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CUDDINGTON ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

Draft Minutes of Annual Village Meeting held in The Bernard Hall

Tuesday 30th April 2019 at 7.30pm

Chair: Ken Birkby, **Minutes:** Lorraine Stevens. **Attendance:** 101 Villagers

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

1. Apologies

Andrew Vickers

2. Minutes of previous Annual Village Meeting held on Wednesday 18th April 2018

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 2018/19 and Proposed Budget for 2019/20, the Nicholas Almond Trust including Report and Accounts to end December 2018 and The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for 2018

5. Sunshine Club – Sherry Scott

The new afternoon cinema project continues to thrive with 70 people attending from Cuddington and surrounding villages. The club helps to prevent members from feeling lonely in their own homes. The club also arranges outings and thanks was extended for donations and support. The recent Bazaar made £300. There are no age restrictions and all are welcome. If anyone would like to volunteer to help please contact Sherry e-mail: admin@tcap.co.uk

6. CPFA – Laura Ewers & Ellen Dyer

The CPFA has a proactive committee and thanks was extended to the Treasurer John Luckett for his work and persistence sorting out the finances. Fund raising included a successful Wine Quiz – thanks to all who supported the event. The Club house, which funds the playing field, would benefit from support from people using the bar or renting the facility for private parties. The CPFA are looking forward to the opportunity to improve the clubhouse as a result of any funding coming from housing developments in the future. On the 2nd June 2019 a Family Fun Day is taking place from 12.00 - 5.00pm to include cricket, rounders, children's entertainment, BBQ and ice cream van. The day is to promote the playing fields and the facilities that are available. Details are on the village notice boards/website. Volunteers are welcome and if you would like to bake a cake please email pamsbakehouse@yahoo.com. If you would like to play cricket please register your interest at cuddingtoncricket@gmail.com. Ellen would like to hear from a volunteer to umpire the match.

Ken Birkby commented that the playground facilities have recently been upgraded with new junior swings. The land and pavilion is owned by the Parish Council and has good facilities

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including boules, tennis and football and is there for the benefit of the community. During the Neighbourhood Planning process the Parish Council decided that the land should not be used for housing purposes as any increase in the population will require the space.

7. Contributions from District and County Councillors – Judy Brandis, David Lyons and Paul Irwin

Cllr Judy Brandis, AVDC- Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) Inspector has produced an interim report and there is a change to the number of housing requirements to 30,000 up until 2033 with more to be allocated in the villages and up to Milton Keynes. The East/West corridor has been chosen for the **Oxford to Cambridge Express Way**. Cllr Brandis congratulated the Parish Council on their decision to have a Neighbourhood Plan as it is a way for Cuddington to have a say in the future of the village. **AVDC-** planners have a full complement of staff and the Planning Portal is to be updated. **Licencing committee** - 3000 taxi drivers have attended safeguarding courses to combat modern slavery. They can make confidential reports to the police if they see anything suspicious. In May 2019 Cllr Brandis becomes Chairman of AVDC.

Cllr David Lyons AVDC –elected to AVDC in March 2019. **Planning** –Cllr Lyons has met with the Planning Department to discuss issues and was advised that if you are a councillor or applicant you should always be given current information. They do not respond to other members of the public directly. If you have concerns about a planning application you need to enquire via your District or Parish Councillor. **Traffic** - Haddenham is considering a campaign to reduce the speed limit to 20mph. **Climate Change** – Cllr Lyons reminded us that we all have a part to play and that action is needed at all government levels (from Parish to parliament) to reduce the effect of carbon emissions.

Cllr Paul Irwin, BCC – In April 2020 the new Buckinghamshire Council will come in to being.

Footpaths – At present Cllr Irwin has funding to improve one rural footpath a year and proposes that maybe Cuddington will be on the 2020 plan. **East/West Railway Line** –Plans to extend the line from Aylesbury to Milton Keynes to the East Coast and Aylesbury Parkway to Heathrow.

Oxford to Cambridge Express Way- Route B has been chosen (middle corridor) and an estimated 200,000 to 300,000 new homes will be built. Having a Neighbourhood Plan will provide protection and that the village should complete the plan. **HS2-** continues to have problems. **Traffic Calming** – continue to use sentinel as everything that the community do will have an effect on reducing the speed in the village

8. Traffic Calming – Ravern Stevens – Cuddington Parish Councillor

Cllr Stevens - produced a Cuddington Traffic Plan and Action Timeline – the full report is available on the village website <https://www.cuddingtonvillage.com/page-content/documents/1552324268-Cuddington%20Traffic%20Calming%20FS%20Report%20-%20Final.pdf>. The average speeds were compliant with the speed limits. The speeding issues were discussed and the difficulties in potentially reducing the speed limit in the village to 20mph as the average recorded speed needs to be 24mph according to BCC's contractor. The three key priorities from the report were:-

1. Visibility at the Dadbrook/Aylesbury Road/Bridgeway intersection.
2. Speed of vehicles entering the village
3. A suitable crossing

Two further options are being explored

1. A build out in Aylesbury road

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2. Extension of the 30mph at Spicketts Lane to the Cuddington village sign.

The 3 stages of the plan and costs were presented. Stage 2 – funding for 50% of the costs have been secured from the Local Area Forum.

9. Sentinel – Steve Wright

Cuddington is now regularly using the Sentinel Speed Camera as a deterrent to reduce speeding in the village. There are three sites in the village where the camera can be located. 9 villagers have been trained plus another 4 in the recent week. 7 people are waiting to be trained. Results will be published in the Village Voice. Thanks was extended to all volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please email Steve: stepnwright@googlemail.com. The most effective times to use the camera are first thing, 3.00pm and rush hour. Ideally the village should use the camera 2 or 3 days a week at random times and in the spring/summer to get the best results.

10. Sue Jones – PCSO

Other villages have found Sentinel is an effective deterrent. At present there are not enough police to do speed enforcement and so if the village can be proactive it will help reduce the speed of the traffic. All letters sent to drivers speeding are held on the police system. Speed Enforcement Area signage should soon be available. The more volunteers there are the better the results.

11. Neighbourhood Plan – Ken Trew – Cuddington Parish Councillor/Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Cllr Trew provided a background to the VALP, Neighbourhood Plan and a summary of the results of the second Village survey. The summary will be on the Village website. Hard copies will be available in the shop. The proposed development at Dadbrook for 15 houses has been re-added to the VALP. Discussions with the Agent/Landowner had been for a bigger development so the Neighbourhood Plan Team have written to the VALP Inspector for clarity. Also discussed

1. The siting of the proposed new developments on the outskirts of the village
2. Allocating an additional site in the Neighbourhood Plan to provide protection from government increased allocations and speculative developers
3. The Neighbourhood Plan looks at the village as a whole and provides a contingency plan

Support was provided for the continuance of the plan which will be reviewed by the Parish Council and Steering Group. Thanks was extended to Cllr Trew and the Steering Group for all their hard work.

12. Items for Information

If any of the societies or contributors have been unable to present their report tonight then they should be forwarded to the Village Voice for publication.

13. Closing Comment

Ken Birkby thanked all for attending and contributing to the meeting. Refreshments were then taken.