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**CUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting**  
**held in Cuddington and Dinton School, Infant Site**  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: Ken Birkby (**KB**), 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 five Parishioners present including Cllr Michael Edmonds.

**NB: Action points highlighted**

**Parishioners Question Time**

- John Moore, Cuddington Stores. As member of Fete Committee, John notified Councillors of new village committee for this year's Fete themed "Surf's up" and asked for support. **ACTION: John Moore to ask Jeremy Galpin, Chairman, to attend Parish Council meeting. Clerk to list Fete as Agenda item for April.** KB suggested Committee members should be listed on website.
- Introduction from Mark Bale, Prospective Independent Councillor for Bucks County Elections, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2013. [www.markbale.org](http://www.markbale.org).  
**NOTE:** Local Government Boundary Commission for England. Change of division. The parish of Cuddington is now included in the Stone & Waddesdon division and not Bernwood.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies

**2. Approval of Minutes – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

Draft Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by Chairman, KB.

**3. Approval of Extraordinary Minutes – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

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

**4. Matters Arising**

- Parishioners Question Time - **Angela Sanderson, Resident.** Rights of Way Report for *Application for a Definitive Map Modification Order to show a path from Public Footpath No 10b Lower Winchendon at The Old Mill to Public Footpath No 3 Upper Winchendon (from public right of way to permissive)* **ACTION: KB to register objection when due dates are publicised. To extend to Village Voice and Website and seek support of other Parish Councils.**
- Bus Shelter. Works completed. Thanks paid to Mike Radwell for superb quality of works. **ACTION: Clerk to request estimate for bench in second bus shelter.**
- Diamond Jubilee – planting of Oak Tree and location of bench. **ACTION: JSdJ/DK to liaise. JSdJ to inform AVDC on location of tree for inclusion in AVDC map of Diamond Jubilee Trees. Planting of tree in churchyard.** JSdJ informed the Council that St. Nicholas PCC had no objections in principle to a proposal to plant one/possibly two trees in the church yard, subject to space, site, type of tree, etc. Should agreement be reached to proceed with the proposal, the PCC would have to apply for a faculty to the Diocese of Oxford for the work to be carried out. Monies reserved for Bus Stop benches (possibly both South and North side).
- **Cutting of Verges in Villages**  
**ACTION: JSdJ/Clerk to provide map of exact area in Spicketts Lane to AVDC.**

**5. Declarations of Interest**

There were no interests declared.

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## 6. Planning:

- **13/00255/ALB - Prospect Cottage, Lower Church Street, Cuddington HP18 0AS**  
Two storey rear extension linking with existing utility room; insertion of rooflights and relocation of dormer window.  
Due to omission of plans (yet to be received from AVDC), application to be discussed at April meeting. Site visit to be conducted **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 10am. ACTION: Clerk to arrange with proprietor.**
- **Permit: 12/02343/APP - Bay Tree Cottage and 12/02725/APP - Dadbrook Farm.**

## 7. Richard Winnicott, Chair of Governors, Cuddington and Dinton School

New Chair of Governors, Richard Winnicott (RW) updated Councillors on School activity. Aside from School Hall, occupation of Dinton building complete. Hall to be occupied by month end. Dedication service by Bishop of Oxford scheduled for July. **ACTION: Councillors invited to attend in recognition of support of School works.** All delighted in Ofsted inspection in December which resulted in "Good" (from "Satisfactory") with "Outstanding" rated in number of areas. Cuddington and Dinton School was one of the first Schools to be inspected under new regime. Admission numbers of 26 oversubscribed for September 2013. Planting works on Infant site (Cuddington) complete. RW thanked Councillors and Parishioners for patience with 'stresses and strains' (particularly parking) whilst School operated on one site (positively as a 'united' School). Cllr DK commended School on achieving improved Ofsted Report whilst re-moved was underway. Cllr ST thanked Chris Blumer for putting in an immense amount of work for the School, particularly over the past few years. Chairman KB, said the PC were very supportive of the School, citing it as extremely important to have a well performing school (as well as Church, Pub and Shop) for the village as a whole.

