

CUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting of Parish Council
held in Cuddington School
Wednesday 1st September at 7.30pm**

PRESENT: Cllrs: Sherry Scott (**SS**), Ken Birkby (**KB**), Frank Crowdy (**FC**), Jim Hayward (**JH**), Michael Pegge (**MP**), Jennifer Schram de Jong (**JSdJ**), Venetia Davies (**Clerk**).

Cllr Michael Edmonds, BCC & AVDC

Parishioners: one Parishioners present.

NB: Action points highlighted

1. Apologies

Stephen Turner (ST)

2. Minutes of previous meeting held on Wednesday 7th July 2010

JSdJ requested amendment to Minutes 2010/33 11. Census *JSdJ confirmed article had been written for Village Voice*. Minutes then accepted as true record and duly signed by Chairman SS.

3. Matters Arising

Minutes 4th August 2010. 3. Matters Arising. Bank Account. Application still in progress. **Byelaws.** JH to site as necessary. **Cuddington/Chearsley Tug of War.** Still awaiting confirmation for 19th September from Chearsley Parish Council.

7. Correspondence. Chestnut Trees. Tree Survey requested. Ref: 295506, Contact: Rachel 0845 2302882. **15. Any Other Business. Footpaths.** Maintenance on Footpath No. 19 still required. JSdJ confirmed Mike Cotman will upkeep stile/footpath located on Spicketts Lane. **Removal of Sandbags.** MP informed all of discussions with David Smith regarding the construction of a proper drain. SS confirmed this was the responsibility of the Church and that the Parish Council had been informed a drain would be constructed in front of the Church door. **ACTION: Clerk to write to CPC to that effect.**

4. Declaration of Interest

There were no interests declared.

5. Planning

Planning applications listed below received late (due to August holiday period).

ACTION: Clerk to circulate applications to all Councillors for immediate comments. Cllrs to notify Clerk of comments. Clerk to return comments to AVDC.

10/01634/ATP Dadbrook House, Cuddington, HP18 0AG. Re-pollard two Horse Chestnut trees and crown thin two Horse Chestnut trees by 10% and reduce by 15% to shape.

10/01600/ATC Green Pastures, Holly Tree Lane, Cuddington, HP18 0BA. Fell one Cherry tree.

10/01599/ATC Rosetree Cottage, Lower Church Street, Cuddington, HP18 0AS. Fell one Holly tree and one Plum tree.

Permit: 10/01205/ATC 3 Church Close, Cuddington, HP18 0AT. Fell on plum tree

Permit: 10/01413/ATC Larden, Spicketts Lane, Cuddington, HP18 0AY. Fell 18 Leylandii trees.

Permit: 10/00620/APP & 10/00622/ALB Beam Cottage, Lower Church Street, Cuddington, HP18 0AT. Reconstruction of new two storey extension to rear and reconstruction of single storey element, creation of glass link, insertion of ground floor window and internal alterations to upper floor. Subject to conditions and reasons received from AVDC.

6. Correspondence

- **John Luckett, Hon Treasurer, CPFA.** Letter received acknowledging receipt of £787.81 to the CPFA refurbishment account and thanking CPC for its “unstinting” support in the Clubhouse refurbishment. **ACTION: Clerk to place copies on notice boards.**
- **Joan Walker.** Letter received expressing concerned over steps/overhanging branches at Swan Hill Cottages. JH confirmed he had dealt with the branches and that there will be no funding available from BCC for steps. **ACTION: SS to follow up.**
- **Alan Marsh, Treasurer, CPCC.** Letter received requesting continued support from CPC by way of annual donation of £450 for upkeep of graveyard. Concerned also expressed over amounts paid in early 2010 (in that, with the change in Parish Council clerks, the PC may believe the donation was for 2010, and not 2009). **ACTION: Clerk to investigate and if correct, list on Orders for Payment next month as 2010/2011. KB suggested this payment should be bought forward for next year.**
- **Peggy Cattell, Village Voice.** Letter of thanks received for the donation of £300 to Village Voice but requesting cheque be made payable to Cuddington Parochial Church Council. **ACTION: Clerk to enquire.**
- **Core Business Services (Box-Com).** Invoice received. **ACTION: Clerk to forward details to ST and list under Orders for Payment next month.**

7. Finance

- a. **Balance of Bank Account: £13,974.90**
(includes £300 for Village Voice which has subsequently not been presented due to requested change of payee to CPCC)
- b. **Orders for Payment:**
- Clerk's Salary - **£178.20** (20 hours)
 - S Brown – Grass Cutting - **£100**
 - Oxford IT Solutions (Website–25% deposit) - **£525.00**
 - Expenses JH (Laminated Byelaws) – **£2.50**
 - BALC – Councillor Training Session (ST) - **£45**
 - **BALANCE: £13,124.20**
- c. Clerk to list petrol expenses (KB) and hardware expenses (Best Kept Village JH) under Orders for Payment next month.

- 8. Best Kept Village Presentation – Saturday 4th September**
Time confirmed as 3.30pm. Presentation of Morris Cup will be made by Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, Lord Lieutenant and BALC President. **ACTION: Clerk to advertise event on Notice Boards inviting everyone to participate in the presentation. Tea and cakes to be served on the Upper Green. SS to advertise presentation on Upper Green. SS, JSdJ, Clerk to set-up marquee/tables at 10.30am.**

9. Contributions from AVDC and BCC Cllrs

ME informed all that the County budget had been adjusted by £12m with the majority of cuts made in the Services sector. Road repairs were reported as going well. Discussions regarding Winter Maintenance are underway for this year's, perhaps, bad weather. The Waterside Theatre is progressing extremely well and the Conference Centre is well used and well booked. Demolition is underway for a new development on Gatehouse. Discussions are underway with major retailers for new development north of Exchange Street. As previously reported, planning control will now become the responsibility of local government.

10. Any Other Business

LAF Meeting, Wednesday 29th September, Bernard Hall. ACTION: MP to produce notice inviting all Parishioners. SS to provide teas for 30/35 people.

Speed Review. MP informed all that recommendations by the PC have not been accepted. 30 mile speed sign on Dadbrook will be re positioned 41 meters from its current position.

Playing Field Entrance. SS confirmed photographs were taken by David Smith at the time of flooding. **ACTION: SS to continue discussions with Housing Trust, VAHT.**

Road Signs. SS commented on condition of road signs "Cuddington" and "Tibby's Lane". **ACTION: SS to make enquiries for renewal with AVDC. Spicketts Lane.** Lane has been badly damaged by combine harvester. **ACTION: SS to contact Farm**

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Manager at Waddesdon Farm. MP to talk to David Smith. **Thames and Chiltern in Bloom Competition.** Winner to be announced 30th September 2010 in Amersham. **ACTION: JH & SS to attend.** **Boules Ground.** KB confirmed grant awarded from Aylesbury Vale Community Chest for £1,000. Awaiting news from Luton Community Foundation for applied grant of £2,000. Agreed with CPFA that works will be postponed until news of award as Luton Community Foundation will not award grant if project has commenced. MP also suggested applying for a Vital Village grant from AVDC. KB to approach if necessary.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 6th October at **7.30pm**
Cuddington School

Circulation: all Cllrs by email
Website
Notice Boards (2)

CPC Minutes: 10/10

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Sherry Scott, Chairman