

In respect of a) and b) above it was

Resolved.- that the requests be acceded to and any charges be waived:

In respect of c) above, it was

Resolved.- that the requests for the provision or funding of "Welcome Packs" be not acceded to.

85/41 **PROGRESS REPORT**

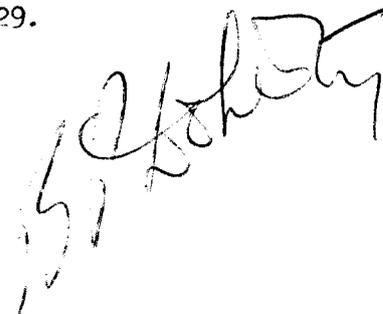
Consideration was given to details contained in a Progress Report (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) and in relation thereto, it was

Resolved.- that three of the new-style litter bins be placed i) on School Mill, ii) in the vicinity of the Old Mill Area of the Recreation Ground and iii) in the vicinity of the Causeway Green: and that having regard to the reduction of litter collection facilities provided by the new style bins, existing litter collection facilities along the river bank be retained: in this respect that so much of the earlier decision to remove litter collection facilities from the river bank be rescinded.

85/42 **THE TOWN HALL**

Having regard to the generally unco-operative response given to the representations made to the Senior Citizen's Club (and copies of the correspondence are appended in the Minute Book) it was

Resolved.- that the Town Clerk pursue the matter as indicated previously and record in Minute 84/129.



Town Mayor