

# DRAFT MINUTES

2018/22

**CUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Draft Minutes of EXTRAORDINARY Parish Council Meeting held in The Bernard Hall**  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:** Ken Birkby (**KB**), Ken Brown (**KMB**), Richard Stancy (**RTS**) Lorraine Stevens (**LS**), Ravern Stevens (**RS**), Ken Trew (**KT**), Andrew Vickers (**AV**), Venetia Davies (**Clerk and RFO**).

**Parishioners:** There were 30 Parishioners present.

**NB: Action points highlighted**

**1. Apologies**

There were none

**2. Villagers and Parish Council's response to Rectory Homes/Allotment Society Exhibition.**

This meeting followed an Exhibition of plans on a proposed scheme for up to 10 houses on a small part of Cuddington allotment land by Rectory Homes/Allotment Society. The PC commended Rectory Homes and the allotment society for involving the village in a discussion at the very early stages of a possible development. Parishioners were given the opportunity to comment by way of feedback forms or by email to Rectory Homes at [planning@rectory.co.uk](mailto:planning@rectory.co.uk) or the Parish Council at [cuddingtonpc@gmail.com](mailto:cuddingtonpc@gmail.com).

**3. Action regarding 'Community Right to Bid' for Community Asset**

A brief background to the registering of the Allotments as a Community Asset was given by the Parish Council. When the Parish Council looked at its response to the Draft Vale of Aylesbury Plan, it consulted with the Village to obtain views on what the village wanted in terms of housing. The response was very low with only 12 replies, 6 of which said 'no' to housing on the allotments. At that time, it was rumoured that there could be housing on the allotment site but it was not possible for the PC to open a dialogue with the Allotment Society.

The Parish Council agreed to apply to register the allotment land as an Asset of Community Value, whilst the Vale of Aylesbury Plan was submitted, and was granted. The Neighbourhood Plan for Cuddington commenced. The Parish Council was notified by AVDC (14<sup>th</sup> May 2018) that the owner of the allotments intended to proceed with the sale of part of the land. This triggered a 6-week period (9<sup>th</sup> May to 20<sup>th</sup> June) during which time Community Interest Groups with a local connection may register an expression of interest to bid to purchase the property. Once an expression of interest is lodged, there is a total of six months from 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018 to make an offer for the purchase of the relevant land. The landowner would not be obliged to accept this offer.

The merits and de-merits of bidding for the land were discussed at length. It was unanimously agreed that the PC would not bid, as it would be preferable to work constructively with the allotment society in the writing of the Neighbourhood Plan going forward. Placing a bid solely to delay the process would not be reasonable.

However, it was further agreed that the PC would consider applying to list the remaining allotment land, as a Community Asset, if and when, the current proposed sale is completed.

**4. Date and Time of Next Meetings:**

**Parish Council Meeting: Monday 25th June at 7.30pm in the Bernard Hall**

*The Parish Council meet on **the last Monday of every month** (or the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in the event of a Bank Holiday Monday).*