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CUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held in Cuddington and Dinton School, Infant Site
Wednesday 7th January 2015 at 7.30pm

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

Parishioners: There were 6 Parishioners present.

Note: The meeting was chaired by Jim Hayward (Vice Chairman).

NB: Action points highlighted

Parishioners Question Time

- The Applicant of planning application **14/03339/APP** (below) enquired about the procedure for reviewing an objection to a planning application. See below.

1. Apologies for Absence

Ken Birkby (**KB**)

2. Approval of Minutes – Wednesday 3rd December 2014

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

3. Matters Arising

- **Reported hardcore and glass (Map Reference SP738115).** Awaiting update from Enforcement Officer.
- **Kings Cross Footway Feasibility Study.** Ongoing.
- **Children's Playground.** Basketball/Netball Hoop. Postponed at present.
- **TfB Activity.** Following meeting with **KB, JH** and Stuart Campbell (TFB) (18th December), locations requiring replacement granite setts have been noted together with the condition of the footpath (opposite the Crown PH). Works to damaged areas of Bridgeway are due to start third week of February 2015.
- **Nicholas Almond Charitable Trust.** Trustees report. **ACTION: Clerk to agenda for March 2015 meeting.**
- **Cuddington Parochial Church Council Grant.** **ACTION: Clerk to bring forward for February 2015 meeting.**
- **Diamond Jubilee – Final Account.** **ACTION: Clerk to deposit funds in CPC Account.** These (£300) to be held in the reserved funds until required. Jubilee Account confirmed as closed. Thanks were paid to the Jubilee Committee for its tremendous achievement in organising a weekend of celebration in 2012.
- **Website Memberships Campaign.** Letter and VV article (February issue) encouraging registration with cuddingtonvillage.com prepared by ST. **ACTION: Clerk to attach to display on Notice Board with Minutes).**
- **Items for Information.** **ACTION: JH - Working party required for help tidying the corner of Welford Way. Work to commence January/February 2015.**

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

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5. Planning:

- **14/03772/APP - Cowley Farm, Aylesbury Road, Cuddington, HP18 0BG**
Conversion and alteration of existing outbuilding to form two semi detached dwellings with parking and amenity space.
ACTION: Clerk to return 'NO OBJECTIONS' to AVDC.
- Cuddington Planning Issue – annexes and conversion into separate dwellings. Email received from Enforcement Team and investigations regarding breach of planning control are underway. **ACTION: Clerk to agenda for February meeting.**
- **14/03339/APP - Paddock Pass, Frog Lane, Cuddington, HP18 0AX**
The Case Officer has contacted the Clerk to ascertain whether the Parish Council would consider withdrawing its objection (which was on the amended chimney proposal only) if AVDC's recommendation is to approve the application. Councillors agreed to wait for a response from the Case Officer (who is schedule to visit the site again on 8th January), and, if AVDC is 'minded to approve', to call an Extraordinary meeting and review. If the application is considered by Committee, the Parish Council will be required to register and speak at the Committee meeting. **ACTION: Clerk/Diana Locking, Case Officer, to liaise following site visit.**

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

7. Contributions from AVDC and BCC Cllrs

There were no contributions. Brief introductions were made from Mark Bale and Ken Brown, prospective Independent candidates for BCC in May 2014 Elections.

8. Finance

a. **Balance from Minutes of previous meeting (3rd December 2014): BALANCE: £15,679.48**

- Receipts: £0.00
 - Debits: £0.00
 - Plus unpresented cheques: £50.40 (Oxford IT), £40.00 (Cartridge World)
- Balance of Bank Account: £15,769.88 (as at 15th December 2014).**

Available Funds: £15,679.48 (balance of bank account less unpresented cheques)

b. **Orders for Payment: £423.15**

- **Venetia Davies - £206.00** (December 20 hours)
- **Ken Birkby - £192.15** [£6.19 (LAF Refreshments), £180.00 (Christmas Tree) £5.96 (Fuses)]
- **Brian Woodford - £25.00** (Electricity Christmas Tree)

BALANCE: £15,256.33 - (Available Funds less Orders for Payment)

KB has reported problems with damaged underground power supply for Christmas tree lights. **ACTION: KB to investigate in Spring.** On behalf of Parish Councillors, JH paid thanks to KB for arranging and installing this year's tremendous Christmas tree.

c. **BUDGET 2015/16 and Precept 2015/16 (return due Friday 23rd January 2015)**

Proposed budget circulated to Councillors. Given that costs are predicted to exceed the budgets that BCC has offered to devolve CPC and that other

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expenditure (Dog Bins, Play Around the Parishes, etc will only increase), Cuddington Parish Council resolved to set a precept for the 2015/2016 financial year of **£11,000**. Payments will be made in two equal instalments (April 2015 and September 2015). A grant (to be agreed by AVDC Full Council in February (but unlikely to change), of £320.00 will be allocated for 2015/16 and £155.00 for 2016/17. There is a strong possibility that there will be no grant allocated in 2017/18. **ACTION: Clerk to return Precept to AVDC. Return due Friday 23rd January 2015.** An indication of the estimated costs (to be borne by parishes in the Parish Elections - 7 May 2015) has been received by AVDC and circulated to Councillors.

9. LAF meeting, feedback

Projects within the LAF Local Priorities Budget are to be considered. Ongoing.

10. Play Around the Parishes 2015

Ways to offset costs to be explored (to include donation from parents and possible grant from Paul Irwin) so that number of sessions can be anticipated. **ACTION: JSdJ to action.**

ACTION: JSdJ to enquire and inform Clerk. Booking form to be returned by 2nd February 2015.

11. Items for Information

DK updated Councillors on current activities of the Footpaths Working Group (Action plan created with major work schedule on Footpath 17; new Volunteers have also joined the Group) and the Save the River Thames initiative (Testers for the river for clarity are underway).

Grateful thanks were paid to DK for his work on the River. DK also informed Councillors that an objection from the landowner regarding the "Definitive Map Modification Order" (to show a path from Public Footpath No 10B Lower Winchendon to Public Footpath 3 Upper Winchendon) has been made.

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 4th February 2015 at 7.30pm in Cuddington and Dinton School – Infant Site