

CUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting of Parish Council
held in Cuddington School
Wednesday 6th October 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**), Stephen Turner (**ST**) Venetia Davies (**Clerk**).

Cllr David Smith, AVDC

Parishioners: Two parishioners present.

NB: Action points highlighted

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Minutes of previous meeting held on Wednesday 1st September 2010

Minutes accepted as true record and duly signed by Chairman SS.

3. Matters Arising

Minutes 1st September 2010. 3. Matters Arising. 7. Correspondence. Chestnut Trees. Ref: 295506, Contact: Rachel 0845 2302882. Verbal confirmation received by SS stating removal of first Chestnut tree and pollarding of second. **ACTION: SS to notify parishioners affected and chase works.** **15. Any Other Business. Removal of Sandbags.** Clerk confirmed that an order has been raised by David Smith, AVDC and mark as urgent, for drain at entrance to Church gate. CPCC are also investigating installation of drain at Church doors. **ACTION: Clerk to keep all updated.**

6. Correspondence. Joan Walker. SS confirmed Sunshine Club will raise funds for steps. **8. Best Kept Village.** JH thanked everyone for their tremendous effort with the presentation ceremony. **10. LAF Meeting.** On behalf of BCC, MP thanked CPC for hosting and providing refreshments at the recent LAF Meeting. **ACTION: SS to provide costs to be submitted to BCC.** MP confirmed grant for Litter Bins would, once again, be placed on the LAF Agenda, meeting 1/12. **ACTION: MP to attend LAF meeting.** If grant is not awarded, litter bins to be considered in Precept 2011/2012. **10. Any Other Business. Road Signs.** **ACTION: SS to make enquiries for renewal with AVDC and add Spicketts Lane to list.**

4. Declaration of Interest

There were no interests declared.

5. Planning

10/01830/APP - 3 Dadfield Close, Cuddington, HP18 0BH. Conservatory – Retrospective.

10/01867/APP - Wychen, Spurt Street, Cuddington, HP18 0BB. Rear Conservatory.

10/01796/APP - Ridgebarn Farm, Aylesbury Road, Cuddington, HP18 0AE. Installation of horse walker.

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

ACTION: Clerk to return 'no objections' comments to AVDC.

JH notified Councillors of new planning application not yet received from AVDC:

10/01989/ATC – The Platt, Holly Tree Lane, Cuddington, HP18 0BA. Reduce one

Apple tree and fell on Sycamore. **ACTION: JH to pass comment to Councillors prior to next meeting so that comments can be lodged before next PC meeting. Clerk to return comments to AVDC.** JH suggested “Did you know?” planning guidelines to be issued on Website and Village Voice. **ACTION: JH to prepare.**

6. Correspondence

- **Jean Watson.** Letter received outlining disappointment in non attendance of young children at the Best Kept Village presentation. Proposal of a “Cuddington Green Gang” – a group of young children to plant/litter pick and take pride in their village. **ACTION: SS to reply proposing a Green Gang as part of Cuddington Greening.**
- **Email Correspondence.** **ACTION: Clerk to continue to list under correspondence, if relevant.**

7. Finance

a. **Balance of Bank Account: £17,874.22 (includes Precept + £4,750)**

b. **Orders for Payment: £1570.34**

- Clerks Salary - **£178.20** (20 hours)
- Stationery - **£46.80**
- SLCC Enterprises Ltd - £160.00 (VAT £28.00) - **£188.00** (Clerk 2 day course)
- CPCC 2010/2011 (Donation for upkeep of churchyard) - **£450.00**
- Core Business Services (Final Invoice – Website) - £200.00 (VAT £35.00) - **£235.00**
- Mazars (External Audit) - £285.00 (VAT £49.88) - **£334.88**
- British Legion Donation - Remembrance Wreath - **£55.00**
- Expenses (JH: Hardware – Best Kept Village) - **£2.29**
- Petrol Expenses (KB: 34 miles @ 50.5p) - **£17.17**

BALANCE = £16,303.88

c. **Lloyds TSB Bank Account**

SS confirmed application in progress.

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8. **LINK – NHS Community Link Project.**

ACTION: ST to be Councillor representative.

9. **Skittles Green**

CPC had previously granted right of access across Skittles Green provided the area was surfaced. This was by way of a track and grass which has not been successful. Gareth Anderson (GA), Woodbine Cottage, who attended the meeting offered to improve the area, with neighbour Richard Winnicott, by: 1. Replacing existing with Cotswolds gravel. 2. Regular mowing of Skittles Green. As owners of this land, CPC accepted offer. **ACTION: GA** to provide quote. **Clerk** to circulate to Councillors and list on Orders for Payment at November meeting. Note: Clerk to order so that VAT can be reclaimed.

10. **Tree Stumps – Playing Fields**

ACTION: SS to continue to chase Dickon Johnston re. Invoice for works to Playing Fields. **JSdJ and KB** to obtain alternative quotes for removal of tree stumps. **Clerk** to list on Agenda once quotes have been obtained. New Shed. JH stressed that as Landowners, approval of new Shed on Playing Fields must be obtained by CPC. Council approved.

11. **Remembrance Service**

ACTION: JSdJ to represent CPC on 14th November.

12. **Parish Council Christmas Card**

ACTION: SS and **JSdJ** to produce.

13. **Precept 2011/12**

Proposed cut-off date Friday 21st January 2011. KB proposed draft budget be prepared. **ACTION: Cllrs** to prepare. **Clerk** to list as Agenda Item for November meeting.

Note: Condition of AVHT garages noted. **ACTION: Clerk** to contact AVHT re maintenance.

14. **Annual Parish Meeting**

Proposed date: Wednesday 20th April 2011. **ACTION: Clerk** to check availability of Bernard Hall.

15. **Contributions from AVDC and BCC Cllrs**

David Smith informed all that “cuts are beginning to bite” at district and county levels. Help was offered with Aylesbury Vale Housing Trust (re garage maintenance), if necessary.

16. Any Other Business

- **Website.** ST confirmed work is well underway with 22 Editors now appointed. Timings are slightly behind by one or two weeks. CPC agreed to additional small funds should the website working party recommend it. **ACTION: SS to obtain photographs for History Pages.**
- **Pub of the Year – Bucks Herald.** SS requested support for The Crown. **ACTION: KB to copy article for displaying in Shop window.**
- **Bonfire & Fireworks Party, Playing Fields, 30th October at 5.30pm.** JSdJ requested assistance and support.
- **Britain in Bloom Competition.** Cuddington ‘Silver’ winners of the Village Category. **ACTION: Clerk to circulate comments in Envelope. ACTION: JH to research small shelf/display cabinet for Awards in Bernard Hall and liaise with Marcus Bolton.**
- **Christmas Tree.** Funds of £200 available if necessary. **ACTION: KB to source.**
- **Boules Ground.** Grant not awarded from Luton Community Foundation. **ACTION: Clerk to ring fence short falling once total cost confirmed (as agreed in June Minutes, 2010).**
- **Clerk Training.** Clerk reported positive feedback on Day 1 of two day Course. **ACTION: Clerk to provide an idea of number of hours required to complete modules.**
- **Cuddington Youth Club.** JSdS thought this is no longer running.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 3rd November at **7.30pm**
Cuddington School

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

CPC Minutes: 11/10

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Sherry Scott, Chairman