

# DRAFT MINUTES

## CUDDINGTON ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING Draft Minutes of Annual Village Meeting held in The Bernard Hall Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.30pm

**Chair:** Ken Birkby, **Clerk:** Venetia Davies. **Attendance:** 76 Villagers

Ken Birkby, Chair of Cuddington Parish Council, welcomed attendees. The Annual Village Meeting is a meeting for the village to discuss issues and to find out more about Village societies and organisations.

### 1. Apologies

Markus Bolton, Graham Carr, Doug Kennedy, Charles and Angela Sanderson, Jennifer Schram de Jong, Richard Stanczyk and Dr Michael Straiton.

### 2. Minutes of previous Annual Village Meeting held on Monday 3rd April 2017

Minutes were accepted by the meeting as a true record and signed by Ken Birkby.

### 3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising that were not covered during the subsequent meeting.

### 4. Written Reports

Parish Council Financial Report 2017/18 and Proposed Budget for 2018/19, the Nicholas Almond Trust including Report and Accounts to end December 2017 and Footpaths Report all circulated.

### 5. Nicholas Almond Trust – Jennifer Schram de Jong

Reported circulated. There were four grants awarded.

### 6. Website – [www.cuddingtonvillage.com](http://www.cuddingtonvillage.com) - Chris Long

There are now 282 members. 2,400 articles have been published since website was launched in November 2010. To Register as a website member: click **Register Here** and enter details to receive emails when a new article is published on a specified subject or organisation of interest.

### 7. Contributions from District and County Councillors – Paul Irwin and Judy Brandis

**Cllr Paul Irwin, BCC. Pot Holes.** BCC hope to spend £5m on Pot Holes this year, the worst for 15 years. **Road Closure. Bridgeway** from 1st May 2018 for approximately 21 days between 09:30 and 15:00 each day. **Draft Freight Strategy.** Over 1600 responses. Freight Strategy Liaison Officer to be appointed. **Oxford to Cambridge Expressway.** 3 proposed routes, one shown between Haddenham and Cuddington. Government favour East West Rail Route. Route will be decided in December, implementation 2030. There has been no public consultation. **Unitary.** Secretary of State, Sajid Javid is 'minded to approve' the proposal for county led proposal for one new unitary council (savings of £18m a year). Parishioners are encouraged to give views at email [sajid.javid@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:sajid.javid@communities.gsi.gov.uk) by 25 May. More information at: <http://futurebucks.co.uk/>. Cllr PI and Cllr JB gave individual views on Oxford to Cambridge Express Way and Unitary. **Cllr Judy Brandis, AVDC.** Two commercial enterprises have been closed. There is a new fleet of refuse/recycling vehicles. **Regeneration of Aylesbury.** A £1m grant secured for Garden Town status. **VALP.** The Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan was submitted to government on 28 February 2018 and will now be subject to an independent examination by Planning Inspector Paul Clark BA MA MRTPI. This will be subject to 2-year review owing to housing needs in South East. Flexible home improvement loans are available from AVDC. A Healthy Homes initiative is being launched with funding available.

### 8. Cuddington's French Fete Day – Saturday 14th July 2017 – Karen Clayton

There will be an increase in stalls from Lower Church Street to the Lower Green. Free stalls are available to registered Charities. The post Fete party will take place on the playing field. Offers of help before the day (donations, sponsorship, signage, poster, flyer distribution) and on the day please to: [cuddington.fete@gmail.com](mailto:cuddington.fete@gmail.com).

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### 9. Sunshine Club – Sherry Scott

As a result of assistance from the running of the cinema, the Club goes from strength to strength. The Club, which prevents loneliness for older residents, has outings and an annual Spring Bazaar – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018. New members are welcome. Tea Hostesses (to serve just once annually) required.

### 10. Planning and Traffic Calming – Ken Birkby and Ken Trew

**Planning.** AVDC's planning department performance has been impacted by higher caseload, national shortage of senior experienced planners and recruitment and training of junior planning roles. Out of 25 applications for comment, the PC objected to 4 resulting in amended and resubmitted plans. Cuddington Neighbourhood Area has been agreed by AVDC. This allows Cuddington to submit a Neighbourhood Development Plan (providing a comprehensive plan on what the village should be like, and subject to Referendum) to AVDC for the publicity consultation and an examination to be undertaken. An application for grant funding is being submitted. Questions were raised about the ability of an approved ('made') Neighbourhood Plan (NP) to resist challenges from developers promoting housing on land not identified in the NP. There is confidence that the Cuddington NP will resist such challenges given the local plan (VALP) will have been adopted and an agreed 5-year land supply delivered when the Cuddington NP is 'made'. Volunteers for Steering Group to [cuddingtonpc@gmail.com](mailto:cuddingtonpc@gmail.com). **Traffic Calming.** A project brief has been submitted. The Developer for Land North of Aylesbury Road has agreed to work with the PC and provide funding for a wider scale feasibility study & a contribution towards implanting any measures.

### 11. Footpaths – Charles Sanderson

Report circulated. Well co-ordinated Working Party. 4 new metal kissing gates installed for better accessibility. To be extended to other footpaths, subject to landowner's permission.

### 12. CPFA – Laura Ewers

The firework event was a huge success. A memorial bench has been purchased to pay tribute to Frank Crowdy's dedication and hard work over many years to the CPFA. The 1953 Duke of Edinburgh tree has been identified. A plaque will mark it. Maintenance tasks, a deep clean and fixed rate terms for water, gas and electric have been secured by members of the Committee. Support please for the Bar and Clubhouse facilities and the Wine Quiz scheduled for October. The Cricket Club is being resurrected. The Boules piste is available for everyone's use.

### 13. Village Voice – Helen Keeping

Village Voice was created by Nan and Peggy Cattell and Roger Frazer about 20 years as a Church initiative. It is designed to be a magazine about all aspects of Cuddington and is delivered to every house in the village, and, via email, to former residents. Contributions including one-off articles are welcome to [wichertcot@btinternet.com](mailto:wichertcot@btinternet.com). The team consists of Chris Blumer, Rachael Barnard and Helen; with Karen Clayton organising advertising. Village Voice and the Village Website are complementary to each other giving Parishioners news in different ways.

### 14. Village Picture House – Chris Long

Attendance is down by 250/300 tickets on last year. Taking into consideration high licencing fees, five films this year made a loss. The Committee is keen to find out why tickets aren't selling so well. The season concludes with 3 films Darkest Hour (7th June) The Post (14th June) and Finding Your Feet on (28th June). Don't miss a new musical - An American in Paris (16th May). It would help greatly if tickets are booked in advance so that numbers of chairs to put out are known.

### 15. Cuddington Stores

Parishioners were encouraged to support the Shop. The Post Office is also available for banking.

### 16. Items for Information - Footballers please for Thursday evenings.

### 17. Closing Comment: Ken Birkby thanked all for attending and contributing to the meeting. Refreshments were then taken!