

DRAFT MINUTES

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CUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held in Cuddington and Dinton School, Infant Site
Wednesday 5th November 2014 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Ken Birkby (**KB**), Matthew Giorgi (**MG**), Doug Kennedy (**DK**), Jennifer Schram de Jong (**JSdJ**), Stephen Turner (**ST**), Venetia Davies (**Clerk**).

Parishioners: There were 2 Parishioners present.

NB: Action points highlighted

Parishioners Question Time

14/02844/APP – Land to rear of Spicketts. Concerns were expressed regarding both infill and the pressures a new dwelling would add to the infrastructure of the village by way of additional vehicles on already congested village roads.

1. Apologies for Absence

Frank Crowdy (**FC**), Jim Hayward (**JH**), Michael Edmonds (**ME**), Paul Irwin (**PI**).

Councillors were saddened to hear the news that Cllr Frank Crowdy has decided to resign from the Parish Council with immediate effect. Thanks were paid to Frank for his considerable knowledge and contribution, over several Parish Councils, to the Parish Council and the village as a whole. A write up in Village Voice will be prepared. **ACTION: KB**

2. Approval of Minutes – Wednesday 1st October 2014

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

3. Matters Arising

- **Reported hard core and glass (Map Reference SP738115).** **ACTION: KB progressing.**
- **Kings Cross Footway Feasibility Study.** Ongoing.
- **Dog Bags.** Resolved to continue with existing supplier.
- **Children's Playground.** Basketball/Netball Hoop. Postponed at present.
- **Proposed increase of verge frontage (to Malt House) for road widening.**
ACTION: KB to meet with Stuart Campbell, TfB and discuss further with Mr Digby. KB to also discuss granite setts in the village, including those in Spurt Street.
- **BCC.** Proposed works in Cuddington. **ACTION: Clerk/PI to liaise to confirm exact locations.** The pavement, opposite the Crown PH, is in need of urgent repair.
- **Nicholas Almond Charitable Trust.** Trustees report. **ACTION: Clerk to agenda for March 2015 meeting.**
- **AVDC – Planning Service Changes – Communicating with Town and Parish Councils.** KB and Clerk agreed they would seek plans from Architect in question where an application warrants plans.
- **Cuddington Parochial Church Council Grant.** **ACTION: Clerk to bring forward - February 2015.**

4. Declarations of Interest

JSdJ declared an interest in planning application **14/02844/APP**.

5. Planning:

- **14/02844/APP – Land to rear of Spicketts, Frog Lane, Cuddington, HP18 0AX**

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Erection of one detached dwelling with new access – 31st October (deadline extended)

ACTION: Clerk to return “Cuddington Parish Council OPPOSES the application” to AVDC for the following reason:

The proposed dwelling is an overdevelopment of a small site which would leave too little amenity space that is not hard landscaping. The two pairs of bi-fold doors would create considerable overlooking of the garden and windows of the neighbouring property - Spicketts. The removal of the garage associated with Spicketts would render the available parking space for Spicketts inadequate. The Parish Council consider the development would have an adverse effect on the listed building of Spicketts.

- **For Information:**

- a. **14/02881/ATC – Hawthorn House, Spurt Street, Cuddington, HP18 0BB**
Fell to ground level on Aesculus tree and one Hawthorn Tree – 16th October
- b. **14/02888/ATC – Tibbys Cottage, Tibbys Lane, Cuddington, HP18 0AR**
Fell on Ash Tree – 16th October
- c. **14/02936/ATC – Prospect Cottage, Lower Green, Cuddington, HP18 0AS**
Fell on apple tree – 21st October

The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to the above Tree applications but was unable to officially comment due to the requested comment date which fell between Parish Council meetings.

6. Correspondence

- Letter from Z & S transport re School Bus. Following incidents involving parking and traffic of both the infant and junior sites, correspondence from the School has been circulated to parents and Parish Councils (Cuddington and Dinton) to address the problems concerning traffic issues. Chris Blumer, Governor, reiterated that the School is doing all it can to ease the congestion. A Breakfast Club, on both sites, has been introduced to “tease” out the rush hour. The Parish Council supports the School initiative and will work with it to lessen the problem.
- Email request for LAF meeting, 17th December, Bernard Hall. Hall available.

ACTION: Clerk to confirm to LAF.

7. Finance

a. **Balance from Minutes of previous meeting (1st October 2014): BALANCE: £11,536.18**

- Receipts: £5,000 (Precept AVDC)
 - Debits: £0.00
 - Plus unrepresented cheques: £29.70 (Jim Hayward), £55.00 (British Legion)
- Balance of Bank Account: £16,620.88 (as at 25th September 2014).**

Available Funds: £16,536.18 (balance of bank account less unrepresented cheques)

b. **Orders for Payment: £460.35**

- **Venetia Davies - £206.00** (October 20 hours)
- **Penn Flowers - £28.29 (VAT £5.66) - £33.95**
- **Carl Small - £60.00** (Children’s Playground – 2 cuts @ £30 per cut)
- **Simon Brown - £110.00** (Grass cutting – 2 cuts @ £55 per cut)
- **Oxford IT Solutions - £42.00 (VAT £8.40) - £50.40**

BALANCE: £16,075.83 – (Available Funds less Orders for Payment)

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8. Diamond Jubilee – Final Account, Cllr JSdJ

Cllr JSdJ presented the final account for the Diamond Jubilee Committee. The Parish Council approved the payments. It was agreed the Jubilee account now be closed with the transfer of the remaining balance of £300 transferred to the Parish Council account. This will be held in the reserved funds until required.

9. Survey of Internet Penetration, Cllr ST

Survey results have indicated that approximately 85% of homes in Cuddington have access to the internet with half of these registered as members of cuddingtonvillage.com. A campaign to encourage more village homes to sign up and enjoy the benefits of the website will be instigated in February 2015. **ACTION: ST to draft mailshot with support of Working Website Group.** ST also informed Councillors that budget permits for further website enhancements and a wish list, which includes the possible polling of films for The Village Picture House and the adaption of the site for use on smart phones, is being considered. Statistical analysis encouragingly indicates that the number of visits to the website remain constant.

10. Items for Information

- Update on Parish Devolution. Developments concerning devolved services at BCC will continue to be monitored together with the offer of AVDC provided services.
- Christmas Tree/Lights and Parish Council Christmas Card. In hand.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 3rd December 2014 at 7.30pm in Cuddington and Dinton School – Infant Site