

# DRAFT MINUTES

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**CUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting**  
**held in Cuddington and Dinton School, Infant Site**  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:** 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 9 Parishioners present.

**NB: Action points highlighted**

### Parishioners Question Time

Mr Loveland, applicant of The Platt planning application, summarised the proposed plans for a replacement dwelling and detached garage. Concerns were voiced regarding the proposed route for construction vehicles (Holly Tree Lane which is both narrow and bordered by a Wychert Wall) and it was stressed that any repair to damage, which would not be simple and would be costly, must be the responsibility of the construction company. Concern was also expressed over the height of the building, which was felt could alter the view from Lower Green, as well as drainage issues. With regard to the garage, it was stressed that the proposed garage would be a metre higher than the existing ridgeline and, because of the deceptive nature of architectural plans; the Parish Council was asked to consider this in its decision.

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Frank Crowdy (**FC**), Cllr Paul Irwin (**PI**), Cllr Michael Hawkett (**MH**)

### 2. Approval of Minutes – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014

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

### 3. Matters Arising

- **Listing of Assets of Community Value:** Draft nomination form complete. **ACTION: KB to provide drawing of curtilage and forward draft to Clerk for submission.**
- **Children's Playground:** **ACTION: JSdJ/Clerk** awaiting date of revisit from Bucks Tree Surgeons (Mrs Jill McBeth). **Clerk to follow up if necessary.** JSdJ informed Councillors that painting works in the Children's Playground would commence shortly. She also commented that the Children's Playground was well maintained and paid special thanks to Carl Small and Janet Thorne.
- Road sign hanging down near the Crown PH on the Aylesbury Road. Job Ref: 451529. It was noted that this was first reported on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014. **ACTION: Clerk to continue to chase.**
- **Shop Survey:** **ACTION: Working Group** discussion to be held at separate meeting.
- **Diamond Jubilee Commemorative Item.** Parishioners to get in touch with the Cllr Jennifer Schram de Jong with ideas and suggestions. **ACTION: MG to report from Cuddington Playing Fields Association.**
- **Wychert Way.** Proposal for funding for conversion of stiles to gates on routes connecting Haddenham with Chearsley, Cuddington and Dinton, Cllr DK. Funding no longer required.
- **Review of 2005 Village Plan.** Parishioners views of housing stock to be sought. **ACTION: KB to prepare article for Village Voice. Clerk to Agenda for future meeting.**
- **Kings Cross Footway Feasibility Study.** **ACTION: KB to arrange a 'think tank' meeting.**

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- **Village Tidy.** Thanks were paid to all helpers.
- **Water in Lower Church Street.** Clerk informed Councillors that the recent site visit by Thames Water had shown this not to be a Thames Water issue. **ACTION: Clerk to continue to chase TfB.**

### 4. Declarations of Interest

JH declared an interest in **14/01269/APP - Sunbeam Cottage, Frog Lane, Cuddington, HP18 0AX.** It was also noted that the applicant of Sunbeam Cottage is a neighbour of Cllr JSdJ.

### 5. Planning:

- **14/01067/APP - The Platt, Holly Tree Lane, Cuddington, Buckinghamshire, HP18 0BA**  
One and half storey replacement dwelling and detached garage following demolition of existing dwelling and detached garage. Comment date: noted as 30th May 2014 but agreed extension from AVDC to 5th June.  
**ACTION: Clerk to return 'NO OBJECTIONS' to AVDC but comment as follows:**  
*This is a large development, a metre higher than the original building, but the Parish Council has no objection to the application, in principle. The reduction in size of the garage and the inclusion of levels on the amended application are essential and without them the Council would have had objections. The Parish Council did express concern about the trees to the front of the property. Tree T004 is a Walnut Tree and one of the few remaining specimens in Cuddington and as such maybe appropriate for a TPO. Additionally, T003 (Yew) will provide some screening of the bulk of the build, viewed from Holly Tree Lane. The Tree Report recommended some reduction, although it is believed the Applicant now intends to remove this tree completely. Although not relating to considering the Application, concerns were expressed relating to the size of construction vehicles and the potential damage to the narrow lanes and kerbings.*
- **14/01269/APP - Sunbeam Cottage, Frog Lane, Cuddington, HP18 0AX**  
Demolition of single storey side and rear structures, part demolition of garage, two/single storey extension and internal alterations. Comment date: 19th June 2014  
**ACTION: Clerk to return 'NO OBJECTIONS' to AVDC.**

