

MINUTES of the meeting of the Town Council held in the Queen Elizabeth School, Godmanchester on the 22nd August, 1985.

PRESENT: Councillor B.P. Doherty (Town Mayor)  
Councillors Mrs. J.B. Doherty, Mrs. V. Harris, R.T.D. Hughes, Mrs. M.L. Middlemiss, L. Miller, C.W. Parcell and Mrs. P. Tenten.

Apologies for absence from the meeting were presented on behalf of Councillors M.J. Hopkinson, J.M. James, J.H. Lewis, W.R. Looker and A.E. Sursham.

Town Mayor's Announcements.

The Town Mayor announced that he had been pleased to attend at a number of Civic Services, including one held mid-week at Chatteris. In addition, he had derived pleasure in attending a golden wedding anniversary in the Town.

The Town Mayor went on to seek endorsement, which the Town Council gladly gave, with respect to the offer of a seat in the Cemetery and permission for photographs of Godmanchester's Charter to appear in a book to be produced to commemorate the 900th anniversary of the Domesday Book in 1986. Furthermore, the Town Council agreed to waive any token fee.

85/43 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th July, 1985 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor.

Arising therefrom, it was announced that the District Council Technical Services Department now considered that it would be too expensive a job to re-site the Jubilee Hut and a written report was awaited. In the same context, the question of the future of the sandpit was referred to the Open Space Volunteer Workforce.

85/44 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) Winter storage of 30 caravans at Park Lane Caravan Site - APPROVAL
- b) Redevelopment of the Old School Site, St. Anne's Lane for Elderly Persons Accommodation (reconsideration) - ADHERE TO PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATION OF REFUSAL
- c) Demolition of workshops, 14 Old Court Hall, - APPROVAL

85/45 ACCOUNTS

Resolved.- that the following payments be approved.-

B.P. Doherty - Civic Sunday expenses	£110 - 50
Godmanchester St. Mary's Men's Club	175 - 00
Eastern Electricity	11 - 62
J.A. Davie	126 - 45
Inland Revenue	43 - 50

Petty cash	£40 - 00
Godmanchester C.P. School	£624 - 17
Harris Films	108 - 80
Kiddles Coaches	409 - 00
I.S. Munro, Electrical	15 - 00

85/46 PUBLIC EXPENDITURE

The Town Council received and noted a letter on the subject from the Director of Finance, Huntingdonshire District Council (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book).

85/47 QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Town Council received a letter from the Town Clerk on the subject (Minute 85/31(b) refers) and a copy is appended in the Minute Book. Having regard to the number of Town Councillors who were absent, the Town Council agreed to defer making any appointments to the Management Committee and

Resolved.- that the decision contained in Minute 85/25 be rescinded.

85/48 QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL WORKING PARTY

The Town Council were informed of the stage reached by the Architect in seeking tenders and of the applications submitted to English Heritage and the District Council for financial assistance. The Town Council requested information with respect to the number of tenderers and the closing date. It was emphasised that the successful tenderer would be determined by the Town Council.

85/49 GODSPA WORKING PARTY

It was reported that although the Working Party had not met recently, a number of capital works needed to be completed, including the road entrance splay.

85/50 AMENITY AND RECREATION WORKING PARTY

It was reported that the Working Party were to meet on Wednesday the 28th August, 1985 when it was envisaged that, inter alia, they would give consideration to the need for a further football pitch.

85/51 OPEN SPACE VOLUNTEER WORKFORCE

Councillor Hughes reported that further bank clearing was to be deferred for a month: that a power strimmer was necessary: that some of the hanging baskets had been stolen and that the Workforce were to meet on Tuesday the 27th August, 1985.

It was observed that weed needed to be cleared from the backwater adjacent to the Causeway, which matter the Town Clerk undertook to refer to Anglian Water.

85/52 COMMUNITY SCHOOL WORKING PARTY

A Report of the Working Party was submitted ( a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), in connection with which the Town Council - whilst emphasising that the Working Party's brief was to be exercised in conjunction with the other interested parties in the proposed community school -

Resolved.- that their attraction to the proposals for

utilising modified existing accommodation and/or the surplus Portacabin be recorded;

that no support be given to financing additional car parking; and

that no support be given to structural work to the swimming pool although an extension of the swimming season would be endorsed.

(Councillor Hughes was absent from the meeting during the latter part of the foregoing discussion).

85/53 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

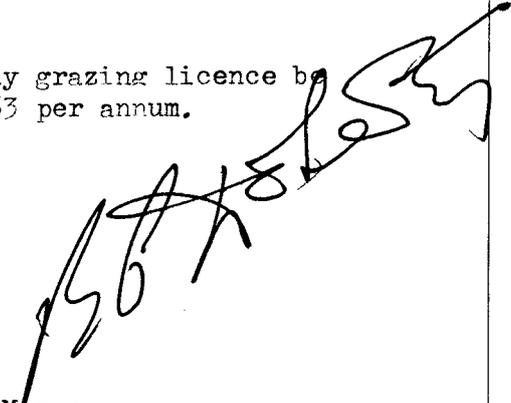
Applications for financial assistance were received from the Parochial Church Council and from Godspa Youth Club. Whilst not giving any indication of their decisions on either of the applications, the Town Council confirmed that such requests should be dealt with in relation to the preparation of the ensuing year's budget. Whereupon it was

Resolved.- that consideration of the applications stand deferred and that publicity be given to the fact that all prospective applicants will be considered in relation to the preparation of the ensuing year's budget

85/54 BUTTERMEL MEADOW. Grazing licence

The Town Council were apprised of a request for the renewal of the grazing licence held by Mrs Cade and which the District Council now considered should be dealt with by the Town Council. Whereupon it was

Resolved.- that a renewal of the 364 day grazing licence be granted to Mrs. Cade at the rate of £163 per annum.

  
Town Mayor