

DRAFT MINUTES

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CUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held in Cuddington and Dinton School, Infant Site
Wednesday 3rd July 2013 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs: Ken Birkby (**KB**), Frank Crowdy (**FC**), Matthew Giorgi (**MG**), Jim Hayward (**JH**), Doug Kennedy (**DK**), Stephen Turner (**ST**), Venetia Davies (**Clerk**).

Parishioners: There were 5 Parishioners present.

NB: Action points highlighted

Parishioners Question Time

- In his role as Fete Committee member, John Moore, updated Councillors on the progress of the Fete including the construction of the Upper Green display and final collections from households - Thursday 4th July.
- Following notification from Camelot of the Shop being placed on a 'sales improvement programme' (to increase the selling target of Lottery tickets), John Moore expressed concerns that, if the facility was to be removed, it would undoubtedly result in a threat to the Shop due to a reduced footfall and a reduction too in additional business that arises from purchasing tickets. Suggestions including writing to BALC & John Bercow highlighting how small village shops are being pushed in such a way. Also for John Moore to prepare an article for Village Voice which could also be used for the Bucks Herald.
- Angela Sanderson advised Councillors that despite the recommendation from BCC that the 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 was rejected, the applicant, Mr Spencer Bernard, has appealed against this decision. As agreed during all previous discussions, at the appropriate time, the Parish Council would support the case for the path to remain a public right of way on the basis of the facts conveyed. **ACTION: As a representation, Clerk to put forward agreed list of reasons as to why the Committee should not rescind its previous decision. Correspondence to be sent to Mike Walker and Claire Hudson, Rights of Way Committee, BCC prior to meeting on 9th July. Paul Irwin, newly elected Councillor for Waddesdon and Stone, to also follow up with Rights of Way Committee.**

1. Apologies for Absence

Jennifer Schram de Jong (**JSdJ**)

2. Approval of Minutes – Wednesday 5th June 2013

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

3. Matters Arising

- Planting of Trees (open foliage) in Church yard.
Correspondence noted concerning degree of reluctance of CPPC to apply to Diocese for permission to plant trees if likelihood of objections incur legal charges.
- **Community Speedwatch – selection of June dates**
ACTION: Councillors to respond to Clerk re suitable am and pm slots w/c Monday 15th July.

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4. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

5. Planning:

AVCD – Householder Extensions Local Development Order (LDO) Consultation Pack. 12th June to 8th August. This includes the handling of smaller household extensions.

The proposed Householder Extensions LDO which would apply to householder extension planning applications that are deemed to be straight forward and low impact for qualifying rear and side extensions to detached and semi-detached dwellings, was noted by Councillors along with the properties that are exempt.

6. Contributions from AVDC and BCC Cllrs

Cllr ME briefly discussed the tighter budget constraints which are resulting in ways to raise income within AVDC. He also discussed the responses from Parishes concerning the Vale of Aylesbury Plan which will be used for future development except in major towns such as Aylesbury and Buckingham. Aylesbury town was required to take 5900 of the 9000 additional dwellings but there has been insufficient capacity to absorb this within the existing boundaries of the town. ME said it would therefore be necessary to expand into adjoining authorities and objections have been raised from 10 of the 11 authorities. He also discussed the possible District Boundary review. Cllr KB welcomed Paul Irwin, newly elected Councillor for Waddesdon and Stone, who reported on the several issues logged concerning grass cutting on highway verges (within the 30mph zones) which is now contracted out by BCC. He also mentioned the Village Walk Around with new Area Technician Matt Wincup.

ACTION JH to meet Paul and Matt on Thursday 11th July at 2pm.

7. Correspondence

There was no additional correspondence other than those mentioned under the relevant Agenda items.

8. Finance

a. Balance from Minutes of previous meeting (5th June): **BALANCE: £14,181.60**

- Receipts: £25.00 (CPFA Peppercorn Rent) £300.00 (Diamond Jubilee Committee – Bus Shelter benches)
- Debits: £0.00
- Plus unrepresented cheques: £90.00

Balance of Bank Account: £14,596.60 (as at 19th June 2013)

Available Funds: £14,506.60 (balance of bank account less unrepresented cheques)

b. Orders for Payment: £695.48

- Clerk's Salary - **£191.80** (20 hours)
 - Stationery – (Laminating Sheets) £3.25 (VAT £0.65) - **£3.90**
 - Ken Birkby – (Wine) **£13.78**
 - S Brown Grass Cutting - June – 4 cuts @ £55 - **£220.00**
 - Carl Small - Maintenance of Children's Playground - 4 cuts @ £30 - **£120.00**
 - Jacqueline Anne Florist (bedding plants 3.6.13 and 4.6.13) £59.17 (VAT £11.83) - **£71.00**
 - Oxford IT Solutions – web development 1 ½ hours @ £50 per hour - **£75.00**
- BALANCE: £13,811.12** – (Available Funds less Orders for Payment)

9. Children's Playground – final works and inspection

ACTION: Clerk to order replacement spring for play equipment and circulate inspection date once known.

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10. Listing of Assets of Community Value

On behalf of the Parish Council, the 'eligible' group to make the nomination of Cuddington Shop as an Asset of Community Value, it was agreed to proceed with the nomination form. **ACTION: KB/Clerk to complete. John Moore to be kept informed.**

11. LAF Meeting – Feedback Cllr KB

KB expressed his dissatisfaction with the meeting stressing that the priorities for funding need to be reassessed. **ACTION: KB to forward these views to Paul Irwin.**

12. Items for Information including Play Around the Parishes – Thurs 25th July (pm) & Mon 12th August (pm), Village Walk Around - Thursday 11th July, 2pm with Matt Wincup and Paul Irwin. JH reported that the judges of the Chiltern in Bloom competition had noted the “good feeling of community spirit in Cuddington.” Councillors agreed to an additional c.£20 being spent on flowers for the Bernard Hall tubs. DK reported that Footpath 1 has been cleared and is now passable.

13. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 7th August in Cuddington and Dinton School – Infant Site

Signed: Ken Birkby, Chairman