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CUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held in Cuddington and Dinton School, Infant Site
Wednesday 4th February 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

- Chris Blumer briefly outlined a proposed meeting between Village Voice (VV) and Website Working Group (WWG) to discuss supportive advertising opportunities. Praise was given to the advancing working partnership between both communication methods; Village Voice now being uploaded to the website on date of publication. One concern however, was the ordering of *news* items vs *information* items on the home page – a leading news story can lose its prominence with a subsequent upload of an *information* item. This to be discussed in VV/WWG meeting.
- The resident of 3 Aylesbury Road highlighted potential problems regarding drainage when proposed works to eroding pavement commence. Paul Irwin (PI) thanked the resident for highlighting this concern and will explore further. PI confirmed other works to commence including repairs to Bridgeway (February) and patching work to Holly Tree Lane. An order for works to drain in Dadbrook Road (an area of great concern) has also been raised. Councillors agreed for the works to commence in Spurt Street (part path only due to funding). **ACTION: Clerk to confirm with PI.**
- The resident of Wyncot briefly confirmed that an inspection to the annex had recently been carried out by the Planning Enforcement Officer but the outcome of the investigation is still to be known.

1. Apologies for Absence

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

2. Approval of Minutes – Wednesday 7th January 2015

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.
- **Nicholas Almond Charitable Trust.** Trustees report. **ACTION: Clerk to agenda for March 2015 meeting.**
- **Christmas Tree Lights.** Damage to underground power supply. **ACTION: KB to investigate in Spring.** Councillors commented on the attractive Christmas tree decorations and thanked the children and teachers of Cuddington and Dinton School.
- Projects within the LAF Local Priorities Budget are to be considered. Ongoing.

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- **Items for Information. ACTION: JH - Working party required for help tidying the corner of Welford Way. Work to commence January/February 2015.**

4. Approval of Minutes (Extraordinary Meeting) – Tuesday 27th January 2015

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

5. Declaration of Interests

There were no interests declared.

6. Planning

- **14/03339/APP - Paddock Pass, Frog Lane, Cuddington, HP18 0AX**
Demolition of existing double detached garage and erection of a new detached double garage/greenhouse. Single storey extension and rear extension and rendering of existing bungalow externally (Amendment to planning permission 13/02842/APP) and (part retrospective). **Erection of boundary fencing.**
Comment: 24th February 2015.
ACTION: Clerk to return 'NO OBJECTIONS' to AVDC.
- **Cuddington Planning Issue - Annexes and Conversions into separate dwellings.**
In absence of Chair, it was agreed to postpone this item to the March meeting.
ACTION: Clerk to agenda for March.

7. Correspondence

- **Email to KB: Chris Blumer, Governor at Cuddington and Dinton School.**
Copy of letter received from Rt Hon John Bercow MP congratulating Cuddington and Dinton School's results in the recently published performance tables.
- **Email to KB: Keith Gray, Clerk to Dinton with Ford and Upton Parish Council** expressing road issue concerns from residents who live on Cuddington Road (speeding vehicles, road speed limit and parking of buses waiting to collect children). A suggestion for a joint meeting to formulate an approach for BCC to review (Dinton Parish Council responsible for financing this approach if taken) or comments/observations from CPC to aid Dinton with Ford and Upton Parish Council decision on how to take this forward. **ACTION: Clerk to acknowledge. PI to investigate further with BCC to initially establish options.**

8. Contributions from AVDC and BCC Cllrs

There were no additional contributions to those outlined in Parishioners Question Time.

9. Finance

- a. **Balance from Minutes of previous meeting (7th January 2015): BALANCE: £15,256.33**
 - Receipts: £300.00 (Diamond Jubilee Funds)
 - Debits: £0.00
 - Plus unpresented cheques: £192.15 (Ken Birkby), £25.00 (Brian Woodford)**Balance of Bank Account: £15,773.48 (as at 14th January 2015).**
Available Funds: £15,556.33 (balance of bank account less unpresented cheques)
- b. **Orders for Payment: £745.76**
 - **Venetia Davies - £236.90** (January 23 hours)

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- **Venetia Davies** - £49.05 (VAT £9.81) **£58.86** (Ink Cartridge, Paper and Laminating Pouches)
- **Cuddington Parochial Church Council** - **£450.00** (Upkeep of Churchyard)
- **Also approved: BALC** - **£1.50** (Affordable Rural Housing guide)

BALANCE: £14,809.07 - (Available Funds less Orders for Payment)

10. Play Around the Parishes 2015

Amid news of the recent hike in fees for Play around the Parishes and further investigation by JSdJ into potential attendance of a summer session, a counter offer of a “fun afternoon” organised by village mothers was proposed. Councillors agreed in principle to a small donation (of between £50 and £75) to support this initiative. **ACTION: JSdJ to keep Councillors informed of progress.**

11. Website – Business Directory Listing for Village Voice Advertisers

Meeting proposed between Village Voice (VV) and Website Working Group (WWG) to discuss advertising opportunities - essentially VV advertisers to also benefit from listing in the website’s business directory, with a possible extended ‘premium entry’ (enhancement work may be required). ST informally outlined the possible advantages for the website which could include a more comprehensive Directory and an increase in subscribers. Concerns were expressed, particularly if an advertiser discontinues advertising in the VV supplement. Given the two separate organisations, ST stressed the importance of governance between these two parties. **ACTION: WWG to meet prior to a meeting with VV. ST to present findings to the Parish Council in April. Clerk to agenda for April meeting.**

12. Items for Information including Parish Council Elections 7th May 2015

In view of the forthcoming Elections, JSdJ suggested Parishioners be prompted to ensure they are register on the electoral roll to be able to vote. Parishioners are also to be encouraged to stand for Election as a Parish Councillor. Councillors were reminded of the Election document emailed from BALC (27 January 2015).

13. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

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