

**CUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 7TH MARCH**

PRESENT: Cllrs Jim Hayward (JH), Frank Crowdy (FC), Michael Pegge (MP), Milly Soames (MS), Dave Sharpley (DS), Penny Carlton -Clerk and 9 parishioners.

NB: Action points Highlighted

1. Apologies

Ken Birkby, Stuart Anderson, Cllr David Smith (AVDC) and Cllr Michael Edmonds (BCC/AVDC)

2. Minutes from previous meeting held on 7 February 2007

Minutes from the previous meeting accepted as true record and duly signed by the Vice Chairman.

3. Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting of 7 February and not on agenda.

Item 4: MP: Letter has been received from Tim Fowler (BCC) advising that the Aylesbury Road will not be salted. It was reported that BCC's budget is being increased for the next financial year by £100,000. MP has written to ask whether with this increase the Aylesbury Road can be included in the salting routes for next winter.

Item 4: Parishioners Question Time: Clerk contacted BCC concerning the dangerous manhole cover. MP has spoken to Dave Smith (BCC) who has advised that there are roots in the drain which in turn is causing flooding to an adjacent property. Due to the nature of the repair works it has been put on hold until BCC's new budget is available.

Ted Ferris– Barn Cottage, footpath is blocked with building material. KB: will ask for space to be cleared to allow pedestrian access.

Ted Ferris – Footpath dug out for Skittle Green has never been filled in, asked if builders could fill it with rubble and top with soil.

ACTION: PC resolved to negotiate with builders to see what can be done to reinstate footpath on permanent basis.

Action: JH or KB to speak to builders at Barn cottage to ask them to clear space for pedestrians. Carry Forward

KB has sent letter to Dave Smith concerning the state of the triangular green at the top of Holly Tree Lane.

Item 6: Clerk has contacted Richard Garnett, Senior Green Spaces Officer who has advised that AVDC no longer provide tree inspections.

Item 10: An article has been published in Village Voice clarifying the PC's position.

Item 14: The Best Kept Village Sign has been repaired.

Item 14: Clerk has contacted Thames Water concerning the rubbish and is still waiting for a response.

Item 15: MP written a flier hi-lighting recent burglaries and thefts in the village and these were kindly printed and distributed by Ken and Viv Birkby.

4. Parishioners' Question Time

Dr Turner – Asked whether the PC would review the revised plans for The Malthouse and its decision to object to the planning application and also asked for clarification on the procedure adopted by the PC when making decisions on planning applications.

Peggy Cattell read out a letter of support for the planning application at The Malthouse. She stated it would be an asset in years to come, providing a two bedroom dwelling suitable for occupation by elderly people when there is a need for accommodation for the older people in the

parish. Miss Cattell asked the PC to give thought to their previous decision. The Chairman said that the matter would be dealt with under planning.

Chris Long: Could something be done to ensure Village Website is more up to date. Agenda and Minutes had not been posted. Clerk advised that she has spoken to June Jones with regard to the posting of the PC minutes, the agenda is published on the notice boards 3 days prior to the PC meeting due to the need to wait for planning information etc.

ACTION: MS to speak to June Jones.

Flicks in the Sticks: DS reported that the PC had not been offered the chance to host it this year.

Michael Collins: Grass verge by Lower Green is in a mess from the building works.

ACTION: Clerk to contact PJ Tappings and ask them to maintain the verge.

Michael Collins: Recycling lorry in village on Tuesday which was overflowing has left a trail of plastic bottles etc along Lower Church Street and Great Stone.

ACTION: Clerk to raise this matter with AVDC.

5. Declaration of Interests

None.

6. Correspondence

Clerk reported on the following:

- Email from Tim Clark (AVDC) concerning the commencement of grass cutting in the villages. As Cuddington has banks which require cutting this will be delayed until the ground has dried out.
- Village of the Year Competition. **ACTION: Parish Council will ask KB if he will write an entry for the village.**

7. Finance

a. Orders for payment:-

Clerk's Salary – February (15 hours)	£119.85
Clerk's Expenses – Travelling, stamps	£27.21
Cllr Hayward – Mileage to Local Area Committee Meeting	£12.38
Gommes Forge – Refurbishment of Best Kept Village Sign	£217.38
Buckinghamshire Community Action – Annual subscription	£20.00

8. Planning

(a) Applications and decisions

07/00429/APP – Land adj to Annie's House, Upper Church Street

- Erection of dwelling including conversion of existing building
- PC resolved to object to the application.

07/00238/APP - Cowley Farm, Aylesbury Road

- Alterations to existing detached pool building to form dwelling.
- PC resolved to make no comment.

07/00410/ATC – The Old Place, Lower Church Street

- Fell one Ash

PC resolved to make no comment.

06/03092/APP – Land adj to The Malthouse, Lower Church Street

Minor amended plans – For information only.

- Erection of bungalow and new access

MP read out PC's existing comments regarding the application.

He explained the procedure for deciding planning applications that culminated in each Cllr being asked for their viewpoint and the decision is by a majority vote. A full discussion took place, including hearing the applicant's point of view, however it was explained that the recent revised plans had been sent to the PC for information only and not for comment

07/00042/APP – The Crown Public House, Aylesbury Road

AVDC refused

- Erection of pergola with retractable fabric awning

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9. AVDC/BCC contribution

None.

10. Contact details for Parish Cllrs

Clerk: This matter has been raised and the Clerk has spoken to KB who in turn suggested the item was included in the agenda. The current and correct procedure is to contact the Clerk who holds all the Cllrs contact details. Currently Cllrs email addresses and phone number are found on the Village website, however not every one has access to the internet. It has been proposed for Cllrs contact details to be posted on the Notice boards. This will be carried forward and discussed in May following the elections.

11. Affordable Housing

MS: Nothing to report. Clerk waiting to hear from Nigel Brook, Director of Community Services.

12. Children's Playground

DS: Thanks to the Clerk a meeting has been held with Tony White from Playground Facilities with regard to updating the playground. Tony is willing to meet with the PC and has offered assistance with grant applications etc.

ACTION: PC resolved to invite Mr White to attend a meeting on the 4th April at 7pm prior to the PC meeting.

13. Traffic Action Group

MP: Will report back at next meeting with regard to quotes when costs of supplying power to the 3 signs would be available.

Speed Limit Review: Further public consultation is to take place but it is unlikely that implementation would take place in this area until 2009.

14. Footpaths

JH: Meeting took place 26 February.

Have previously discussed possibility of a footpaths brochure for Cuddington.

BCC have produced a map, proposed to produce a leaflet similar to that of Swanbourne's.

2000 A3 size would cost £486.

MS: Every household should receive one free of charge with the surplus sold in the shop.

PC resolved to purchase the maps.

Tibby's Lane, stile is out of action, fence needs repairing. BCC have been asked to assist with some urgent repair work.

MS: Bridlepath, work being carried out to assist with draining of water.

15. Any other business

MP: Police Road Show, 30th March, 10am – 12 noon at Haddenham Village Hall.

FC: Has the website got any sponsors yet? MS: None at present.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

**The next *Parish Council* meeting is
8pm Wednesday 4th April 2007 in the School.**