

DRAFT MINUTES

2021/059

CUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Bernard Hall
MONDAY 28th February 2022 at 7pm

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

Parishioners: There were seven Parishioners present including Cllr Paul Irwin (**PI**) and Cllr Mick Caffrey (**MC**).

NB: Action points highlighted.

Parishioners Question Time

A Parishioner raised concerns about the condition of Footpath 3 (running from the top of Great Stone to Ridge Barn). The entrance has been adversely affected by the cattle feeder and the churned up ground is now difficult to pass. It was suggested the feeder be relocated into the lower part of the field.

ACTION: KB to raise with Landowner.

1. Apologies

Cllr Ashely Waite (**AW**).

2. Approval of Draft Minutes

An adjustment to the *Balance from Minutes of previous meeting* to account for overpayment to Bucks Council ~~£66,193.44~~ £66,183.44). The Draft Minutes of the January were **agreed and signed** as a true record by KB, Chair.

3. Matters Arising

- **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). AW has escalated this to the Director of the Trust. **ACTION: AW 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 for an 'in principle' response to proposal for 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.**
- **Cuddington Green Initiative** ongoing (**KT/LS/JR**).
- **Sewage spills into the River Thame.** **ACTION: LS/JR to attend Thames Water site visit to Aylesbury Sewage Treatment Works on 11th April at 11am. CLERK to request for MC to attend.**
- **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.** RoW Inspector work expected to complete within two/three months.

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- **Dadbrook Footway/Cycleway.** Due to the viability of the scheme, the PC is looking at other aspects of this project by trying to get improvements to the speed limits and crossing. The PC awaits an announcement from the Government in April in response to Bucks Council request for funds to improve local bus services (including the possible re-routing of the 280 to serve Cuddington).

4. Declarations of Interest

None declared. All Parish Councillors have declared an interest in the Neighbourhood Plan.

5. Cuddington Neighbourhood Plan

The PC ratified its decision for Buckinghamshire Council to appoint Independent Planning Inspector, Andrew Ashcroft, to examine the draft Cuddington Neighbourhood Plan (CNP). The Inspector will consider the CNP and any objections received during the formal consultation period (ended 07.01.22). Submission of report, including recommendations for any amendments to the CNP, expected mid-April. The PC to then decide to accept the Inspector's recommendations or withdraw the CNP. Assuming recommendations are acceptable, the CNP will be amended accordingly and submitted to Parishioners at a Referendum (arranged and funded by Buckinghamshire Council). A simple majority is needed to approve the Plan.

6. Planning

- **22/00544/APP – Cowleas, Spicketts Lane, Cuddington, Buckinghamshire, HP18 0AY Demolition of existing outbuildings and replace with dwelling**
Case Officer: Bibi Motuel. Comment date: 17th March 2022
ACTION: CLERK to return No Objections in principle to Bucks Council but comment on a number of points. Full comments will be available to view under planning application on **22/00544/APP on [Bucks Council planning portal](#).**

7. Aylesbury Road Safety Project

KB and KT have meet with TfB officers to discuss the Aylesbury Road safety project traffic, the priority to improve the safety of the crossing and the path in front of the cottages by reducing speeds and stopping vehicles mounting the kerb. Solutions for physical mitigation and speed include:

- A second build out west of the existing one on Aylesbury Road
- A zebra crossing or red coloured pedestrian crossing by the Crown PH
- Realignment of the existing footpath on the south side of Aylesbury Road
- A one-way section outside the Crown with priority to eastbound traffic
- A width restriction
- A 20mph zone within the village including a 20mph section on Aylesbury Road west from Spicketts to Dadbrook i.e., where the build outs are located.
- A speed limit transition from 50mph to 30mph on Aylesbury Road to the east of Spicketts for, say, 200m calming and a pedestrian crossing on Aylesbury Road
- A speed limit from Dadbrook from the A418 north ways from 60mph to 40mph

ACTION: KT to chase TfB for a response to recent emails.

