

DRAFT MINUTES

2015/08

CUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held in Cuddington and Dinton School, Infant Site
Wednesday 4th March 2015 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Ken Birkby (**KB**), Matthew Giorgi (**MG**), Jim Hayward (**JH**), Doug Kennedy (**DK**), Stephen Turner (**ST**), Venetia Davies (**Clerk**).

Parishioners: There were 8 Parishioners present.

NB: Action points highlighted

Parishioners Question Time

- Mark Bale, prospective District Councillor introduced himself to the Parish Council meeting.
- A Parishioner expressed safety concerns, particularly to children, over the safety of a stone wall at the bottom of Spicketts Lane and Frog Lane.
- There was a wide-ranging discussion about annexes and conversions into separate dwellings. Ongoing concerns were voiced over the use of annexes and the lack of control over their potential development into separate properties.

Apologies for Absence

Jennifer Schram de Jong (**JSdJ**)

1. Approval of Minutes – Wednesday 4th February 2015

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

2. Matters Arising

- **Reported hardcore and glass (Map Reference SP738115).** Awaiting update from Enforcement Officer.
- **Kings Cross Footway Feasibility Study.** Ongoing.
- **Christmas Tree Lights.** Damage to underground power supply. **ACTION: KB to investigate in Spring.**
- **LAF Local Priorities Budget.** Projects to be considered. Ongoing.
- **Welford Way tidy.** **ACTION: JH to arrange.**
- **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). **PI investigating the possibility of a meeting between BCC, Dinton Parish Council and Cuddington Parish Council. It was noted though that no funding is available from BCC.**
- **Children’s ‘fun afternoon’** to take place on 10th April. Councillors agreed to a donation of £75 to support this initiative (in place of Play around the Parishes). **ACTION: Clerk to list on Orders for Payment for April.**
- **Website – Business Directory Listing for Village Voice Advertisers.** **WWG have met to discuss. Meeting to be arranged with VV. ST to present findings to Parish Council in April. Clerk to agenda for April meeting.** February stats remain consistent.

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3. Cuddington Planning Issue - Annexes and Conversions into separate dwellings.

With regard to separate annexes, Councillors unanimously agreed that clarity from AVDC of what is deemed to be ancillary use (to that of the main house) is vital. As a matter of policy, for any planning application that has been granted, with specific conditions, the Parish Council will raise, with AVDC, any issue, that it is made aware of, where any imposed conditions are not being adhered to.

4. Correspondence

- **AVDC – Aylesbury Vale Village Pub Competition 2015**
ACTION: Clerk to advertise poster advertising nomination process.
- **Cuddington Parochial Church Council.** Letter of thanks received from Mr Alan Marsh for donation of £450 towards the upkeep of Churchyard.

5. Contributions from AVDC and BCC Cllrs

Cllr PI updated Councillors on BCC activity including local school parking issues (a document by LAF is being produced), and essential road repairs including those to Dadbrook and Bridgeway. Ownership of the ditch that required clearing to clear the defect is now being identified by TfB. Works to the footpath at Aylesbury Road will commence in the new financial year 2015/2016. Concerns over the flow of rainwater past these houses have been discussed between TfB and home owners. PI confirmed match funding for the Children's 'fun afternoon' to the sum of £75.00 (£150 in total with Parish Council's contribution). **ACTION: JSdJ to liaise with PI to complete necessary application form. Clerk to inform organisers of 'fun afternoon' of the additional funding available.**

6. Finance

- **Balance from Minutes of previous meeting (4th February 2015): BALANCE: £14,809.07**
 - Receipts: £0.00
 - Debits: £0.00
 - Plus unrepresented cheques: £0.00
- Balance of Bank Account: £14,809.07 (as at 13th February 2015).**

Available Funds: £14,809.07 (balance of bank account less unrepresented cheques)

a. Orders for Payment: £365.80

- **Venetia Davies - £226.60** (January 22 hours including WWG Meeting)
- **Arrow Packaging (Dog Bags) - £116.00** (VAT £23.20) **£139.20**

BALANCE: £14,443.27 - (Available Funds less Orders for Payment)

7. Nicholas Almond Charity, Trustees Report

In the absence of JSdJ, this item was postponed to April. **ACTION: Clerk to agenda for April.**

8. Best Kept Village and Chiltern in Bloom

It was agreed to participate again in Best Kept Village (BKV) competition but resolved not to partake in Chiltern in Bloom. **ACTION: JH to complete application form for BKV. Clerk to include entry free (£15.00) to Orders for Payment for April.**

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9. Annual Village Meeting – Wednesday 22nd April 2015

Agenda to follow same 'open forum' format of previous years and include topical issues such as speeding in village, car parking, Devolution, mobile network coverage. Contributions to also be invited other organisations including Cuddington and Dinton School, Neighbourhood Watch (including PSCO Sue Jones), and others. Financial report and charity report to be available as handouts. **ACTION: KB to circulate notice to households encouraging Parishioners to send items for discussion to the Clerk. Clerk to formally invite District Councillors and advertise Agenda on notice boards, Village Voice and Website 21 days prior. Parishioners to be directed to Draft Minutes 2014 on notice boards and website. Clerk to also list payment for hire of Bernard Hall on Orders for Payment for April.**

10. Items for Information

- Information on **Becoming a Parish Councillor** has been circulated. Parishioners are urged to put their names forward in the Parish Council Elections to ensure that there is a strongly contested election for the seven available places.
- KB reported a fault on Vehicle Activated Sign in Dadbrook. **ACTION: Clerk to request repair from original suppliers.**

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 1st April 2015 at 7.30pm in Cuddington and Dinton School – Infant Site

Diary Dates:

Annual Village Meeting – 22nd April 2015 at 7.30m
Elections – 7th May 2015 at 7.30pm
Annual General Meeting – 13th May 2015 at 7.30pm