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CUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Bernard Hall
WEDNESDAY 22nd JANUARY 2025 at 7pm

PRESENT: Ken Brown (KMB), Eman Parker (EP), Lorraine Stevens (LS), Ravern Stevens (RS), Venetia Davies (Clerk and RFO).

Parishioners: There were two conservative candidates for the Buckinghamshire Council Elections.

NB: Action points highlighted.

Parishioners Question Time

1. **Apologies.** Louise Butler (LB), Andrew Hughes (AH), Malcolm Thomas (MT) and Ashley Waite (AW).
2. **Approval of Draft Minutes.** The Draft Minutes of the December meeting were **agreed and signed** as a true record by Lorraine Stevens, Chair.

3. Matters Arising

- **Assets of Community Value:** Expiry dates: Crown PH (15.09.25).
- **Replacement Nameplates** - *Tibby's Lane, The Green, Holly Tree Lane and Lower Church Street* reported. Order raised but no timeframe available.
- **Improved Mobile Phone Signal.** Greg Smith MP has spoken in the Commons Chamber about the impact of poor mobile phone signal specifically in Cuddington, to which the Minister offered to discuss the issue further. Greg will be meeting the Telecoms Minister in two weeks' time to discuss in detail. An update will be provided.
- **Inspection of blocked gully near bus stop.** Works planned for up to 5 days. All vehicles to be moved off road (Upper and Lower Church Street) to ensure access for jetting lorry and all gullies. Works will start at 9:30 and end at 15:00. Date unknown.
ACTION: COLIN WOOLFORD to letter drop residents on Upper and Lower Church Street, one week prior to start date and will also have No Parking cone put out along the road the night before. **CLERK** to put out comms on Facebook, Village Website, and School. Colin has also spoken to Mr Spencer Bernard about the hedge who will be cutting back the hedgerow shortly.
- **Commonwealth War Grave Sign (CWGC).** To be installed.
- **Bollards and Verges.** Awaiting revised estimate from Bucks Council. **ACTION: CLERK** to provide comparative costs received to date (white plastic Vs wooden bollards) for replacing existing bollards.
- **Councillors' emails (pc.gov.uk).** **ACTION: CLERK** to contact Oxford IT for assistance with new Councillor emails.
- **Councillor Training Course.** **ACTION: CLERK** to arrange for LB.
- **Bucks Local Plan.** Due for adoption in 2027, with consultation and examination process in 2025 and 2026. **Cuddington Neighbourhood Plan Review** to commence early 2027.
- **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.** LB has recommended the use of the Cuddington Facebook page and What's App Groups as a more update to date Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Agreed.

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- **Speed Indicator Devices.** Positions of new poles for SID's agreed for Bridgeway and Dadbrook (with landowner). **ACTION: Steve Wright/CLERK to send description to Buckinghamshire Highways Commissioning Team and complete form.**
- **Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2024.** **ACTION: CLERK to inform JE Accountants.**
- **Salt Bins.** **ACTION: KMB to check for refill.**
- **Mirror.** Thanks were paid to KMB for sourcing and installing the new mirror, assisted by MT and Steve Wright. There have been many positive comments received.
- **EV charges.** **ACTION: MT and RS to meet EZ charging in February.**
- **Village Gates.** Due to site constraints, no further offside gates can be provided.

4. **Declarations of Interest.** There were no interests declared.

5. **Planning.**

- **CM/0022/22 - Land To South East Of Hornage Farm, Bicester Road, Chilton, HP18 9SE.** Erection of anaerobic digestion facility, comprising silage clamps, digester tanks, lagoons, administrative buildings, ancillary development including gas grid connection, landscaping and access. **Comment by:** 7 February 2025. The Parish Council has agreed to support a traffic survey to the cost of £500.00. **ACTION: CLERK to return Cuddington Parish Council supports the objections by the Objection group - Say No to Acorn to Buckinghamshire Council.**
- **25/00149/VRC - Land South Of Aylesbury Road, Cuddington, Buckinghamshire** Variation of condition 2 (plans) relating to application 24/00546/APP (Variation of Condition 2 attached to 24/00546/APP (Demolition of farm buildings and erection of two dwellinghouses with parking, amenity space, landscaping, and associated works) To vary the schedule of approved plans and amend the approved scheme). **Comment by:** 17.02.25. No objections were agreed and submitted on 24/09.24. No further comment.

6. **Contributions from Buckinghamshire Council Councillors.** Bobby Sibanda and Steve (?), Conservative Council candidates for Haddenham and Stone introduced themselves to the meeting. They were pleased to hear that their contribution on the poor mobile phone signal had resulted in a meeting with the Telecoms Minister. EE was recommended as reputable supplier for rural areas.

