

CUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Draft Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting
held in The Bernard Hall
Monday 18th April 2011 at 7.30pm**

Chair: Sherry Scott, Chairman Cuddington Parish Council.
Minutes: Venetia Davies, Parish Clerk.

Parishioners: Approximately 45 Parishioners present.

1. Apologies

Chris Blumer, Frank Crowdy, Jeane Oke, Stephen Turner

2. Minutes of previous meeting held on Wednesday 21st April 2010

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

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Bucks County Issues

Michael Edmonds reported that both the Budget and Council Tax had been frozen for the forthcoming year and spoke of the Local Area Forum (from which Cuddington has been awarded Salt Bins and latterly Litter Bins) and paid credit to Dave Smith, Local Area Technician for securing his position through the great job he does. He also reported on the Waste Incinerator at Calvert and the Waste Recycling Centre at Long Crendon as well as HS2, of which both BCC and AVDC have objected.

5. Aylesbury Vale District Council

On a District level, Michael Edmonds spoke of the Waterside Theatre, the new Conference Centre, plans for Waitrose and a Hotel, the National Enterprise Academy and the demolition of the Civic Centre car park with move of local offices to Gatehouse Way. An update on the Vale of Aylesbury Plan, to involve Parish Councils, was given together with reports of employment opportunities at the world's biggest dairy in Aston Clinton and also opportunities at Silverstone.

Michael thanked his colleague, David Smith, for the work he had done as District Councillor over the past 8 years.

Questions raised from the floor included:

- The risk to County's libraries due to Government cuts.
- Concerns over refuse collections remaining the same when the addition of a new garden waste collection (brown bins) is introduced fortnightly. It was confirmed there would be no change of service.

- Concerns that additional services (particularly for the young and elderly) could be operated by volunteers; such is the suggestion for Libraries.

David Smith, AVDC, gave special thanks for his involvement with Cuddington Parish Council over his 8 years of service.

6. Community Policing and Neighbourhood Watch

PSCO Sue Jones report covered speeding and parking issues in the Villages with speed enforcement days, targeting specific areas, underway. Crime rate in AVDC has dropped since last year but rural crime (lead) continues to be a major concern in Villages. Despite cuts, First Response Officers will remain the same. Due to reorganisation of the Cuddington Neighbourhood Watch Group in co-operation with Thames Valley Police, additional co-ordinators were requested to join the Scheme.

Jennifer Schram de Jong thanked Michael Pegge who has been a lead figure in instigating the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for Cuddington.

7. St Nicholas Church

Rev Jonathan Hawkins remarked on the wonderful condition of the Church and the care it receives from the management and support of the PCC and Church Wardens. Foundations built by Eric Chamberlin for young people continue to be built upon with School Assemblies and the Haddenham Youth Cafe. 2011 celebrates the 400 year anniversary of the King James Bible and Rev Jonathan Hawkins spoke of the E100 Bible Reading Challenge. He also encouraged the use of St Nicholas Church for prayer and worship and also as a resource for the Village. A public thanks was given to the website; the Church being delighted to be a part of this terrific source for information for Villagers. Myles Saker gave a reminder of the Music in Quiet Places programme; an ever popular series of concerts initiated by AVDC. St Nicholas Church will host the first concert. Lyrical Schubert and Mozart, Saturday 14th May at 7.30pm. Tickets are £8 (£6 concessions).

8. The Nicholas Almond Charity

Jim Hayward, Trustee, presented the Report and Accounts. Payment of £350 for grazing at Poors Moor had been received and two grants awarded of £150.00 each. He announced that Rev Jonathan Hawkins joins the Charity as Trustee. The Charity continues to give grants to help students and apprentices who live in Cuddington to purchase books or tools for further education/apprenticeships. Young people are encouraged to apply. Sherry Scott reminded all present of Jim Hayward's 43 years as Parish Councillor and thanked him for his knowledge and expertise.

9. Our Village Hall

Markus Bolton reported on the successful installation of the new kitchen and upgraded facilities and thanked AVDC, the Parish Council and Fete Committee for their financial support. Lettings are up by 10%. Plans for the new cinema facility were outlined together with funding sources. Particular thanks were given to the members of the Bernard Hall Committee together with CYD for bringing the hall to life.

