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2022/075

CUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Bernard Hall
TUESDAY 23rd AUGUST 2022 at 7pm

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

Parishioners: There were no Parishioners present. Cllr Mick Caffrey was present.

NB: Action points highlighted

Parishioners Question Time

A Parishioner expressed concern over planning application 22/02661/VRC and the effect of the variation on their amenity

1. Apologies

Ken Brown (**KMB**), Ashley Waite (**AW**).

2. Approval of Draft Minutes

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

3. Matters Arising

- **Wildlife Project.** Awaiting one bench (H&W Community Boards with agreed contribution cost of £100). This to be located near the Platinum Jubilee commemorative tree/old dugout. Bird, bat, and swift box installations arranged.
- **Cuddington Green Initiative** ongoing (**KT/LS/JR**).
- **Village Maintenance/Colin Woolford LAT.** Poor condition of Bridleway 6. Awaiting.
- **Boules Pitch.** Sleepers now installed. Further replacements required. PC to meet additional costs.
- **Boardwalk, Nether Winchendon.** Reported 25.01.21. Assessment of required works to take place 20.09.22. Works to be carried out shortly after.
- **Viability of Dadbrook Footway/Cycleway scheme including improvements to speed limits and crossing.** The PC awaits announcement from Government in response to Bucks Council request for funds to improve local bus services (including the possible re-routing of the 280 to serve Cuddington). A residents group concerned with increased traffic in Dadbrook and the lack of footpath, are meeting on 02.09.22. **ACTION: KB to attend.**
- **Resurfacing of playing field carpark.** Quotations in region of £15,000. National Lottery funding application to be completed. Grant monies are to be match funded. The PC discussed the possibility of resurfacing the area needing repair, approximately a half.
- **TAG 2:** Ravern Stevens. **ACTION: KB to reinstate with activists.**
- **Assets of Community Value:** Expiry dates: Allotments (11.04.23), Cuddington Village Stores and Post Office (15.09.24) and Crown PH (15.09.25).
- **HGV and Weight Limit on bridges.** KB in liaison with Working Group. Weight limit on Cuddington bridges. PI is contacting Cllr Graham Hilary.
- **Pedestrian Safety at Crossing Point/Footpath CUD13.** Mirror to be installed. **ACTION: KB to purchase post and install.** Buckinghamshire Council has issued a 28-day enforcement letter (dated 10.08.22) to landowner requesting boundary hedge (grown to a height that is endangering users of the rights of way footpath when crossing Bridgeway and obstructing pedestrian's view of oncoming vehicles) be lowered to a maximum height of 1.3m to ensure that highway users have clear visibility of oncoming vehicles. PC to write to landowner re current route, which is not as specified on definitive maps.
- **Overgrown Hedges.** Holly Tree Lane/Frog Lane. Second letter sent (09.08.22) requesting further cutting back of hedge (within 28 days). Hedge obstructing footway on Bernard Close. Request for cutting back logged with Fairhive Homes.

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- **Lopping of trees in Frog Lane/Spicketts.** Clerk has written to owner/occupier asking if planning permission was sought. **ACTION: CLERK to send follow-up for a response.**
- **Registration of Parish Council Land with Land Registry.** JR awaiting outcome.
- **Bernwood Jubilee Tree Planting project.** Awaiting further information from H&W Community Boards.
- **Millennium tree plaque.** In need of future repair.
- **Right of Access over VAHT** (now Fairhive Homes) land to Playing Fields. A draft document for both parties is being prepared. **ACTION: CLERK to give details of PC's solicitors.**
- **Autumn litter pick.** **ACTION: KB to organise.**
- **Gates access and parking on Spicketts Lane.** Planning permission is required for gates onto highway. **ACTION: KT/CLERK to write to residents.** The verges on Spicketts Lane require protection with a 'please keep off the grass verges' approach. **ACTION: KB to produce signage.**
- **Overhanging branches on the Footpath 14 to Lower Winchendon.** Landowner has confirmed works will be done.

4. Declarations of Interest

LS declared an interest in 22/02661/VRC - Tacks Orchard.

