

CUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting of Parish Council
held in Cuddington School
Wednesday 6th April 2011 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**).

Parishioners: 8 Parishioners present.

NB: Action points highlighted

Parishioners Question Time

Reasons as to fence erected on Footpath 13 questioned (alongside footpath towards Nether Winchendon). Stile reported as broken on Footpath 2 (behind sewage works). **ACTION: SS to investigate/report.**

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Minutes of previous meeting held on Wednesday 2nd March 2011

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

3. Matters Arising

Minutes 2nd March 2011. Matters Arising. Award Cabinet in Bernard Hall.

Location and size (12" depth) agreed. **ACTION: JH to source and obtain quotes.**

Children's Play Area – Maintenance. Agreed twice monthly. Awaiting quotations.

ACTION: Deadline 8th April 2011. Clerk to notified chosen supplier w/c 11 April 2011 regardless of all quotations being received.

The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge. No further action. **7. Finance. Bank Account.** Now awaiting new bank account number from Nat West. **ACTION: Clerk to inform AVDC of new bank account details for September Precept and advise on amount to be transferred from Bank of Ireland account to Nat West account. Authorisation given for funds to be removed prior to next meeting.**

Bucks Herald – News from Villages article. ACTION: Clerk meeting John Francis, Bucks Herald, Friday 8th April to ascertain information .

4. Website Working Group and Village Voice

ST confirmed promotion of business directory had been held as requested at the March Parish Council meeting. Chris Blumer gave a brief resume of the history of Village Voice (a newsletter instigated by the Church for the community) and the advertising and donations sought to support the increasing number of pages of the publication. Chris Long addressed the desired functionality of the Business Directory – a directory of businesses (approved by two referees), as an information service to the community. A costing exercise was demonstrated for charging businesses a Business Directory entry and the benefit of doing so questioned when factoring in administration costs.

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Chris Long reiterated the costs associated with the website, isolating the one off set-up cost (to be recovered within 4 years) and the running costs (a tenth of the previous website). The benefits of both communication vehicles were also demonstrated - Village Voice reaching more people in the village; the website reaching those in and outside the village (encouraging attendance at village events). The purpose of the Business Directory was discussed and it was resolved that a concise Business Directory is a service for villagers. The Working Website Group would therefore:

1) recruit new businesses (within a 6 mile radius of Cuddington). 2) Limit entries to 80 words/500 characters. 3. Explore sponsorship opportunities in time but submit a full proposal to the new Council in the first instance. **ACTION: Website Working Party to implement.**

5. Declaration of Interest

ST declared an interest in 11/04495/ATC – Thornside, Holly Tree Lane, HP18 0AN
KB declared an interest in 11/00592/ATC – Wayside, Bridgeway, Cuddington, HP18 0AW (a non Agenda item due to receipt of notice between Agenda and application received).

6. Planning

11/00451 – Cuddington Mill, Bridgeway, Cuddington, HP18 0BP

Demolition of 2 storey extension & greenhouse & erection of 2 storey extension & alterations to main house.

11/00495/ATC – Thornside, Holly Tree Lane, Cuddington, HP18 0BA

Fell one Portugal Laurel tree

11/00230/ALB – Upper Green Cottage, The Green, Cuddington, HP18 0AN

Retention of two windows on first floor and one window on ground floor (retrospective)

ACTION: Clerk to return 'supports' application for Cuddington Mill and return 'no objections' on Thornside and Upper Green Cottage to AVDC.

Planning (not on Agenda due to receipt of notice between Agenda and application received).

11/00547/ALB – Bridgeway, The Green, Cuddington, HP19 0AN

Installation of combi boiler to first floor.

11/00582/APP – Hawthorn House, Spurt Street, Cuddington, HP18 0BB

Single Storey rear extension.

11/00592/ATC – Wayside, Bridgeway, Cuddington, HP18 0AW

Crown life by 2-3m and crown thin by 10-15% to one Beech tree.

