

CUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Draft minutes of Annual Parish Meeting
held in The Bernard Hall
Wednesday 18th April 2012 at 7.30pm**

Chair: Ken Birkby Chairman Cuddington Parish Council.

Minutes: Venetia Davies, Parish Clerk.

Parishioners: Approximately 62 Parishioners present.

1. Apologies

Viv Birkby, Cllr Michael Edmonds and Cllr Michael Hawkett

2. Minutes of previous meeting held on Monday 18th April 2011

Minutes accepted as true record and signed by Chairman KB.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Circulation of Information

Although not a Parish Council meeting, the Accounts as at 31st March 2012 and Budget for 2012/13 were circulated as required. Information on Nicholas Almond Charity, The Queens Diamond Jubilee (including a Jubilee Village Record), The Children's Playground and Neighbourhood Watch were also distributed amongst Parishioners.

5. Informal Discussions

Chairman Ken Birkby outlined the format of the evening as an 'open forum' and invited all present to contribute on issues raised.

- **Dog Fouling**

Great concerns expressed over dog fouling and littering from indisposed dog bags. Discussions prompted following actions:

- a. Educational campaign to run by way of signage to increase awareness of the issues (including health) and penalties associated with dog fouling.
- b. Random checks of area to be conducted by Police and necessary action taken.

- **Vehicle Damage and Speeding**

Two major concerns expressed 1) Damage to cars 2) Adhering to speed limited. The following preventive measures were suggested:

- a. Reduction of speed limit from 30mph to 20mph.
- b. Traffic obstacles, for example gates and speed humps (which would require street lighting).

- c. Vehicle Activated Signs (arguments for and against).
- d. Community speed watch (with follow-up support from Police).
- e. Purchase of Village speed gun.
- f. 'Pushing out' of speed signs (so awareness of speed limit prior to entering village).
- g. 'Slow Down' sign or similar position at entrance/exit of Cuddington Playing Fields.

Discussions prompted the following actions:

- a. Contact BCC with a view to reduction in speed limit.
- b. Widely publicise speed limit through artwork (perhaps School/children's artwork to be used)
- c. Investigate fully the training and loan of equipment from Sue Jones, PCSO and Neighbourhood Officer.

- **Condition of Roads**

Water from pipe work at lower end of Church Street reported to be a continual problem. This thought to be due to insufficient pipe size for volume of surface water. Parish Council to contact Dave Smith, Local Area Technician, for a more permanent repair.

- **Children's Playground**

Concerns expressed over delay to repairs on play equipment. Warning sign to be replaced. In the event of further delay, equipment to be fenced off until repairs made.

- **Display Cabinet**

Trophies and Cups (including the Tindall Cup) soon to be displayed in new cabinet.

- **Village Website**

A record 1,239 visits to www.cuddingtonvillage.com reported last month from 899 different people. In addition to Notice Boards and Village Voice, Parishioners encouraged to keep Editors informed of any events/news items for posting on website and to sign up as members to receive automatic updates. Editors also encouraged to keep their relevant website pages updated.

- **Greener Cuddington**

Local Food initiative meeting taking place (24th April 2012). All encouraged to participate in second Garden Vertebrae Watch on 12th-13th May. Wildlife village walk scheduled for Saturday 16th June at 10am.

- **Cuddington Shop**

All Parishioners encourage to support. Opening hours extended (throughout lunch and Wednesday afternoons) and new counter and chillers installed. Local food produce a key area together with arts and crafts (wall space to be offered to local artists for monthly display in new area of shop). "Drop and Go" postal service available. A Euro holding Post Office a possibility.

- **Queens Diamond Jubilee**
A second Quiz evening planned on 28th April. All parishioners encouraged to attend. An update on the forthcoming celebrations given.
- **Jubilee Village Record**
All Villagers encourage to participate, giving names of family members, including children, for the Cuddington Jubilee record.
- **Village Fete – Saturday 14th July 2012**
A Committee formed for the Jubilee themed Fete. A very important event for Cuddington and help and ideas, time and skills needed.
- **Cuddington Parish Council**
Precept risen by £9,500 to £10,000 so that working capital can be maintained. This viewed as particularly important in event of urgent repair, say to Bus Shelters. Two projects identified for 2012/13 – Playground and Bus Shelters. Parishioners encourage to attend monthly Council meetings and put forward ideas/projects for Village. New format of Annual Village Meeting welcomed and to be repeated next year.
- **Cuddington and Dinton School**
Huge thanks paid to all Parishioners for coping with disruption to Village roads due to temporary amalgamation of infant and junior sites. Intention to have Dinton site up and running by September although planning permission still to be permitted.
- **Bus Stop**
Request for bus stop on Dadbrook to be reinstated. Cuddington Parish Council to request Aviva considers.
- **Pavements**
Parish Council to write to BCC re pavements in Bernard Close.

Cuddington Parish Council AGM

Wednesday 2nd May at 7.30pm
Cuddington School

Circulation: Website
 Notice Boards (2)

Signed:

Ken Birkby, Chairman