

DRAFT MINUTES

2011/31

CUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Meeting of Parish Council held in Cuddington and Dinton School, Infant Site Wednesday 7th September 2011 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs: Frank Crowdy (FC), Matthew Giorgi (MG), Jim Hayward (JH), Doug Kennedy (DK), Jennifer Schram de Jong (JSdJ), Stephen Turner (ST) Venetia Davies (Clerk).

Parishioners: There were six Parishioners present.

NB: Action points highlighted

Parishioners Questions Time

Chris Blumer, Chairman of Cuddington & Dinton C of E School Governing Body, reported on the smooth and successful installation of the temporary classrooms at the back of the Infant Site over the summer months. He reported that inevitable increased traffic implications will continue for at least 6 months whilst the rebuild at the Junior Site is in progress. Parents continue to be encouraged to park and walk children to School from the Playing Fields. All Dinton resident children are now eligible to use the bus and many parents have adopted the drop off process which is helping in reducing the traffic into the Village. Parents are also being encouraged to see teachers at the end of the day if necessary. Despite the offer of temporary staff parking by land owner Mr Spencer Bernard, residents at Cuddington Court have raised strong objections to the principle of parking on the field. Staff parking will now have to be absorbed in the Village. Thanks were paid to Sherry Scott and Phil Johnson who have offered parking of two cars in the driveway of Tyringham Hall. PCSO Sue Jones will monitor parking in the Village. Chris Blumer asked the Parish Council to contact him should any ideas/suggestions be raised or any major problems arise. On behalf of the Parish Council, Stephen Turner thanked the School and Governors for continually keeping the Parish Council informed during this challenging time.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Ken Birkby.

2. Minutes of previous meeting held on Wednesday 3rd August 2011

JSdJ requested the following amendments. Amendment to Correspondence from Carl Small. **Action:** *In the interests of good relations*, JSdJ to inform CPFA of PCs decision. 11. Diamond Jubilee. JSdJ reported that a Working Group will be formed to agree how the event will be run. 12. Children's Playground. JSdJ to ascertain timber prices with Neil Watlers as specified by Ben Clayton. **ACTION: Clerk to amend. Revised Minutes to be signed at October meeting.**

3. Matters Arising

Removal of Cherry Tree (Cuddington Playing Fields). Agreed to remove and replace (replacement to be discussed with Nibby White). **ACTION: Clerk to inform Carl Small who has agreed to remove).** **Insurance of Trophies.** **ACTION: JH to discuss.** Annual trophies, such as the Tindall Cup, maybe best displayed on Village occasions only.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

5. Planning

11/01717/ATC – Seven Stars, Spurt Street, Cuddington, HP18 0BB. Crown lift by 10m one Cherry Tree.

Copies of correspondence to Rebecca Jarratt, Planning Officer, AVDC received from Peter Rhoades and Myles Saker opposing crown lift of Bird Cherry Tree at above address. Parishioners Mr & Mrs Rhoades expressed their concerns over the application. Cllr Doug Kennedy confirmed objections had been logged with AVDC on behalf of Greener Cuddington. The Parish Council opposed the application.

ACTION: Clerk to return Opposes the application to AVDC and request site meeting with Mr Branston (AVDC Tree Officer), a qualified Tree Surgeon and all interested parties. Copy to Cllr Michael Edmonds.

11/01754/ATC – The Platt, Holly Tree Lane, Cuddington, HP18 0BA Fell one Cherry Tree.

ACTION: Clerk to return No Objections to AVDC.

6. Correspondence

- AVDC 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Unlikely to take action due to Jubilee and other commitments. **ACTION: Clerk to request toolkit, for interested parties in Village.**
- Email from Lindsey Kennedy re dog fouling recommending some form of signage especially along the Cuddington/Nether Winchendon walk. **ACTION: Clerk to contact AVDC to ascertain availability and, if possible, a visual of the signs and circulate to Councillors.**

7. Finance

a. Balance from Minutes of previous meeting (3rd August 2011): £10,353.69

- Receipts: £0.00
- Debits: £30.00 (Gommes Forge)
- Plus unrepresented cheques: £0.00

Balance of Bank Account: £10,323.69

Available Funds: £10,323.69 (balance of bank account less unrepresented cheques)

b. Orders for Payment: £838.56

- Clerks Salary - **£191.80** (20 hours)
- Simon Brown - Grasscutting - **£110.00**
- Carl Small - **£60.00** and £20.00 (VAT £3.99) **£23.99** (Weed Killer)
- Oxford IT Solutions **£125.00**
- Footpaths Working Party (KB) - £3.30 (65p VAT) **£3.95** (Spark Plug) £3.34 (66p VAT) **£4.00** (Air Filter) £24.50 (£4.90 VAT) **£29.40** (Mower Service)
- Mazars - £135.00 (£27.00 VAT) **£162.00** (External Audit)
- AVDC - **£113.00** (Parish Election). **ACTION: Clerk to circulate copy of invoice.**
- Venetia Davies, Stationery (Folders & Laminating Pouches) £12.85 (£2.57 VAT) **£15.42**

BALANCE: £9,485.13 (Available Funds less Orders for Payment)

8. Best Kept Village – Saturday 10th September at 3.30pm, Upper Green.

Set-up confirmed as 1.00pm on Saturday. In event of wet weather, presentation will take place in Bernard Hall. **ACTION: Clerk to add reminder on website. JSdJ to provide refreshment expenses for Orders of Payment next month.**

9. Parish Plan - discussion following last meeting.

It was agreed that all Councillors will review the 2005 Parish Plan and comment next month.

ACTION: Clerk to list on Agenda and also include the Aylesbury Vale Neighbourhood Plan for an update to all Councillors.

10. Footpath Working Group - update from previous meeting.

DK confirmed an annual Audit for the Ramblers Association had been provided by Alan and Stella Marsh on all footpaths. All works had been completed and footpaths are reported to be in good order. Ongoing work will continued as necessary. The footpath at Cuddington Mill will be kept open whilst building work takes place.

11. Diamond Jubilee Working Group - update from previous meeting.

JSdJ has approached a number of people who may be willing to join but has not yet formed a Jubilee Working Group (largely due to holidays). **ACTION: Clerk to list update meeting on November's Agenda.**

JSdJ also updated the Council on the **Children's Playground.**

Maintenance. Maintenance is underway although wood chipping will wait until equipment is refurbished/replaced as necessary. Equipment. JSdJ awaiting procedure from Ben Clayton.

12. Website Working Group

ST confirmed Website updates, which include posting more than one photograph per article, an upgrade to calendar events and a bulletin board, are now complete. The Website continues to be an excellent source of information for the Village and beyond and steady 'hit' figures are being maintained.

13. Contributions from AVDC and BCC Cllrs

There were no contributions.

14. Items for Information

- Agreement was given to JSdJ for the use and payment of the Bernard Hall for a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinations Meeting, should it be required.
- DK informed the Council of a Solar PV initiative, an initiative that is supported by Greener Cuddington.
- FC informed all to be aware of a large pot hole in Spurt Street.

15. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 5th October at **7.30pm**
Cuddington and Dinton School, Infant Site.