## 8. Contributions from AVDC and BCC Cllrs

Cllr ME apologised for absence at recent meetings due to clashing diary dates and updated Councillors on District and County activity. **Budgets.** Council Tax frozen at County; £25m into road programmes. District Council increased to just below 2% with services being maintained. Ways of raising money being explored including charging for some services and working with other Councils. **Judicial reviews: 1) Incinerator at Calvert.** Planning process being challenged. **2) HS2.** High Court judge to rule. **Vale of Aylesbury Plan.** Subject to Parliamentary procedures. Order to come into effect on 25 March 2013. **Parish Council Seminar.** ME expressed disappointment in attendance from 13 Parish Councils. **Local Enterprise Partnership.** Broadband improvements for major developments/housing and industrial estates but not villages such as Cuddington and Chearsley for the foreseeable future. **Local Area Technician.** Dave Smith sadly leaving Buckingham area. From 18th March 2013, new Local Area Technician will be **Matt Wincup.** Cllr KB asked ME to convey to BCC, that Dave Smith had been an 'absolute brick' to Cuddington over the past 10 years. **Highway plan to support Aylesbury development including 6,000 new homes.** Lack of infrastructure echoed throughout.

## 9. Correspondence

- **Letter** of thanks from Peggy Cattell, Village Voice for £120 towards last year's arrears and £300 donation for 2013.
- **Email** from John Luckett re Marquee, discussed under Item 11.
- **Thames and Chiltern in Bloom Competition - Entry Fee £20. ACTION: Clerk to list under Orders for Payment next month.**

## 10. Finance

### a. Balance from Minutes of previous meeting (5<sup>th</sup> December): **BALANCE: £12,580.83**

- Receipts: £0.00
- Debits: £0.00
- Plus unpresented cheques: £30.00 & £31.50 (000178 & 000192 Bernard Hall Committee)
- **Balance of Bank Account: £12,642.33**

**Available Funds: £12,580.83 (balance of bank account less unrepresented cheques)**

**b. Orders for Payment: £2,020.80**

- Clerk's Salary - **£191.80**
- Stationery - £28.33 (VAT £5.67) **£34.00**
- M Radwell - **835.00** (Bus Shelter refurbishment)
- South Bucks Tree Surgeons Ltd - £800.00 (VAT £160.00) **£960.00** (50 cubic yards of woodchip)

**BALANCE: £10,560.03 – (Available Funds less Orders for Payment)**

**11. Discussion of Purchase of Marquee – Cllr KB**

It was unanimously agreed that it is not financially viable for the Parish Council to assist the CPFA in funding a marquee. **ACTION: KB to respond to John Luckett.**

**12. Children's Playground – Cllr JSdJ**

**JSdJ** informed Councillors that all rotten wood has been replaced together with two of the three swing seats. Tyre swing to also be replaced. **ACTION: KB, JH and JSdJ to inspect seesaw at Waddesdon. Revolving plank to be removed for safety. Weeding, replacement wood chippings, fence works and protection varnish to new wooden equipment to be completed during warmer weather. JSdJ to request estimate for works. Inspection to follow and small opening ceremony to be scheduled for early Spring. Note:** The grant from Aylesbury Vale Community Chest should be claimed within six months of the award date of 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2012.

**13. Annual Village Meeting – 17th April 2013, Bernard Hall**

Agenda to follow same 'open forum' format as last year. **ACTION: KB/Clerk to draft Agenda to include discussion points (such as speed limits). Financial report and charity report to be available as handouts. Clerk to invite PSCO Sue Jones, Chairman of Fete Committee, Chairman of School Governors, County and District Councillors and Matt Wincup, new Area Technician BCC. Clerk to advertise Agenda on notice boards, Village Voice and Website 21 days prior. JSdJ to inform Church.** Parishioners to be directed to Draft Minutes on notice boards and website. Parishioners to also be encourage to send items for discussion to the Clerk at [venetia.davies@talktalk.net](mailto:venetia.davies@talktalk.net)

**14. AGM – 1st May 2013**

AGM confirmed as 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013 in Cuddington and Dinton School, infant site.

**15. Items for Information:**

- **Cllr FC** asked Councillors to keep regular checks on Bus Shelters for litter, etc.
- **Cllr JSdJ** requested copies of brochures for park benches. **ACTION: Clerk to assist.**
- **KB/ME** reiterated new planning policies. If a Parish Council objects to an application, Councillors must be prepared to go to Committee meeting to support the objection. If Parish Council objects, the application automatically goes to Committee.

**16. Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2013 at 7.30pm in Cuddington and Dinton School – Infant Site**

**Annual Village Meeting - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 7.30pm in Bernard Hall**

**AGM - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013 at 7.30pm in Cuddington and Dinton School – Infant Site**

Signed: ..... Ken Birkby, Chairman