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

Permit

11/00132/ATC – Wayside, Bridgeway, Cuddington, HP18 0AW - Fell one Cherry and one Hawthorn tree

11/00077/ATC – The Laurels, Spicketts Lane, Cuddington, HP18 0AY- Fell one Horse Chestnut tree

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7. Correspondence

- Letter received re Proposed New Sainsbury's at Thame Cattle Market.
ACTION: Clerk to return "Oppose Plans", due to fear for local shops/increased traffic.
- Emails received re Proposed Waste Recycling Facility, Long Crendon.
ACTION: Clerk to Agenda for next meeting.
- On the Road Project (range of activities for young people). To be retain on file.
- Involvement in Vale of Aylesbury Plan. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange meeting with SS/Clerk and Andy Barton, Forward Plans Group Manager, AVDC. North Bucks Swifts and Bat Evening, 19th April at 7.30pm. The Oculus, Gateway. ACTION: SS to attend. Clerk to forward to Doug Kennedy.**

8. Finance

- a. Balance of Bank Account: **£10,479.68**
(less unrepresented cheques 000353 Gareth Anderson £4.50, 000367 The Bernard Hall Committee £37.50), 000379 LetsCare (Litter Bins) £566.00).
Balance of Bank Account: **£9871.68** (includes VAT return £1,013.44 & LAF £1,600)
- b. Orders for Payment: **£553.41**
 - Clerks Salary **£178.20** (20 hours)
 - AVDC Dog Bins (Empties) £155.22 (VAT £31.04) **£186.26**
 - BALC Membership **£87.95**
 - Society of Local Council Clerks **£72.00**
 - CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) Membership **£29.00****BALANCE = £9,318.27**

9. Area 11 Speed Limit Review

Proposals to change Speed Limit Reviews disappointingly unsuccessful. Mobile radars requested. **ACTION: Clerk to request in writing, highlighting speeding concerns .**

10. 2011/12 Delegated Budget – Bid for Highways

Deadline for applications - 2nd May 2011. Two suggestions given – new/renovated bus shelters and drainage at Church entrance. **ACTION: MP/KB to prepare proposals and submit.**

11. Best Kept Village & Thames & Chiltern in Bloom

ACTION: Clerk to submit entry forms and payment.

12. Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 18th April 2011

Draft Agenda agreed. **ACTION: Clerk to invite all parties to attend to give a brief resume of service/amenity/club at the annual Village meeting.**

13. Elections 2011 – Thursday 5th May 2011

Statement of Persons Nominated announced. There were seven nominations for seven seats: Ken Birkby, Frank Crowdy, Matthew Giorgi, Jim Hayward, Douglas Kennedy, Jennifer Schram de Jong, and Stephen Turner.

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Disappointment was expressed that, despite best efforts of encouraging Parishioners to stand, it will be an Uncontested Election.

14. Contributions from AVDC and BCC Cllrs

David Smith, AVDC updated Councillors on District Council activities. New machinery had been purchased for the repair of roads and pot holes. The Waterside Theatre continues to be a great success though problems concerning car parking were highlighted. This, however, will be resolved with the opening of Waitrose. Disappointment was expressed with the Speed Limit Review not being extended out and concerns reiterated over HS-2, the high speed rail link between London and Birmingham. David informed all that he will be standing down as District Councillor. On behalf of Cuddington Parish Council, SS thanked David Smith for his valuable contribution particularly at Parish Council meetings over the past years.

15. Items for Information

Clerk Salary. Pay increased to SCP20 - £9.59 per hour. **New Councillors Meeting.** More details to follow re June meeting, Haddenham. **Solar Panels.** **ACTION: Clerk to request planning.** **Dog Fouling in Playing Fields.** Noted. **CPFA Dustbin.** Concerns noted. **Speed Signs.** Concerns raised over authorisation. **Village Record.** Ongoing. **PCSO Jones for the 2011 community policing award.** **ACTION: JSdJ to send nomination form.**

On behalf of the Village and Parish Council, KB paid special thanks to SS and MP for their considerable efforts to the Village; over and above the call of duty. Jim Hayward's service of 43 years as a Parish Councillor was also commended.

16. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Cuddington Parish Council AGM
Wednesday 11th May at 7.30pm
Cuddington School

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Ken Birkby, Chairman