

GODMANCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL, GODMANCHESTER ON THURSDAY 19th JANUARY 1995.

PRESENT: Councillor R HUGHES, TOWN MAYOR.  
Councillors B DOHERTY, Mrs DOHERTY, P FORSTER, Mrs GODLEY,  
E KYNOCH, Mrs LOCKER, L MILLER, A SURSHAM, C VANE PERCY.

APOLOGIES: were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs HAYES, R MARSDEN,  
Mrs NICHOLLS.

TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Town Mayor advised having attended five (5) Civic functions since the last meeting.

95/002 CORRESPONDENCE:

The items of correspondence as at appendix "A" were addressed and noted, with the following to be undertaken:

1. The letter from the District Council regarding the casual vacancy - Town Clerk will display the Notice as required.
2. Letter from Mr J Lewis regarding the willow trees lining the river bank - a letter of reply to be sent setting out the Town Council's tree planting programme.

95/003 MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th December 1994 and 5th January 1995 were approved and signed as a correct record.

95/004 MATTERS ARISING:

1. Discussion took place regarding the tree and hedge planting programme at Judith's Field and also the river bank at the recreation ground.

The Town Mayor proposed that the Town Council go ahead with the arrangements for the hedge pack from the County Council to continue the work at Judith's Field. Proposal APPROVED.

Councillor FORSTER agreed to contact a tree surgeon regarding the willow trees along the river bank. The Town Council acknowledged that young trees should be planted to replace the older ones in time.

The Town Mayor stated that he wanted to begin a programme of clearing the osier beds in the next two months.

2. Regarding the Exel Logistics site, Councillor FORSTER reported that he had written to the licensing authority regarding the overfilling of the depot, and Councillor KYNOCH reported that he phoned the authority, who were still waiting for the Inspector to decide if an inquiry would be held. Councillor FORSTER said that he would ring the police regarding the lorries speeding through Godmanchester, and Councillor Mrs GODLEY said she would

bring the matter up when she attended the Police Review meeting the following week.

Councillor Mrs LOOKER joined the meeting at 8.20pm.

95/005 ADMINISTRATION:

1. Town Clerk's Salary. the Town Council APPROVED the back pay owing from the 3rd October 1994.
2. Computer. Councillor FORSTER informed the meeting of his research and quoted prices for a new computer which would improve the office facilities. The Town Council APPROVED the ISC computer at a cost of £3870 including VAT, a one year maintenance contract and software.
3. Notepaper. The Town Mayor asked for the Town Council's approval to revert to using the Town Seal on headed notepaper, and he also set out quotes that he has received for printing new lettering. The Town Council discussed various lettering styles and the Town Mayor agreed to send some proofs to all councillors for approval of style, and bring the matter to the February meeting for approval.

95/006 ACCOUNTS:

The meeting RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved:

Town Clerk	644.94
Mr J Doherty	200.00
Mrs E Tatman	75.00
Mrs S Smith	80.66
Mr L Allgood	100.00
Inland Revenue	215.76
Artistic Iron World	559.30
The Book Shop	25.95
Ede and Ravenscroft	64.51
Senior Citizen's Club	27.93
Cambs Constabulary	54.96
IS Munro	56.28
Mills and Reeve	1029.06
Glasdon UK	802.52
Oakpark Security	152.75
Huntingdonshire District Council	5218.75
E Kynoch	166.07 pd
R Hughes	50.00 pd
Alex Lawrie Factors	30.00 pd
Office World	23.58

Councillors HUGHES and KYNOCH declared an interest in the above items.

95/007 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

The applications and correspondence as at appendix "C" were considered and it was RESOLVED that the Director of Planning be informed of the Town Council's recommendations as recorded.

Regarding planning application 94/1593, the Town Mayor proposed that an Extraordinary Town Council Meeting be arranged, inviting Chief Officers of the Departments of Planning, Environmental Health and Transport, and also local Councillors to attend, in order to discuss all aspects of this application in full. The proposal was APPROVED. Town Clerk will arrange a meeting.

95/008 PROPOSED SCHOOL SITE:

The Town Mayor asked Councillors to consider this item and formulate a Town Council view which could be put forward to the public meeting on 30th January. Councillor FORSTER reported on the Governors meeting recently attended. Following the discussion on the proposed new school site, the Town Mayor proposed that this Town Council wholeheartedly supports a second school in Godmanchester, on the London Road site. The proposal was APPROVED unanimously.

Councillor VANE PERCY vacated the meeting at 10.15pm

95/009 CIVIC DINNER:

The Town Mayor asked the meeting to approve the list of 28 guests that he wishes to invite to the Civic Dinner, to repay their hospitality. The Town Mayor's proposal was APPROVED.

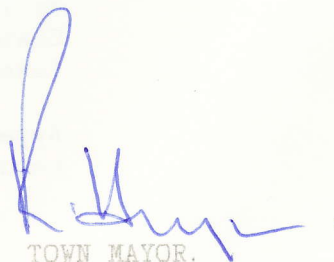
Councillor SURSHAM vacated the meeting at 10.20pm.

95/010: WORKING PARTY REPORTS:

1. Judith's Field. Councillor FORSTER asked the meeting to approve his proposal that Mr Les Allgood be offered a permanent post as caretaker from 1st February 1995. Proposal APPROVED. Councillor MILLER declared an interest, he is related to Mr Allgood.
2. VE Day. Councillor FORSTER informed the meeting that this will be on 8th May and suggested that the Town Council should become involved, perhaps as the co-ordinating body for the Town. The meeting APPROVED the involvement of the Town Council in the event.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 1995.

The meeting closed at 10.40pm

  
TOWN MAYOR.

APPENDIX "C".

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

The following applications and correspondence were considered and resolved by the Town Council on 19th January 1995.

APPLICATIONS:

Ref.No.	Detail.
94/1594	Erection of porch to front of dwelling 14, Cambridge Street, Godmanchester.  Town Council noted that work already completed. Town Council therefore concerned that this application has been allowed to be post dated, Town Council has not been given the opportunity of considering this application.
94/1593	B8 Storage and distribution warehouse with ancillary office accommodation. Cardinal Distribution Park, Godmanchester.  Three letters of objection considered.  RESOLVED: Application be refused.
94/1421	Amended plan - conversion of out-buildings to form granny annex. 6, Post Street, Godmanchester.  Deferral recommended.
94/1374	Residential development of 47 dwellings. Sweetings Road, Godmanchester.  District Council already approved, despite Town Council's request for deferral until play area and footpaths agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

94/1158	Notice of appeal pursuant to Section 78 Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Mr Yan Wan, 19, The Causeway, Godmanchester. Change of use of ground floor to hot food takeaway.  Appeal noted - Town Council's previous recommendation endorsed.
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