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CUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL **Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Bernard Hall** **Tuesday 25th January 2022 at 7pm**

PRESENT: Ken Birkby (KB), Ken Brown (KMB), Julia Ridout (JR), Lorraine Stevens (LS), Ken Trew (KT), Malcolm Thomas (MT), Venetia Davies (Clerk and RFO).

Parishioners: There were two Parishioners present.

NB: Action points highlighted.

Parishioners Question Time

There were no questions.

1. Apologies

Raven Stevens (RS), Ashley Waite (AW)

2. Approval of Draft Minutes

The Draft Minutes of the December were **agreed and signed** as a true record by KB, Chair.

3. Matters Arising

- **Aylesbury Road Safety Project.** Authorised on a 'lump sum' basis at cost of £10,832.47 (Preliminary design Safety Audit and Designers Response and Consultation). This supported by remaining £8,088.06 retained from Rectory Homes contribution. Total estimate for implementation of proposal is £50,000. TfB has provided projected dates: **Feasibility / Preliminary Design: 1st February 2022 – 7th July 2022. Statutory Consultation Stage: 15th July 2022 – 30th November 2022.** **ACTION: CLERK to arrange a site visit with TfB, KB/KT/RS.**
- **Speed Indicator Device.** SID ordered (£3,675.00 awarded by the H&W Community Board) and installed. **ACTION: CLERK to invoice Community Board for reimbursement.**
- **Right of Access over Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust (VAHT) land to Playing Fields.** Granting of formal access over the land registered to the VAHT (for the benefit of the Sports Field) is being considered by VAHT Executive Management Team (lead by Dinah Champion, Property Officer, VAHT). **ACTION: AW/CLERK to continue to chase.**
- **Pedestrian Safety at Crossing Point/Footpath CUD13.** KB has received an email from Waddesdon Farm explaining the landowner objects to the cutting of the hedge. **ACTION: KB to respond and stress road safety concerns.** The PC to address other safety suggestions: realignment of footpath to coincide with path opposite, installation of SID sign displaying pedestrian crossing (KB to apply for additional SID for this purpose with H&W Community Board, at the appropriate time), a 40mph buffer before entering the village, resetting of gate further back from the road to give walkers more safe space from the traffic, a mirror in the hedge line on private land. Once some of these measures have been implemented, the process to change to the speed limit to be formally understood. **ACTION: Paul Irwin to ask TfB for an 'in principle' response to proposal to introduce a 40mph speed zone at the village approach from Chearsley.**
- **Wildlife Project.** Installation of bench on concreted pad on lower green approved (£670). **ACTION: LS/JR to instruct Simon Brown.** Gentler slope to be considered (£430) after installation of bench. Awaiting two further benches (playing field near the Platinum Jubilee commemorative tree and at the old dugout). Bird and bat boxes ordered. **ACTION: LS/CLERK to reclaim grant from Community Board. CLERK to inform Simon Brown of bulbs on triangle of Holly Tree Lane.**
- **Cuddington Green Initiative** ongoing (KT/LS/JR).
- **Sewage spills into the River Thames.** A site visit has been offered with Thames Water and Greg Smith, MP. **ACTION: CLERK to query what this would achieve and express that the concern is the frequency of raw sewage being put into the river.**

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- **Village Maintenance/Colin Woolford LAT.** KB has chased works to the unofficial lay-by at the top of Dadbrook, near King's Cross. Poor condition of Bridleway 6. Awaiting.
- **Boules Pitch.** **ACTION: KB to obtain new sleepers in Spring.** The PC agreed to meet the cost.
- **Boardwalk, Nether Winchendon.** Clerk has chased repair (Alastair McVail, Area Rights of Way Officer).
- **Litter Pick.** Litter pickers ordered for children.
- **Notice Boards.** Further keys and magnets ordered.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared. All Parish Councillors have declared an interest in the Neighbourhood Plan.

5. Cuddington Neighbourhood Plan

The Regulation 16 Consultation period ended on 7th January 2022. Bucks Council has confirmed that any comments received will be forwarded to the Examiner undertaking the examination into the Neighbourhood Plan as submitted. Whilst Bucks Council will let the PC see copy of comments, there is no opportunity for the PC or Buckinghamshire Council to respond to comments received during the consultation unless in specific cases the examiner seeks clarification.

6. Dadbrook Footway/Cycleway

The Parish Council has received a response from the Community Board regarding its tentative application to TfB for a feasibility study. The viability of the scheme has a number of safety challenges that include speed limits (Dadbrook a national speed limit (60mph) and the A418 crossroad crossing. The cost of the proposal could be well in excess of £100k. The landowner would need to give permission for the scheme to meet the safety criteria. The Community Board has also indicated that it would not be able to sponsor the scale of the project. It was agreed that the PC look at other aspects of the project by trying to get improvements to the speed limits and crossing. The Parish Council has also explored the re-routing of the 280 to serve Cuddington and awaits an announcement from the Government in April in response to Bucks Council request for funds to improve local bus services.

