

# DRAFT MINUTES

2012/03

## CUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Draft Minutes of Meeting of Parish Council  
held in Cuddington and Dinton School, Infant Site  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2012 at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: Ken Birkby (**KB**) (from Item 11), 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 seven Parishioners present.

**Chaired by Jim Hayward, Vice Chairman.**

### **NB: Action points highlighted**

#### **Parishioners Questions Time**

Information on a proposed Wind Turbine at Lower Waldridge Farm in Dinton was given by Jeremy Elgin (Applicant) and Richard Vanbergen (Ford Action Group Against Turbine - FAGAT)

#### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Michael Edmonds (**ME**)

#### **2. Minutes of previous meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

Draft Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by Vice Chairman JH.

#### **3. Matters Arising**

- **Item 9. Queen's Diamond Jubilee. ACTION: JSdJ to prepare Budget with revenue/expenditure breakdown for March meeting.**
- JSdJ confirmed the Trophy Cabinet had been installed in the Bernard Hall.

#### **4. Declarations of Interest**

There were no interests declared.

#### **5. Planning**

- **12/00072/ATC - Little Stone Barn, Aylesbury Road, Cuddington, HP18 0BG**  
Crown reduce by approximately 25% of one Beech tree.  
**ACTION: Clerk to return 'no objections' to AVDC.**
- **Certificate of lawfulness for existing use - Middle Path Cottage**

#### **6. Cuddington and Dinton School**

Chris Blumer thanked Parishioners for their patience over extra traffic resulting from the temporary amalgamation of the two School sites to the Infant site at Cuddington (following the fire on the Dinton site.) He notified Councillors of the submitted planning application to rebuild the Junior site at Dinton, which includes enhanced facilities, and noted September 2012 as the completion date for the Junior site.

#### **7. Contributions from AVDC and BCC Cllrs**

There were no contributions.

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## 8. Correspondence

- **AVDC, Touring Arts and Holiday Activities Programme.** Whereas this service has been free, from 2012 a cost for 3 Members of Staff for 2 hours for £50 will be charged. It was agreed this has been a valuable service for young families (play activities for 1-11 year old) and that it should be continued, at least for one year. **ACTION: Clerk to book 3 sessions, Easter and two Summer sessions. Feedback to be requested.**
- **BALC:** Cllr Mrs Isabella Fraser elected as new Chairman.
- **New Community Oil Buying Scheme.** A new scheme whereby oil can be purchased more cheaply through bulk buying. In November, the member price was 55.5p per litre compared to an average quoted price of 62p; highest being 71p. There is an annual membership fee of £20. **ACTION: Clerk to forward to Village Voice and post on website. To also forward to Chris Long, for consideration to become local co-ordinator.**

## 9. Finance

### a. Balance from Minutes of previous meeting (4<sup>th</sup> January 2012) : **£12,043.65**

- Receipts: £0.00
- Debits: £0.00
- Plus unpresented cheques: £30.00 (000117 - Carl Small)

**Balance of Bank Account: £12,073.65**

**Available Funds: £12,043.65 (balance of bank account less unpresented cheques)**

### b. Orders for Payment: **£514.62**

- Clerks Salary - **£191.80**
- Clayton Woodwork - **£296.83**
- Venetia Davies, Stationery (Toner) £21.66 (VAT £4.33) **£25.99**

**BALANCE: £11,529.03 (Available Funds less Orders for Payment)**

**NOTE: KB re Noma Direct (Christmas Lights) £38.47 (VAT £5.00) £43.47**  
approved prior to meeting.

**BALANCE: £11,485.56**

## 10. Waddesdon Estate/Ridgebarn Farm Track (Bridleway No 6)

Cllr DK commented on the clearing and hedge planting by Waddesdon Estate on Bridleway 6. He also noted that the pond adjacent in the field needed some attention. DK informed Councillors that Greener Cuddington's focus for 2012 was Local Food.

## 11. Social Issues

As a likely result of the Localism Bill (still to be passed), Cllr ST raised concerns about demands on Parish Councils to take some increasing responsibility for a wide range of social issues. As we are a small Council, ST asked Councillors to consider a review both of the role of the Parish Council and its procedures to address these developments. He suggested we establish a system of priorities to make the best use of our limited resources of people and funds.

## 12. Cuddington Shop

John Moore (and Elaine Moore), new owners and proprietors of Cuddington Village Store, thanked the Parish Council and Parishioners for their kind words of support following the recent change of ownership (31<sup>st</sup> January 2012). John outlined the plans for "Our Shop" which includes a significant amount of investment and stressed that the shop can be viable with "our" support and "their" efforts. On behalf of the Parish Council, KB welcomed John and Elaine Moore and wished them every success. He stressed the Parish Council were totally committed to having a local shop and post office - clearly a big part of village life. **ACTION: Clerk to write to Les and Jan.**

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## 13. Queen's Diamond Jubilee

JSdJ circulated Terms of Reference for the Cuddington Diamond Jubilee Working Party which included Members and Role. A NatWest Bank Account, Thame, has been opened with signatories Jaap Schram de Jong (Treasurer) and Jim Hayward (Vice Chairman CPC). It was agreed Venetia Davies, Clerk would be the Secretary of the Working Party (additional hours to be reported to Parish Council). A website page, *Diamond Jubilee Celebrations*, has been created outlining the activities or the June bank holiday weekend as well as the first fundraiser - a Fish and Chips Quiz Evening on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2012. **ACTION: JSdJ to present budget at next meeting.**

## 14. Playground Equipment

JSdJ gave an outline figure for repairs to the playground equipment of approximately £700. This was in budget, so approved.

## 15. Items for Information

- **Cuddington Annual Village Meeting.** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Bernard Hall.
- **Cuddington Parish Council AGM.** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2012.
- **Telephone Box.** JH reported recent damage and reported repair.

## 16. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in Cuddington and Dinton School – Infant Site**

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

**Signed:** ..... **Ken Birkby, Chairman**