### 6. Contributions from AVDC and BCC Cllrs

Cllr ME updated Parish Councillors. Having attended the official opening of Arla Dairy, ME praised its "fantastic" operation as well as the enormous benefits it will bring to the District in terms of employment and salaries. Due to the reduction in grants to local authorities, further cuts in services are likely. A rise in applications from developers continues due to the lack of an Aylesbury Vale Local Plan. Proposals have also been received for two new crematoriums in Berton and Watermead. ME also commented on the recent progress of verge cutting outside of the villages and informed Councillors that both large scale planning applications (10 residential dwellings) in Cheersley had been refused on the grounds of "intrusion to the countryside".

- ### 7. Correspondence including news release from BCC concerning detailed inquiry into county's public transport. **ACTION: Clerk to make enquiries concerning consultation process and ways to respond. Grass Verges.** Several concerns over recent cuttings have been received. **ACTION: CLERK to report to TfB and ascertain responsibility of Swan Hill Cottages. TfB Working together to limit damage to verges. ACTION: Clerk to advertise ways in which TfB and Parish Councils can work together to combat damage done to verges and footways during developer work.**

### 8. Finance

- a. **Balance from Minutes of previous meeting (7th May 2014): BALANCE: £10,283.95**
  - Receipts: **£5,475.00** AVDC Precept and Grant Payment
  - Debits: £0.00
  - Plus unrepresented cheques: £0.00**Balance of Bank Account: £15,758.95 (as at 20<sup>th</sup> May 2014).**

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**NOTE:** CPFA Annual Peppercorn Rent of £25.00 (cheque) received by Chairman

**Available Funds: £15,758.95 (balance of bank account less unrepresented cheques)**

**b. Orders for Payment: £604.00**

- **Venetia Davies - £206.00** (May 20 hours)
- **Venetia Davies - £20.04 (VAT £4.01) £24.05** (10 x A3 copies of Footpath Map including 2 laminates and 1 x A3 copy of Byelaws and 1 laminate and drawing pins), **£6.00** (12 x 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Stamps)
- **Carl Small - £90.00** (Children's Playground - 3 cuts @ £30 per cut)
- **Simon Brown - £220.00** (Grass cutting – 4 cuts @ £55 per cut)
- **Jacqueline Anne Florist - £48.29 (VAT £9.66) £57.95** (Bedding plants for Village)

**BALANCE: £15,154.95** – (Available Funds less Orders for Payment)

- c. Audit 2013/14.** KB and Clerk (also Responsible Finance Officer) formally approved and signed accounting statements and annual governance statement. **ACTION: Myles Saker to complete Internal Audit. Clerk to return External Audit to Mazars by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014.**

**9. Save the River Thame, Cllr DK**

DK gave a background to the initiative "Save the River Thame", an initiative instigated by DK with the aim of improving water quality and biodiversity in the Aylesbury-Thame area. The initiative has attracted significant support (from Thames Water, MP's David Lidington (Aylesbury) and John Bercow (Buckingham), Buckinghamshire County Councillors, AVDC Councillors and several Parish Councils in the Thame Valley, The Environment Agency, AVDC Biodiversity Officers, Waddesdon Estates, The River Thame Conservation Trust, The Freshwater Habitats Trust, local angler representatives and many residents and individuals in Thame Valley villages) and has been covered by both press and TV. A seminar of senior representatives is being held on 8<sup>th</sup> July in Aylesbury to review the current state of affairs regarding the Thame and tributaries, establish the current positions of stakeholders, propose solutions to the problem of deterioration of water quality and decide on initial actions. DK will keep Councillors informed.

**10. Footpaths, Cllr DK**

DK updated Councillors on the various works scheduled/completed on footpaths this summer.

**11. Items for Information** including:

- Play Around the Parishes - 30<sup>th</sup> July from 2pm to 4pm (Cuddington Playing Fields or Clubhouse if wet).
- The Parish Council was delighted to hear from JSdJ that the recent Family Fun day was a great success and congratulated the organisers involved.
- JH reported a Pot Hole (outside Prospect Cottage). **ACTION: Clerk to report to TfB.**

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

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014 at 7.30pm in Cuddington and Dinton School – Infant Site**