

CUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST 2008

PRESENT: Cllrs Sherry Scott (SS), Frank Crowdy (FC), Ken Birkby (KB), Jim Hayward (JH), Michael Pegge (MP), Stephen Turner (ST), Jennifer Schram de Jong (JSJ), Cllr Michael Edmonds (AVDC/BCC), Cllr David Smith (AVDC), Penny Carlton (Clerk) and 7 parishioners.

NB: Action points Highlighted

Parishioners Question Time:

Angela Sanderson spoke regarding footpaths and offered to help with defining BCC's and PC's responsibility.

1. Apologies

None.

2. Minutes of previous meeting held on 2nd July 2008

Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as true record and were duly signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendment; item 11 should read "The VAS on the Aylesbury Road is not working."

3. Matters arising

Parishioners Question Time: SS has spoken to Mr Gibson with regard to the clearance of the ditches along Dadbrook.

JSJ: BCC state if a landowner is derelict in his duty to keep footpaths clear, he can be reported.

Item 10: JSJ has spoken to the Cricket Club and will provide them with information for grant funding.

Item 12: JSJ: Grant for War Memorial has been increased to £885.00

4. Declaration of interests.

None.

5. Planning

(a) Applications and decisions

08/01182/APP – The Old Post, Upper Church Street PERMITTED

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- Replacement of porch and insertion of roof lights

08/00679/APP – 6 Hillside Cottages, Dadbrook PERMITTED
- Extensions and alterations to form self contained annexe

<u>08/00331/APP – Land @ Larden, Spicketts Lane</u>	PERMITTED
- Two storey detached dwelling with garage	
<u>08/00873/APP – 5 Bernard Close</u>	PERMITTED
- Erection of attached dwelling	
<u>08/011410/APP – The Crown PH, Aylesbury Road</u>	PERMITTED
<u>08/01341/ALB – The Crown PH, Aylesbury Road</u>	
- Raise height of two chimneys to 1.8 m above thatched roof.	

(b) Notes on Planning

ST, who wants to see a more systematic approach adopted to planning circulated notes to Cllrs.

6. Correspondence

None.

7. Finance

(a) Orders for Payment

Clerk’s Salary – July (20 hours)	£159.80
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Arborite Landscapes – Playground maintenance	£96.00
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Arrow Packaging – Dog waste bags	£124.55
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An invoice was received from Simon Brown for £150.00 for Grasscutting; this was paid at the meeting and will be put on the Orders for Payment next month.

The orders for payment were approved.

The following payments were made at the July meeting.

Simon Brown – Grasscutting	£200.00
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CPFA – Clubhouse Refurbishment	£6000
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8. Contribution from County and District Cllrs.

ME: Due to current economic climate, growth and building in District has ground to a halt. This has had an effect upon the supply of Affordable Housing. Government is putting money into the Housing Association to purchase houses that have been built on new estates. Two hundred houses have been brought from the private sector for the public sector.

Commercial sector: Sixteen companies have attended a meeting to bid for involvement in commercial properties.

Planning: 97% of planning applications are now dealt with under delegated powers.

Waste Recycling: Additional recycling baskets have been made available to the public at no charge.

BCC: Local Area Forums have now been launched. Long Crendon and Haddenham Forum of which Cuddington is part of held its first meeting in Brill.

Transport: Three quarters of a million being spent in county on road works.

MP: Regarding houses, is there a pause in the plans to build 39,000 houses in Aylesbury Vale? ME: Still have the numbers to achieve.

KB: What is the progress on the proposed plan to alternate rubbish collection?

ME: No plans to change from weekly collection.

JSJ: Do we still have a South East England Regional Assembly?

ME: Yes, however these are gradually being taken over by the South East Development Assembly (SEDA)

9. Village of the Year

SS: Cuddington has won the Village of the Year competition and been chosen to represent Buckinghamshire in the National Competition.

JH: The Village of the Year is based on community, how it interacts within itself, everyone in Cuddington is a winner.

10. Applications for money to Parish Council.

ST: Email circulated detailing proposed procedure for groups to apply for grants/loans from the PC.

ACTION: Following discussion PC resolved to look at individual requests on an "ad hoc" basis.

