

CUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting of Parish Council
held in Cuddington School
Wednesday 5th January at 7.30pm**

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

Cllr Michael Edmonds, AVDC, BCC & David Smith, AVDC.

Parishioners: Four parishioners present.

NB: Action points highlighted

Parishioners Question Time. Doug Kennedy presented the achievements of Greener Cuddington during 2010 (the Energy Year) finishing the year with an interview with Doug by the Bucks Herald (published 5/1/11) and went onto outline the plans for 2011 – The Wildlife and Biodiversity Year. Particular thanks were paid to CPC for its support. Chairman SS gave her congratulations for the achievements and the Parish Council's continued support in Greener activities, particularly the idea of a bird census.

1. Apologies

Frank Crowdy (**FC**)

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

The amount raised from the Poppy Appeal well exceeded £320. 9c. Finance. **ACTION: SS to write to letter of complaint to Lloyds TSB.** Note: It was thought the action point for the Chairman to write a formal letter of complaint to Lloyds TSB was omitted. This was not infact the case, although the action point was not highlighted in yellow. Minutes accepted as true record and duly signed by Chairman SS.

3. Matters Arising

Minutes 1st December 2010. Matters Arising. Award Cabinet in Bernard Hall.

Correspondence received from Markus Bolton confirming siting of Award Cabinet in Bernard Hall provided it is safe (security glass and away from children's activities) and attractive. **ACTION: JH & Clerk to source and seek approval of Bernard Hall Committee.**

7. Finance. Due to continued frustrations with Lloyds TSB, it was resolved that two alternative banks be proposed at next meeting. **ACTION: SS/Clerk to source. Clerk to provide existing account details for payment of Precept.** **12. Items for Information.** **ACTION: Clerk to provide details of landowners to David Smith regarding overhanging trees in Spicketts Lane.** Correspondence to be sent directly from DS.

4. Declaration of Interest

There were no interests declared.

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5. Planning

10/02163/APP - 36 Bernard Close, HP18 0AJ

Replacement single storey front extension. Previously commented on and actioned.

10/02327/APP - 23 Bernard Close, HP18 0AJ

Single storey front and side and two storey side and rear extension.

10/02455/ATC - The Old House, Upper Church St, HP18 0AP

Felling of 1x Horse Chestnut Tree and pollarding of 1x Horse Chestnut Tree

ACTION: Clerk to return 'no objections' to AVDC but give comments on 23 Bernard Close noting concerns over the boundary/incursion onto Playing Field Land and highlight that the tree is not shown as being on the Playing Field.

6. Correspondence

Vale of Aylesbury Plan – Parish Council Involvement. Letter received from AVDC together with attachments. SS passed to JSdJ for circulation to all Cllrs.

ACTION: Clerk to write informing AVDC that CPC will respond following meeting of Council in February and list as Agenda Item. All other correspondence received was discussed under relevant Agenda Items.

7. Finance

- a. Balance of Bank Account: **£11,264.01** (includes cheque presented to Broker Network Ltd) less unrepresented Gareth Anderson £4.50) **£11,259.51**
- b. Orders for Payment: **£265.70**
 - Clerks Salary **£178.20** (20 hours)
 - (Broker Network Ltd **£367.50**) (Insurance – Boules Piste)
 - The Bernard Hall Committee **£37.50** (Hire of Bernard Hall for Website Launch to Editors)
 - S Brown **£50.00** (Grass Cutting)
 - **BALANCE = £10,993.81**

8. Skittles Green – Insurance Claim (re damage by Sainsbury's delivery vehicle)

Letter received informing liability is not in dispute. **ACTION: Clerk to obtain two written quotes for repairs. David Smith, AVDC to be contacted in the first instance.**

9. Boules Piste

KB summarised report circulated to all Cllrs on Boules Piste construction and costs and proposed a 'launch' event around April/Easter 2011. Representatives from Bucks Play Association and Aylesbury Vale Community Chest (from whom grants were awarded - £1750 in total) to be invited to launch along with local press.

Sarah McKeown from No. 14 Aylesbury Road expressed disappointment in not being informed of level of disruption. On behalf of CPC, SS offered sincere apologies and agreed that, should screenage arise, discussions will involve all.

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Concerns were expressed over the unforeseen need for insurance for plant and KB explained the background and the need for prompt action. It was concluded and agreed that CPC agreed to contribute to shortfall of project (from budgeted funds assigned for recreation activities in the Parish) should all grants not be awarded. Project on budget. Grants will be paid to CPFA. The CPFA to be consulted on the transfer of grant applications to CPC in order that all invoices can be paid and any VAT reclaimed. Remaining plant hire costs and labour costs to be listed on Orders for Payment when invoices received. **ACTION: Clerk to list on Orders of Payment and copy invoices to KB.** Congratulations were given to KB for overseeing the Boules Piste project, a wonderful recreation addition for use not only by Parishioners but also other villages by way of inter village challenges. **Christmas Tree.** Special thanks were also given to KB for overseeing the Village Christmas Tree, noted to be one of the best trees to date. **ACTION: KB/Clerk to send letter of thanks to Ken Tomes, Milly Soames and Dave Sharpley. KB to reimburse Mike Cox (£25) to cover the cost of the electricity for lights. Clerk to list under Orders for Payment next month.**

10. Litter Bins

Congratulations were given to MP for securing the contribution of £1600 towards the cost of parish litter and recycling bins from Haddenham and Long Crendon LAF. **ACTION: It was agreed the expense to professionally install the litter bins would be met by CPC. Quotes to be obtained. Clerk to respond to letter from Heather-Joy Garrett, Project Officer acknowledging acceptance of funding and associated Terms and Conditions.**

11. Contributions from AVDC and BCC Cllrs

ME spoke on behalf of AVDC and BCC. Cut backs at both District and County levels are exercising minds and frames of both authorities. One such cutback is the proposed library services to be run by volunteers. All authorities have objected to HS2. Aylesbury Vale Incinerator is subject to Scrutiny hearing on 11/1/11. Works to roads in summer have resulted in improvement despite the bad weather. Salt bins continued to be replenished throughout, some old pot holes are reappearing. AVDC suffered the largest cuts in the country. ME also outlined current demolition and construction work to the North side of Aylesbury Town including Waitrose and The National Enterprise Academy, and planning applications including plans for a new dairy by Arla Foods near Aston Clinton.

12. Items for Information

Website. ACTION: Clerk to list as Agenda Items for discussion: 1. The Parish Council's policies so that these can be discussed and agreed at the next meeting. 2. The consideration for the use of the website in the PC Elections. JH expressed congratulations to Chris Long ("an absolute star!") for the superb Christmas snow photographs posted on the website, one of which was noted on the BBC Oxford website in the top 6 photographs. JH also advised BALC had commented on Cuddington's superb website, perhaps seeking advice for BALC's new website from Oxford IT Solutions.

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Census. In the absence of a January issue of Village Voice, it was agreed this would be produced for the March issue, particularly as information on the children of the village was outstanding.

13. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 2nd February at **7.30pm**
Cuddington School

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Sherry Scott, Chairman