8. Playground Improvements

A new climbing frame and sensory equipment from a preferred supplier were proposed at a cost in the region of £27K. A quotation is required for the removal of the basketball net. The PC has resolved to support the improvements with S106 monies - £14,015.63. **ACTION: LS/CLERK** to request monies for remaining S106 monies. Playground Committee to obtain match funding and present final proposal to PC. Maintenance pot £1,621.35.

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9. Grass Cutting

ACTION: KB and Simon Brown (SB) are meeting on 1st March 2022 to agree cutting programme for 2022. **SB** to provide quotation and copy of insurance/risk assessment.

10. Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

A programme of events has been arranged for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend (Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th) and will be publicised shortly. The Parish council agreed to cover the cost of the marquee and other expenses (commemorative t-towels) up to the value of £1700 should an application for funding be unsuccessful.

11. Annual Village Meeting - Monday 4th April at the Bernard Hall 7.30pm

It was agreed that the format of the AVM be a forum for discussion of issues. Topics to include: the future of Cuddington Fete, development and building in the village, road safety in Cuddington, performance of the new Buckinghamshire Council, Council tax expenditure, improvements to Rights of Way, the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and rural broadband. **ACTION: KB** to provide copy of flyers for printing. **KMB/JR** to arrange for delivery of flyers to household's w/e Friday 26th February. **CLERK** to ask village societies and associations for written updates that can be circulated on seats.

12. Correspondence

- Email from Parishioner regarding damage to lawns plus mud and muck trails as a result of Thames Water dealing with issues in Cuddington Court. **ACTION: KB** to follow up with Thames Water and liaise with landowner.
- The Crown PH – request for promotional sign on village green. Given the position of the pub and its visibility from the road, it was agreed that a sign was not appropriate.

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

- **CPFA.** Quotations for the resurfacing of the carpark at the playing field are in the region of £15,000. **ACTION: MT/CLERK** to research funding. **PC** to consider contribution.
- **Planning and Environment Services update meeting.** Attended by KT. Slides circulated. KT expressed concerns over progress with Bucks Local Plan and the availability of the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). **ACTION: KT** to email PI for follow-up.
- **H&W Community Board. Attended by KB.** Minutes circulated. There were informative presentations on Buckinghamshire Railway Centre at its positioning of becoming more of a community meeting point, the Haddenham Community Library and its enhanced multi focussed facilities and the Library of Things, a borrowing service of useful things.

14. Contributions from Buckinghamshire Councillors

Buckinghamshire Council has approved its budget. A river group has now been set-up. There will be reduced funding available from the Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board in 2022/23. Following the Ofsted report, Children's Services is no longer judged to be Inadequate.

15. Finance

- **Balance from Minutes of previous meeting** (25th January 2022): **£66,183.44**
- **Receipts: £17.10** (sales from Cuddington walks/map)
- **BACS Debits: £0.00**
- **Balance of Bank Account: £66,200.54** (as at 15th February 2022)
- **Available Funds: £66,200.54**
- a. **Orders for Payment: £3,994.93**

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- Venetia Davies - £430.36 (£415.36) + £15.00 (Use of Home)
 - Four Seasons Tree Care – £1,656.00 (£1,380.00 + £276.00 VAT), tree works to Duke of Edinburgh commemorative tree and others in playing field.
 - Majestic Trees - £1,621.74 (remaining balance payment for Jubilee tree - £3,243.48 (£2,702.90 + £540.58 VAT))
 - Julia Ridout - £84.00 (£70.00 + £14.00 VAT) A6 plaque for Jubilee tree.
 - Notice Board Company - £56.40 (£47.00 + £9.40 VAT) (Keys and magnets)
 - Buckinghamshire Council - £146.43* (£156.43 - £130.36 + £26.07 VAT) * adjusted overpayment of £10.00. Litter bin empties – 52 weeks.
 - **BALANCE: £62,205.61** (Available Funds less Orders for Payment).
- b. **Management Report**, February 2022. Circulated.

16. Items for Information.

- Planting of tree for Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Tuesday 22nd March 2022 at 11am.

17. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

TUESDAY 22nd March 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***