

Cuddington Parish Council Meeting 2 September 2009
Draft Minutes

Present: Parish Councillors Sherry Scott (Chairman), Ken Birkby, Frank Crowdy, Jim Hayward, Michael Pegge, and Stephen Turner. Penny Carlton – Clerk took the minutes. There were 2 parishioners present.

Parishioner commented on vandalism in playground.

1. Apologies were received from Jennifer Schram de Jong, District Councillor David Smith and District and County Councillor Michael Edmonds
2. The minutes from the meeting on 5th August were approved as a true record and PC would like to pass on its thanks to Ruth Powell from BALC for taking them.

3. Matters arising from the minutes:

Item 12: Cllr Scott reported that footpath 17 remains partially blocked, although it is not impassable. Clerk has contacted BCC concerning this and was assured it would be cleared.

Item 13: Cllr Pegge waiting to hear from Thames Water concerning the flooding.

4. Cllr Birkby declared a personal interest in tree works application on agenda.
5. Planning:

09/01461/ATC – St Nicholas Church, Upper Church Street
Re pollard 7 Lime trees and pollard 2 Lime trees.
PC made no comments.

6. Correspondence

Cllr Scott read out a letter from parishioner who was concerned about areas of the village which are untidy.

None of the items raised are the responsibility of the PC but are BCC's and the landowners.

ACTION: Parishioner to be thanked for letter.

Cllr Scott wants to remind parishioners that everybody has to join in to help keep village tidy.

Cllr Birkby: If BCC fails to clear the obstruction from the 30mph sign, it is in the PC's interest to do the work.

ACTION: Clerk to contact BCC and ask them to contact landowner asking for hedge to be cutback.

Clerk informed PC of Rights of Way and Access Group and Bucks Community Action Annual Reception.

Cllr Pegge spoke on the questionnaire from Thames valley Police which he completed on behalf of the PC.

7. Payments were agreed:	
Clerk's salary for August	£88.05
Simon Brown – grasscutting	£100.00
Wires and pliers – electrical works at Clubhouse	£1205.36

(b) Internal Audit Review: The internal audit has been completed by Myles Saker and PC is satisfied with the work and that regulations etc have been adhered to.

(c) Clerk presented PC with the current bank balance statement.

8. District and County Councillors were not present.

9. Cuddington v Chearsley Tug-of-War takes place on Sunday 27th September. Committee members are needed to help with organising it.

10. Clerk received a draft copy of the Clerk's contract and has been asked to make comments where necessary at the next PC meeting.

11. Children's Playground, contractor has put down weed killer in playground, and has been asked to prepare quote for damage to multi play frame. Paint is coming off the newly installed play equipment. **ACTION: Clerk to contact Playground Facilities concerning this.**

12. Cllr Scott reported that work on refurbishment of Clubhouse is proceeding.

13. Blockage of footpath 17 is being dealt with by BCC.

14. TAG: Cllr Pegge has been advised there are no green salt bins, however Chair Sherry Scott was informed green salt bins were available. **ACTION: MP to investigate further.**

15. Website: Cllr Turner emphasised the importance of groups within the village to use the interactive calendar on the website.

16. Any other business: Cllr Pegge has received complaints from parishioners concerning parking of cars outside cottage on Upper Green. Parking is an ongoing problem in the village.

Cllr Hayward reported that Thames and Chiltern in Bloom Awards Ceremony takes place in September at Newbury Town Hall.

Cllr Scott asked whether PC would write to Bernard Hall Management Committee to ask if they could employ someone to sweep area outside the hall.

Cllr Scott to contact Elaine English regarding AVDC's Theatre in the villages.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th October at 8pm.