11. Parking/Road markings outside the school.

MP: Complaints have been received concerning parking from the early morning and afternoon school collection. Cars are parking outside school and on corner by Tyringham Hall which is causing problems for vehicles trying to pass. School Bus struggles to get past when cars parked outside school.

Have looked into possibility of refreshing and extending the white line.

Dave Smith and David Cairney from BCC were surprised there were no markings outside the school because of the possible dangers to the children. Proposal for Zig Zag hatching outside the school with wording "School – Keep Clear".

Residents in Lower Church Street have expressed their concern at this feeling that it will move cars further down Lower Church Street.

Chris Blumer: The bus brings 15 children to school from Cheersley, thereby reducing the number of cars in the village. Pam Talbot has written several letters to parents asking them not to park directly outside the school.

ME/DS: There is no school in the locality that does not have Zig Zag lines.

SS: Concern for people using the Bernard Hall and the church, they will need to park outside the school on these occasions.

ACTION: PC resolved to proceed with Zig Zag hatchings outside the school. The PC will review the Zig Zag hatchings in April 2009 and this will be discussed at the APM in April 2009. Parking in the village will be put on the agenda for discussion in October.

12. TAG

MP: VAS on Aylesbury Road is now working.

Have spoken to Sian Thomas (BCC) and suggested to her that PC would like to see a comparison done between now and when the VAS signs were first put in.

BCC have agreed to pay for the speed tubes to be installed, this will take place in October 2008.

KB: Parishioner has expressed concern at the safety issue of pedestrians walking to and from Cuddington via Kings Cross. Danger as no pavement present. There is a wide verge which could provide a footpath/cycleway.

ACTION: This is to be put on the agenda next month for consideration by PC as a project.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm

13. Haddenham and Long Crendon Forum

MP: AVDC Local Area Committee, had a delegated budget where PC's could apply for money up to £25,000 for particular projects. Now the Committees have been replaced by Local Area Forums, what has happened to the budget?

ME: LAF's will have budgets for PC's to bid for.

MP and JH will continue to represent the PC at LAF meetings and will report back on matters of interest.

JSJ: Concern that LAF's would take away powers of PC.

MP: That was a concern raised by many at the first LAF meeting, reassured that would not be the case.

Topics discussed at the LAF included Litter picking, this is supposed to take place in the village at least once a month.

Fly Tipping, if any fly tipped rubbish is seen in the village please call 0845 330 1856, rubbish will be cleared within 24 hours.

Discussion also took place on cross boarder issues with Thame. Explored potential partnership working with Thame Town Council.

Dave Smith reported on roads.

JH attended NAG meeting in Cuddington, 7 people attended, JH only resident from village.

14. Footpaths

SS: New footpath committee has been formed. Footpaths have been walked and areas of concern identified. Have visited and spoken to people asking for footpaths to be maintained and if they are not maintained, committee will do it for them, however landowners do have an obligation to maintain footpaths.

Footpaths Map: People can send off for an Ordinate Survey map.

ACTION: SS will report back at next months meeting on progress.

15. Playing Fields

JSJ: AGM has taken place. First stage of refurbishment has been approved, meeting to finalise programme of works will be taking place.

Volunteers will be needed, a notice will be put in Village Voice.

Successful cricket club match and BBQ held, £200 profit for bar committee.

Happy Hour will take place at the Clubhouse on the first Friday of the month from 6.30pm.

Two member clubs, Sunshine Club and Tennis Club are to hold fundraising events.

Clubhouse needs the support of the village.

16. Any other business

FC: Overhanging branches at Swanhill, Aylesbury Road are causing poor visibility for road users.

SS: This has been put on Parish gangs list.

JSJ: Contractors have flailed trees along Spicketts Lane and left the lane in a state with trees having been destroyed and nothing cleared away.

BCC had sent a letter to residents asking them to cut their own hedges.

ACTION: Resolved that PC would make an official complaint to BCC. JSJ to contact Dave Smith at BCC.

(KB leaves)

JSJ: Could PC minutes be produced one week after PC meeting?

SS: Successful fete, proceeds totalling £8500. A film evening of the fete will be taking place in the village.

ST: Thanks to the fete committee for all their hard work.

Close of meeting: 9.50pm

***The next Meeting of the Parish Council meeting is
8pm Wednesday 3rd September 2008 in the School.***