

Godmanchester Town Council

MINUTES of the meeting of the Town Council held in the Town Hall, Godmanchester on the 20th March, 1986.

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

Apologies for absence from the meeting were presented on behalf of Councillors Mrs. M.L. Middlemiss and W.R. Looker, Rev. D. Clerk and Dr. J. Middlemiss (Hon. Macebearer).

In relation to the last recorded apology the Town Clerk was asked to record the Town Council's displeasure at the Deputy Hon. Macebearer not having been given an opportunity to carry the Town Mace.

Town Mayor's Announcements.

The Town Mayor announced functions at which he had attended including, Mayor's Balls/Banquets at St. Ives, Peterborough, Cambridge and March. He reported also the Change of Command to take place at R.A.F. Alconbury on the 24th March, 1986.

Reference was made to a Reception and Preview of the Domesday Book Exhibition in London on the 2nd April, 1986 at which the Deputy Town Mayor was to attend.

The announcements were concluded by a reference to the wish to plant commemorative trees in memory of a former Godmanchester resident, Mrs. Hendon (formerly Miss Noelle Hunnybun) which it was agreed should be arranged in conjunction with the programme to be undertaken by the Open Spaces Volunteer Workforce.

85/120 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 20th February, 1986 were approved as a correct and signed by the Town Mayor subject to the indication that Councillors Mrs. Conway and Mrs. Harris had left the meeting at the conclusion of the subject referred to in Minute 85/116; to the amendment of Minute 85/108(f) by the deletion of the word "slate" and the insertion of the word "material" in its place and the deletion of all words after "roofing" in the penultimate line of the Minute; and to the substitution of the name of Councillor Hopkinson by that of Councillor Lewis in Minute No. 85/108(g).

85/121 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Following consideration of applications it was -

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

- a) Garage extension to dwelling, 63 Cambridge Street - APPROVAL
- b) Extension to dwelling and garage, Stileways, Pinfold Lane - APPROVAL subject to rendering whitewashed and building being set back;
- c) Kitchen extension, Afton Cafe, A.604 - APPROVAL
- d) Extensions to provide 8 classrooms etc., Park Lane School - DEFER decision until additional car parking proposals have been submitted.

- (e) Brick wall and gate, 12 Post Street (reconsideration) -
ADHERE to recommendation of refusal on grounds as stated
and (i) additional hazard will be presented in the event
of need for emergency exodus of restaurant, and
(ii) the harbouring of refuse would encourage rats and
other rodents thus creating environmental nuisance.

85/122 ACCOUNTS

Resolved.- that the following payments be approved:-

J.A. Davie	£121 - 31
Inland Revenue	43 - 50
Petty cash	30 - 00
John Smith & Sons Ltd.	64 - 40

Arising therefrom, it was agreed that the subject of the Church clock chimes be considered at the Annual Town Meeting.

85/123 QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL

Councillor Hopkinson confirmed that the letter of intent referred to earlier had been issued and reported that following a delay in completing the appropriate contract documents they had been signed; that Huntingdonshire District Council had confirmed their responsibility for the public toilets in the sum of £39,244 plus fees: that the contract would run for 41 weeks from the 24th March, 1986 for 41 weeks and that the District Council had agreed to make an advance payment in the sum of £20,000.

In addition, reference was made to the need to re-house the furniture currently in the Queen Elizabeth School. It was thought that the stacking chairs might be accommodated in the Church Hall and, if nowhere else were to be found, the civic furniture and pictures be stored in Councillor Lewis's barn (following his kind offer). In conclusion, Councillor Hopkinson indicated that arrangements might be made for periodic viewing of progress.

In relation to a letter from Mr. John Hadleigh regarding use of the porch as a museum, the Town Council - whilst accepting that the suggestion accorded with their earlier thoughts - asked for the details thereof to be considered by the Queen Elizabeth School Management Committee.

85/124 GODSPA

No meeting of the Working Party had been held but Councillor Hopkinson reported that it was hoped a meeting would take place before the Annual Town Meeting took place on the 10th April 1986.

Councillor Lewis indicated the scale of the problem associated with his alleged personal interest in Godspa and explained that, nevertheless, he would need to present some information when the subject was discussed at the Annual Town Meeting.

85/125 RECREATION AND AMENITY

Consideration was given to information provided by the Town Mayor and the Town Clerk, following which it was -

Resolved.- (a) that the Recreation and Open Spaces Working Party pursue the securing of the lifebelts:

(b) that wreaths be removed from the War Memorial after the 1st January;

- (c) that the Working Party meeting on the 26th March, 1986 at 6 p.m.
- (d) that the Working Party be authorised to determine expenditure on materials for repair of Buttermel Meadow building subject to a maximum of £650;
- (e) that the Voluntary Workforce be congratulated on their intention to deal with the second Osier bed, the repositioning of the lifebelt stands where necessary, the Jubilee Hut and additional litter bins.
- (f) that the attention of the County Council be drawn to the condition of the timbers of the overfall bridges; and
- (g) that Godspa YFC be granted use of the football pitch for Season 1986/87 at the current rate of £35 per season.

85/126 COMMUNITY SCHOOL

It was reported that the hardstand recreation area would be available for use during late April, 1986 and that agreement had been reached on its Management Constitution.

85/127 SUMMER PLAYSCHHEME

The Town Council acknowledged that having regard to the school extension works at Park Lane and the unavailability of the same Leader, with great regret it would not be possible to organise a summer playscheme in 1986. Accordingly, it was decided to report the regretful decision to the Annual Town Meeting.

85/128 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

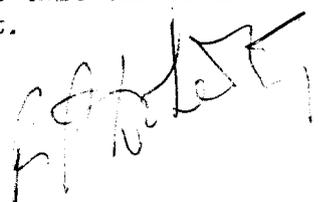
It was noted that the following subjects would form the Agenda of the Annual Town Meeting on the 10th April, 1986:-

Town Council Report; Godspa; Town Council vacancies; Summer playscheme and the Church clock chimes.

85/129 USE OF TOWN HALL

The Town Clerk submitted a request for permission to use the Town Hall as a temporary doctor's surgery at times to fit in with the Senior Citizens' Club. After consideration of the issues likely to be involved, it was

Resolved.- that the applicant be informed that the Town Council have decided not to accede to the request.


Town Mayor