

Godmanchester Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on the 24th April, 1986 in the Town Hall and adjourned to The Barn, rear of 11 Post Street, Godmanchester.

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, W.R. Looker, Mrs. M.L. Middlemiss, L. Miller, C.W. Parcell, A.E. Sursham and Mrs. P. Tenten.

Having regard to the unsuitability of the accommodation at the Town Hall, the Town Mayor adjourned the Meeting.

On resumption at The Barn rear of 11 Post Street -

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Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of Councillor Mrs. E.C. Conway.

Town Mayor's Announcements.

The Town Mayor first expressed appreciation to Councillor Lewis for the generous and unhesitating offer of the use of the premises for the meeting.

He continued by reporting his attendance at the Huntingdon Town Mayor's Ball and expressed thanks to the many who had supported him at the Civic Dinner on the 19th April, 1986. The proceeds of the raffle would add £93. 60 to the Mayor of Godmanchester's Charity Fund.

Concern was expressed by the Town Mayor at the likely delay in the commencement of work on the Primary School extensions arising out of difficulty in acquiring additional land for playing field. However, an advantage could be obtained in that it was probable that the delay would enable the Summer Playscheme - earlier reported as being unable to take place this year at the School - to be arranged, provided it took place early in the summer holidays. Furthermore, the same leader would also be available.

The Town Mayor concluded his announcements by reporting that the Civic Service this year would be held in St. Mary's Church on the 29th June at 11.15 p.m.

85/130 MINUTES

Subject to the deletion of the indefinite article in line 2 of Minute 85/120, the condition of Approval in Minute 85/121 b) to be transferred to Minute 85/121 a) and the spelling of the name Hadleigh as Hadley in Minute 85/123, the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 20th March, 1986 were confirmed as correct and signed by the Town Mayor.

Arising therefrom it was agreed and/or noted that:-

- a) The Hon. Macebearer had made appropriate arrangements for the Mace to be available, but the Town Clerk had not been made aware of the arrangement;
- b) Attendance at the 900th Anniversary of Domesday Book Exhibition Preview by the Deputy Town Mayor had been an exiting and proud experience for him; and
- c) The Annual Town Meeting had brought forth a number of helpful

observations, not least being the interest in the vacancies on the Town Council.

85/131 TOWN COUNCIL VACANCIES

The Town Council proceeded to fill the two vacancies from the following persons who had indicated their willingness to stand -

- Dr. J. Middlemiss, 25 West Street
- Miss D. Birkhead, 6 Corpus Christi Lane,
- Mr. Pete Rogers, 10 Carnaby Close,
- Mr. R. Howard, 6 Sears Close,
- Mr. Debell, 69 London Road,
- Mrs. B. Hennessy, 4 Thickwillow, and
- Mr. T. Thurstle, 59 London Road.

Following a series of ballots during which candidates obtaining the lowest number of votes were eliminated, it was declared -

that Richard Howard and Brenda Hennessy be appointed as Town Councillors to hold office until 1988.

Whereupon, having completed Declarations of Acceptance of Office, the two new Councillors were welcomed to the meeting.

85/132 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Following consideration of the following planning applications it was

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

- a) 86/0185F (Amendment) - /confirmation of action/ APPROVAL
dwelling, 32 Pipers Lane.
- b) 86/0501F Extension, 7 Fairey Avenue - APPROVAL
- c) 86/0372LB Replace window, remove chimney stack
Flat 1, 1 West Street APPROVAL
- d) 86/0413F 6 Flats, demolition of wall to Post
Street, new gateway, 21 Post Street REFUSAL

- 1. The proposal constitutes backland development.
- 2. Demolition of part of the boundary wall would destroy architectural heritage which "listing" seeks to preserve.
- 3. Traffic hazard by introduction of additional vehicles and complicated vehicle manouvres:
- 4. Loss of trees which development inevitably would cause.
- 5. The development and proposed new entrance would cause loss of amenity and enjoyment of this part of the Conservation Area.

- e) 86/1419F Demolition of rear portion, construct extension
86/0416LB and renovate for residential, 31 Post Street -
APPROVAL but that the District Council be informed of
apprehension about possible future proposals as
a result of widening of entrance drive.

85/133 ACCOUNTS

Resolved.- that the following payments be approved:-

	£
John Chaffer & Son	1,336 - 18
Alan Smith Ltd.	46 - 00
Huntingdonshire District Council	
Building Regulations -	227 - 70

Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd.	307 - 46
Godmanchester Primary School -	
Hardstanding and floodlights	4,000 - 00
J. A. Davie	136 - 18
Inland Revenue	48 - 30
Black Bull Hotel	629 - 00

85/134 QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL

Councillor Hopkinson reported that a) the Contract Agreements had been exchanged and the Town Council's copy was being held by the Consultant Architect and Project Manager; b) that a form of agreement had been completed with the owner of the adjacent property; c) that an enquiry had been received from Solicitors in Leicestershire with regard to details for a bequest, in respect of which the Working Party had responded by indicating that any bequest might be in favour of the Friends of the Queen Elizabeth School; and d) that consideration should be given at an early date as to whom should conduct the formal re-opening of the Queen Elizabeth School. In this respect the Town Council concurred that it was entirely appropriate for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to perform the ceremony - and that the Town Mayor should make the invitation in due course.

85/135 NONCONFORMIST BURIAL TIDYING SCHEME

The Amenity and Recreation Working Party had given consideration to to proposals emanating from the Trustees of the Nonconformist Burial Ground and, in accordance with their observations it was

Resolved.- that the Clerk to the Trustees be informed that the Trustees must ascertain and confirm whether there are objections from any party in respect of the proposal to remove ~~head~~ and kerbstones and that in the meantime the Town Council will obtain estimates of cost with a view to making provision in the 1987/88 budget if necessary.

85/136 CEMETERY

Having regard to a communication from the Director of Technical Services on the subject of the need to plan additional burial space and to examine structural works at the Cemetery, it was

Resolved.- that the Amenity and Recreation Working Party be authorised to determine all aspects relating to the Cemetery.

85/137 GODSPA

Councillor Hopkinson reported that a communication to Officers of Godspa had been prepared following the Annual Town Meeting and that the Working Party would meet those officers in the near future.

85/138 HUNTINGDON/GODMANCHESTER TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Notwithstanding some concern at the brevity of notice of the application by the Association for a grant to assist a visit to Wertheim from April 30th to May 6th 1986, the Town Council

Resolved.- that a grant of £250 be approved

85/139 DIVERSION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 4

Following consideration of details of a proposal given in a letter by the Director of Planning, it was

Resolved.- that the Town Council concur with the proposal.

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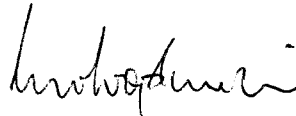
85/140 ENTERPRISE DINNER, 19th MAY, 1986 AND EXHIBITION

The Town Council received and noted details relating to the above function by the Huntingdonshire Enterprise Agency.

85/141 USE OF TOWN HALL FOR TEMPORARY FACILITIES FOR DOCTOR.

In response to written requests made on behalf of the Doctor for the decision contained in Minute 85/129 to be reconsidered, it was

Resolved.- that the previous decision be adhered to.



Town Mayor