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CUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held in Cuddington and Dinton School, Infant Site
Wednesday 2nd October 2013 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 4 Parishioners present.

Chaired: by Vice Chairman, Jim Hayward

NB: Action points highlighted

Parishioners Question Time

- For Council interest, John Moore updated Councillors on The Village Picture House. 500 tickets have now been sold – a remarkable achievement for Markus Bolton and team.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Ken Birkby (KB), Cllr Michael Edmonds (ME)

2. Approval of Minutes – Wednesday 4th September 2013

Small amendment from Spicketts Lane to Frog Lane. “Overflowing drain in ~~Spicketts~~ **Frog Lane**” and “JSdJ commented on excellent off street parking facilities created at Spicketts, ~~Spicketts~~ **Frog Lane**”. Draft Minutes were then accepted as a true record and signed by Vice Chairman, Jim Hayward.

3. Matters Arising

- **Parishioners Question Time: Grundon Recycling – ACTION: KB to observe, take photos and report to Grundon.**
- **Matters Arising: Community Speedwatch.** Newer speed camera available with improved software. **ACTION: KB to bring forward at future meeting once costs are known.**
- **Matters Arising: Listing of Assets of Community Value. ACTION: KB to liaise with John Moore to complete nomination form.**
- **Correspondence: Width restriction signs and vehicle ramp.** Awaiting response from Matt Whincup.
- **Items for Information: Bin emptying at shop and bus stops. ACTION: Clerk to notified AVDC again of irregular emptying.**
- **The Village Picture House. ACTION: Clerk to chase payments from The Village Picture House and CYD for contributions to web development.**

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

5. Planning:

- **13/02312/APP & 13/02314/ALB Prospect Cottage, Lower Church Street, HP18 0AS**
Two storey rear extension with balcony to rear incorporating existing store room; first floor link to enlarged dormer and insertion of rooflights.
ACTION: Clerk to return NO OBJECTIONS

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- **13/02396/ALB Bridgeway The Green Cuddington Buckinghamshire HP18 0AN**
To create new pedestrian access door in existing garage door.

ACTION: Clerk to return NO OBJECTIONS

6. Contributions from AVDC and BCC Cllrs

Cllr Paul Irwin complimented the Council on the excellent Best Kept Village presentation. He also notified Councillors that work schedules had been delayed due to absence of Matt Whincup, Local Area Technician although works are in hand. Paul also informed the Parish Council of heating grants available. **ACTION: Paul Irwin to circulate information on heating grants to Clerk for notification on website and Village Voice.**

7. Correspondence

- Music Licensing (PRS/PPL) Survey. For Parish Council owned/managed halls only.
- AVDC VAP Delivery Policies document. **ACTION: Clerk to return comments.**

8. Finance

a. Balance from Minutes of previous meeting (5th June): **BALANCE: £11,152.44**

- Receipts: £0.00
- Debits: £0.00
- Plus unrepresented cheques: 000233 £120.00 (Mazars), 000241 £15.00 (Bernard Hall Committee), 000240 £999.30 (Broker Network Ltd – Insurance)
Balance of Bank Account: £12,286.74 (as at 20th September 2013)

Available Funds: £11,152.44 (balance of bank account less unrepresented cheques)

Note: Receipts due Precept £4,559.54 (25/09/13), BALC (contribution Best Kept Village) £50.00

b. Orders for Payment: **£1,094.19**

- **Clerk's Salary - £191.80** (20 hours)
- **Venetia Davies** – Stationery - Toner and Paper £25.92 (VAT £5.18) **£31.10**
- **Jim Hayward** – Chiltern in Bloom, Reading. Petrol Expenses - 73 miles @ 40p. Parking Expenses @ £6.50 **£35.70**
- **Ken Birkby** – Fuel (Path Clearing) **£26.37**
- **Ken Birkby** – Purchase of Bin Liner (Glasdon) £34.23 (VAT £6.84) **£41.07**
- **Ken Birkby** – Best Kept Village refreshments £31.20 (VAT £6.24) **£37.44**
- **Simon Brown** - Grass Cutting – September – 3 cuts @ £55 - **£165.00**
- **Carl Small** – September – 2 cuts @ £30 - **£60.00**
- **AVDC** – Play Around the Parishes (2 sessions 25/07/13 and 12/08/13) - **£120.00**
- **Made by Me** – Best Kept Village Buffet (14/09/13) - **£110.71**
- **Mike Radwell** – Refurbishment of Bus Shelter (southern side) **£275.00**
BALANCE: £10,058.25 – (Available Funds less Orders for Payment)

The positive comments and success of Play Around the Parishes were noted.

ACTION: Clerk to agenda for November meeting.

9. Playground, Cllr JSdJ

Following recently reported accident concerning wood chippings, Cllr JSdJ confirmed action by supplier, Bucks Tree Surgeons (BTS). Regular rakings to remove any large pieces will be carried out by BTS. JSdJ has also proposed that a small load of appropriate bark be spread on top of the existing surface should the problem continue.

JSdJ will arrange a meeting with BTS in approximately 2 month's time. JSdJ complimented Carl and Janet Small for their hard work in rectifying the problem with an initial raking and noted that extra's such as these, are often given by them free of charge.

10. Best Kept Village – Feedback, Cllr JH

Cllr JH reported on the success of the presentation day of the Best Kept Villages in Bucks. He thanked everyone who helped prior to the judging and also those helping and participating on the presentation day. JH also confirmed that Ruth Powell of BALC and co-ordinator of the Best Kept Village for many years, will be leaving BALC. **ACTION: Clerk to write to Ruth on behalf of the whole Parish Council to thank her for her wonderful support over the years.** Both JH and JSdJ thanked the Chairman of Chearsley Parish Council, Nic Brown, for his help at the presentation lunch.

11. LAF and AVDC Cabinet Meeting – Feedback, Cllr ST

On behalf of KB, ST gave feedback from the recent LAF meeting attended by KB. The meeting was reported as being disappointing; it is felt the meetings are planned for those conducting the meeting rather than those attending. ST also provided feedback on the recent AVDC Cabinet Meeting, the format of which included short presentations on changes to planning legislation, Neighbourhood Plan, community matters and refuse. A Question session for Parish Councillors followed which included discussions around the additional number of refuse bins lining the roads. Information stalls were also available.

12. Items for Information

DK reported the clearing of paths as necessary by the Footpath Working Group and reported Footpath 11 as needing attention. DK also expressed his concerns over a major leakage with Aylesbury sewage works and the damaging impact on wildlife living on the River Thame. It was agreed the Parish Council would write to AVDC expressing concerns. **ACTION: DK to prepare a letter and circulate to Clerk for distribution. This to also be sent to Village Voice. PI to also bring to the attention of BCC.**

JSdJ reported that a plaque will be fixed to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee bench. The date of the Fireworks night is Saturday 26th October at 5.30pm. JSdJ also requested the British Legion Poppy Appeal to be set as an agenda item as well as the Christmas Tree and Parish Council Christmas Card. **ACTION: Clerk to Agenda for November.**

JH informed the Parish Council that Cuddington had received a Silver Gilt Award in the Thames and Chiltern in Bloom competition, scoring 153 out of a possible 200 marks. He also thanked John Moore for displaying the framed certificate in the Shop.

13. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 6th November at 7.30pm in Cuddington and Dinton School – Infant Site

Signed: Ken Birkby, Chairman