7. **Correspondence. Precept.** A Parishioner thanked the PC for retaining the Precept for 2025/2026. **Land to the south of Holymans Farm.** Email received. The applicant is updating plans to make allowances for fundamental issues and comments raised (by neighbours). The applicant will share the updated plans with neighbours, and the Parish Council, prior to submitting a section 73 application to formalise satisfied amendments.

8. **Road Safety Projects** – please also see [Highways and Traffic page](#) of website.

- **Resurfacing and refreshing of road markings, refreshing coloured surfacing and dragons' teeth markings on approaches to village.** Order in place for lining at south entrance to the village. Colin Woolford co-ordinating Chearsley re-lining with Cuddington and will advise date asap.
- **Speed Indicator Device.** As Matters Arising.
- **Waddeson Area Freight Zone Consultation.** Further updates when surveys on Ivinghoe Freight Intervention have been conducted.
- **Kings Cross Junction Lining.** Awaiting outcome of HS2 Road Safety Fund (12.06.24).

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9. **Footpath Project – Replacement of Stiles/Gates.** The Allotment Society has is happy for the PC to decide on style of gate. AH is ascertaining landowner contact details for remaining stiles on that footpath and awaiting response from the landowner responsible for the stile at the end of the bridal path.
10. **Children's Playground.** Playground risk management policy approved. **ACTION: CLERK to upload to website.** The playground inspection was conducted on 16th January, awaiting report. **ACTION: EP to liaise with Safe and Sound Playground for work to exposed pipe/surfacing of roundabout.**
11. **Bus Shelters.** **ACTION: MT to remove moss, replace rotten battens and replace felt if needed.**
12. **Reports from Councillors attending meetings/outside organisations including CPFA.** EP reported on the recent CPFA meeting. There are 11 members. The CPFA is looking to recruit an additional member and will be promoting the CPFA and holding an Open Day in May. The CPFA thanked the Parish Council for its contribution to the mower. The meeting was reminded that all Cuddington residents are members of the CPFA and are entitled to use the facilities and hire the hall. To purchase a drink, you must be a member of the Bar. The meeting was also reminded that residents are actively encouraged to use the Tennis Courts (£5 for one hour or £60 annual membership – key from shop) for other uses, such a netball, as long as the courts are treated respectfully. Tim Stevens, Trustee, is looking into registering the lease with Land Registry.
13. **Finance**
- **Balance from Minutes of previous meeting 18th December 2024): £16,642.63**
 - **Receipts: £0.00**
 - **BACS Debits: £0.00**
 - **Less overpayment: £240.00** (in error to Simon Brown)
 - **Less Transfer to Cuddington Parish Council Savings Account: £0.00**
 - **Balance of Bank Account: £16,642.63** (as at 16th January 2025)
 - **Available Funds: £89,445.32** (balance of bank account plus balance of savings account (£72,802.69 including interest (£188.44))
 - a. **Orders for Payment: £543.72**
 - **Venetia Davies - £501.72** (£486.72 + £15.00 (Use of Home)
 - **Blades Turf Care Limited - £0.00** (Village Green grass cutting - £264.00, overpayment)
 - **Trustees of the Bernard Hall Committee - £42.00** (December meeting)
 - **BALANCE (Current Account): £16,098.91** (Available Funds less Orders for Payment).
 - **BALANCE (Savings Account): £72,802.69**
 - b. **Management Report.** January 2025 circulated.

14. Items for Information

Best Kept Village Clean Up - Saturday 15th February at 10am. Kezia Luckett has been instrumental in arranging the Best Kept Village Clean Up Working Party with a very enthusiastic and successful 4-hour tidy on 18th January. Other areas planned include an outer village litter pick, assisting the Church in tidying the graveyard, Bernard Close railings, Spickets Lane. **ACTION: LS to apply to Asda Fund for £500 contribution**

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towards plants. The Garden Club are due to transfer £200.00 to the Parish Council to be matched and ringfenced by the PC for the BKV Clean Up Working Party.

- **Haddenham & Waddesdon Main Community Board meeting** - 11th March at 6.30pm in Haddenham Conference Room, Banks Road, Haddenham.
- **Town and Parish Council Elections** - Thursday 1st May 2025 (only if there are more candidates than seats). Draft pre-election publicity agreed. **ACTION: CLERK to publicise in Village Voice, Website and Notice Boards.**

15. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

WEDNESDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2025 - 7pm in the Bernard Hall