7. Maintenance of trees on Playing Field.

The quotation for various trees works to the Memorial Oak Tree, the Millennium Oak, Gleditsia and trees (approximately 25 on roadside boundary) was formally approved at a cost of £1,380 + VAT. The contractor has confirmed that there will be no heavy plant used and that the hedge will remain untouched. All arisings will be cleared. Works are scheduled to commence at the end of March.

8. Playground Improvements

Quotations have been received for new playground equipment. **ACTION: LS to invite Playground Committee to the February meeting to discuss project progress including equipment and funding sources** (agreed to be supported with S106 monies - £14,015.63). **CLERK to agenda for February meeting. LS/CLERK to formally request monies for remaining Section 106 monies (£14,015.63) when appropriate.** Maintenance pot of £1,621.35 ringfenced.

9. Tree for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The planting of the Acer Campestre is scheduled for 22nd March. **ACTION: JR to invite school children to attend the planting of the commemorative tree together with Milly Soames and the Bucks Herald.**

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10. Correspondence

- 22-23 Devolution Agreement. Signed by KB/Clerk. **ACTION: CLERK to submit.**
- Consultation on Ward Boundaries for Buckinghamshire. The Commission has announced that it is minded recommending that the Council has 98 councillors in the future. This does not appear to affect the Ward Boundaries for Cuddington.
- A Parishioner is concerned about means of access (to household and also for emergency vehicle access) as a result of school car parking on village road and has enquired about a painted 2 metre line to prevent parking. **ACTION: KT to pass information to MT.**

11. Reports from Councillors attending meeting and outside organisations including CPFA.

There were no meetings.

12. Contributions from Buckinghamshire Councillors

The Climate Change Committee is challenging Thames Water on its concerns about river contamination and sewage, particularly when an additional 30,000 houses are built. KB suggested it would be beneficial for the Committee to contact the Thame Conservation Trust for input. The Council Tax Budget has resulted in a 2% increase in social care and 1.99% increase on council tax.

13. Planning

- **21/04680/APP - Land at Bentley House, Aylesbury Road, Cuddington HP18 0BG**
Erection of agricultural/forestry building. Comment date: 5th January 2022. Extension requested.
ACTION: CLERK to return OPPOSES the application to Bucks Council. The Parish Council considers it to be too large a building for the scale of the woodland to be managed.
- **21/04674/APP - Bentley House, Aylesbury Road, Cuddington, HP18 0BG**
Amended Proposals: Alteration, extension and conversion of existing building to form dwelling with parking and amenity space with change from agriculture to residential and residential curtilage/use approved under 21/02668/APP to agriculture. Case Officer: Bibi Motuel: 01296 585163. Commented date: 7 February 2022.
ACTION: CLERK to return NO OBJECTIONS to Bucks Council.
- **21/04844/APP - Land At Nunhayes, Great Stone, Cuddington, HP18 0AZ**
Demolition of outbuilding, erection of three detached dwellings and alterations to existing vehicular access. Comment date: 18th January, extended to 26th January 2022.
ACTION: CLERK to return OPPOSES the application to Bucks Council for the reasons set out on the [Bucks Council planning portal](#).

14. Finance

- **Balance from Minutes of previous meeting (20th December 2022): £71,033.80**
- **Receipts: £0.00**
- **BACS Debits: £0.00**
- **Balance of Bank Account: £71,023.80 (as at 14th January 2022),**
Available Funds: £71,033.80*

*discrepancy of Balance of Bank Account and Available Funds is represented by £10 overpayment to Bucks Council

a. **Orders for Payment: £4,840.36**

- **Venetia Davies - £430.36** (£415.36) + £15.00 (Use of Home)
- **Traffic Technology Ltd - £4,410.00** (£3,675.00 + £735.00 VAT)
- **BALANCE: £66,193.44** (Available Funds less Orders for Payment).

b. **Management Report.** January 2022 circulated.

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15. Precept 2022/23, to agree and set the Precept for 2022/23.

Councillors agreed to increase the Precept from £37,800 to £39,000. Whilst this would result in an increase of £1,200 for the Parish Council, it would have little effect on Band D - £132.71 to £132.74 (a 0.02% increase). **ACTION: CLERK to return Precept request.**

16. Items for Information.

- **Planning and Environment Service update meeting – 26.01.22 at 2pm.** KT to attend.
- **Bucks Local Plan.** [Questionnaire Survey Reminder](#) for the Discovery & Exploration Phase for the new **Local Plan for Buckinghamshire.** Closes Friday 11th February.
- **Annual Village Meeting.** **ACTION: KT to produce note publicising AVM (door drop, Village Voice, website).** **CLERK to invite village organisations and societies to participate.**

17. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

MONDAY 28th February 2022 at 7pm in the Bernard Hall
Annual Village Meeting - Monday 4th April 2022

The Parish Council meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month