10. Cuddington and Dinton C of E School

Chris Blumer's report spoke of the successful appointment of Mrs Kim Price as Head teacher who is completing the integration of the School with a junior and senior site. Links continue to be forged with the community; the recent WI competition given as an example and Friends4CADS continue to do tremendous fundraising for the playing field at Dinton. Admissions have been raised to 26. Special thanks were also paid to Rebecca Lyall (LA Governor and parent) for dealing with matters regarding traffic. Additional traffic is to be expected on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th April due to a visit from the senior site to Cuddington. All staff were thanked for the wonderful job of looking after and educating the children.

11. Cuddington Playing Fields and Clubhouse

Viv Semmens gave a general background to the Cuddington Playing Fields Association (CPFA). Although owned by the Parish Council, the Playing Fields and Clubhouse are leased to the CPFA to manage these facilities. All residents are members and can use the facility free of charge but in order to purchase drinks, membership of the Club must be taken. Viv also reported that Frank Crowdy had stepped down as Chairman and had been appointed Life Vice President of the CPFA in recognition of his commitment to the CPFA over many years. The facilities were discussed and the official opening of the Boules Piste confirmed as Sunday 1st May. Areas of financial spend were reported and news of a wine tasting evening announced on 19th November which would help fundraise towards core costs – mowing, hedge cutting and electrics.

12. News from Village Voice

Peggy Cattell reported on the progress of Village Voice since its first edition in 1998. Support from advertisers and donations were much appreciated as was the work of those responsible for advertising, editorial, printing and distribution. As the Voice of the Village, 'Village Voices' were requested to submit letters to the Editor. This would encourage lively debate between one voice and another.

13. News from cuddingtonvillage.com

A year on from the disappointment expressed over the old website, Chris Long reported on the successful design and implementation of the new Cuddington website; an attractive, up-to-date site with well over 100 articles that runs at a tenth of the cost of the old website. Congratulations were given to the contributing editors, in particular the Church for the way they have embraced the website. The benefits of becoming a member were also explained. Special thanks were given to Stephen Turner (for heading up the Website Working Party) and Simon Shaw (for its design). Thanks were also paid to Doug Kennedy and Chris Blumer for their excellent photographs and Peggy Cattell for the wonderful photographs provided for the History pages; one of most viewed pages of the website. Additional photographs from the 1940s, 50s and 60s were requested from Villagers (to be scanned and uploaded with great care). Special Get Well wishes for a speedy recovery were paid to Stephen Turner.

14. Hats off to Cuddington – this year’s Fete

Jayne Davidson appealed for Villagers to help man the 60 or so stalls at this year’s Fete on Saturday 9th July and to put forward auction prizes that will help raise similar monies to those achieved last year (£1,200 on Auction).

15. Greener Cuddington

Doug Kennedy summarised last year’s greening projects and outlined the activities for this year - the Wildlife and Biodiversity Year. These include a Garden Vertebrate Watch in May (forms in Village Voice), A Talk by Alistair Brookes, Farms Manager for Waddesdon Estates in June and a Village Wildlife Photography Competition that runs from May to July.

16. Our Village Record

A copy of the Village Record in draft format was sited in the hall for amendments as necessary. Jennifer Schram de Jong stressed that Villagers must let her know if they wish to be included.

17. The Activities and Finances of the Parish Council

Sherry Scott presented the Report and Accounts for the financial year 2010/11 and summarised the activities of the Parish Council, in particular:

- Winners of the Thames and Chilterns in Bloom 2010
- Winners of the Best Kept Village 2010
- Cuddington Village Website
- The Boules Pitch
- Six New Litter Bins
- As well as the ongoing donations, memberships, maintenance of the Village and facilities, as well as its roads.

Outside of the Parish Council, Sherry Scott reminded Parishioners of the Sunshine Club outing to the Cotswolds on Wednesday 27th April and the Ruby Small Dawn Walk on Saturday 25th June. The idea of a “Ladies that Lunch” Club was also put forward.

Sherry welcomed nominated contestants Matthew Giorgi and Doug Kennedy to the Parish Council.

As the meeting closed, Jennifer Schram de Jong paid special thanks to Sherry for all the work she had done as Chairman of the Parish Council over the past four years.

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

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Signed:
Sherry Scott, Chairman