5. Planning – please view Planning Applications and full comments via the new [Planning Tracker](#)

- **22/02544/APP – Cowleas, Spicketts Lane, Cuddington, Buckinghamshire, HP18 0AY**
Demolition of existing out buildings and replace with dwelling. Case Officer: Bibi Motuel.
Comment date: 8 September 2022. **ACTION: CLERK to return No Objections to Buckinghamshire Council.**
- **22/02661/VRC - Tacks Orchard, Frog Lane, Cuddington, Buckinghamshire, HP18 0AU**
Variation of condition 3 (plans) relating to application 20/02453/APP (Single storey and two storey side extensions, roof extensions, rendering the property, new roof and raised terrace).
Comment date: 15 September 2022. **ACTION: CLERK to return OPPOSES the application to Buckinghamshire Council.** It was also agreed to raise the removal of the whole length of hedge with Enforcement as this is in contradiction to the planning application (form and Design & Access Statement)

6. Road Safety Issues

The Parish Council has been unsuccessful in its bid to the HS2 Safety Fund. In addition, funding for transport projects through the H&W Community Board has been limited to £1k per project in 2023. The Parish Council however awaits further technical comments on the Aylesbury Road Safety Project from TfB (including a speed hump) but noted that it would be difficult for the PC to fund the project, even if a viable scheme is proposed. In the meantime, the PC is looking at options to extend the 30mph limits at the three approaches to the village to deal with safety issues for vulnerable road users. Speed survey costs are £504.50 (per survey) and are to be funded by the applicant. The full cost of changing a speed limit is in excess of £10,000 (per change).

ACTION: KT to investigate the speed loops across Aylesbury Road and chase up progress with the application for speed surveys outside the 30mph zone.

7. Playground Improvements

LS has meet with Wicksteed Playgrounds. Works will commence in September and will likely take 2-3 weeks. It is believed that a further funding application has been made to The Stoke Park in the Community Fund (Heart of Bucks). The PC has resolved to meet the shortfall (£4K) should further funding applications be unsuccessful.

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8. Correspondence

- **Best Kept Village.** Stoke Goldington won the Morris Cup but, in a high scoring Cup competition, Cuddington earn a well-deserved Certificate of Merit (score: 192/200). Cheersley tied as Runner Up with Great Brickhill and Padbury (score: 197/200)
- **Bench on Lower Green - dedication plaque to Nan and Peggy Cattell.** Unanimously agreed. **ACTION: JR to agree and confirm wording with Helen Keeping.**

9. Village Voice

It was noted that the current funding model was unsustainable. In addition to its annual donation of £300, the Parish Council agreed to provide interim funding for further printed issues until Christmas. The additional amount pending outcome of recent fundraising efforts. **ACTION: KB/CLERK to inform editorial team.**

10. Reports from Councillors attending meetings and outside organisations including CPFA.

There were no meetings. RS informed the meeting that the two village defibrillators are carrying faulty software and will be collected on 23.09.22 for repair. **ACTION: CLERK to upload on website.**

11. Contributions from Buckinghamshire Council Councillors

New boundaries are being proposed for council wards in Buckinghamshire Council. The 10-week consultation (which runs until 10.10.22) also proposes that Buckinghamshire Council have 98 councillors. A new online self-service planning tool has been launched as well as a new reporting tool for anti-social behaviour.

12. Finance

- **Balance from Minutes of previous meeting** (26th July 2022): **£84,834.49**
- **Receipts: £1,650.50** (£1,000.00 Anson Charitable Trust, £500.00 Bucks Council Wildlife Project, £85.50 Jubilee T-Towels, £65.00 Cuddington Walks/Map)
- **BACS Debits: £0.00**
- **Balance of Bank Account: £86,484.99** (as at 18th August 2022)
- a. **Orders for Payment: £2,089.34**
 - **Venetia Davies - £437.72** (£422.72 + £15.00 (Use of Home))
 - **Ken Birkby – £227.82** (£187.82 [£156.52 + £31.30 VAT] (Railway Sleepers), £40.00 (Watering))
 - **Blades Turf Care - £1,342.80** (Verge cutting £280.80 (40% discount) (£234.00 + £46.80 VAT), green cutting £132.00 (£110.00+ £22.00), tree watering £126.00 (£105.00 + £21.00), lower green bench concrete pad and installation £804.00 (£670.00 + £134.00))
 - **Hugo Fox - £12.00** (£10.00 + £2.00 VAT) (Monthly Planning Tracker support)
 - **Trustees of Bernard Hall - £24.00** (July meeting)
 - **Open Spaces Society - £45.00** (subscription renewal)
 - **BALANCE: £84,395.65** (Available Funds less Orders for Payment).
- b. **Management Report, August 2022.** **ACTION: CLERK to circulate.**

13. Items for Information

- **Buckinghamshire Council Planning & Environment service update** - Wednesday 14th September 2022 at 1pm–3pm by Zoom. **ACTION: KT to attend. CLERK to request update on the draft Design Guide Supplementary Planning documents.**
- **Cuddington Fete.** Thanks to a new team of volunteers, the village Fete will return on Saturday 8th July 2023.

14. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

TUESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2022 at 7pm in the Bernard Hall

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

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