

CUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council for the Parish of Cuddington held on Monday 19th June 2017 at the Village Hall, Norley Road, Cuddington commencing 7.15pm

PRESENT: Councillors Nixon, Shepherd, Brooks, Kerrigan, Lees, Chivers, Chrimes, Faulkner and CWAC Councillor Harry Tonge

During public forum a resident, John Sykes said that he had a number of questions on the Mere Lane Car Park extension. Chairman said that there was a written update to be presented later in the meeting. Councillor Kerrigan read out the update. Mr Sykes raised an issue regarding the way vans parked which may be a safety hazard. Councillor Kerrigan said that she would feed this back to the Parish Council/ Highways partnership.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and referred to events earlier in the day when unfortunately the Parish Clerk had been taken to hospital. At that point the Chairman could not be contacted and as a result the decision was taken to postpone the meeting. However the Chairman had had a meeting with the Parish Clerk a few days earlier and had been fully briefed. He felt that it was important that the meeting took place. All present wished the Clerk a speedy recovery.

15. APOLOGIES: Councillors Jones, Vincent, CWAC Councillor Charles Fifield.
16. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: none
17. MINUTES: In relation to 15th May, Councillor Shepherd said that CWAC Councillor Fifield was not present. The minutes were agreed subject to that amendment. A copy of the minutes were signed by the Chairman.
18. MATTER ARISING: Councillor Chivers read out a letter received from the Waste Lane Residents Association. This group has raised money from its residents and undertaken improvements and clearly it would be beneficial for the Council to work with them. The current issue arose on account of the group being concerned about visitor parking. It was agreed that Councillors Chivers, Shepherd, Vincent would meet the group probably mid-July and then report back to the Council. Councillor Chivers agreed to make the arrangements.
19. CWAC COUNCILLORS: Councillor Tonge reported that the Delamere Manor application had been approved with a review in 12 months, an update on the 20 MPH limit progress was being given to Councillors that evening as was an update on Borough wide Car Parking Policy. CWAC were partnering other Councils in a survey of Highways and Transport. This would involve 3,000 residents within CWAC and all the chosen ones were urged to participate. A planning application was imminent for grade 1 Beechfield, Forest Road. The Parish Council had been offered a briefing but some doubt as whether this was pre

application or post application. Agreed that we would accept invitation, Councillor Brooks to arrange.

Councillor Chivers has had written confirmation from CWAC that the access road from Warrington Road to Flea Moss Pit is an adopted highway. Councillor Chivers is following up this confirmation with Highways to ensure the access is not blocked. Oakmere Wealth Management has contacted the Council to discuss the access and the Flea Moss Pit committee plan to organise a meeting with them.

20. PLANNING APPLICATION: a) 17/02382/FUL; Badgers Rise, Waste Lane; replacement garage; Councillor Shepherd recommended no objection which was approved. Councillor Faulkner would advise CWAC Planning. b) No decisions, reviews, appeals reported. However details are on cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/planning. c) It was reported that the planning committee already had authority to decide which planning applications are formally considered by the Parish Council as consultees.

21. CHAIRMANS UPDATE: ~~Councillor Faulkner said that he and the Parish Clerk would be having regular meetings and that in future he would present reportable issues/ correspondence to Council. Obviously the Clerk would be able to add/ clarify any matter raised.~~ Councillor Faulkner is keen to ensure meetings do not exceed 2 hours and certainly not the maximum 2.5 hours in the Council's standing orders. He proposed that: a) planning representations are taken as part of the agenda item and that the agenda item was moved normally to item 5. This was to ensure that representations were fresh in Members minds when considering comments. It also meant that residents making representations were more likely to stay and hear agreed comments and the reason for them. b) Normally representations on a planning application would be allowed ~~3 minutes~~ a reasonable time followed by questions if any from Councillors. ~~If more than 1 representation for same planning application then 1 person to speak on behalf of all.~~ Chairman would have discretion in the case of large or controversial applications as to length of time allowed to speak.

These proposals were accepted.

Councillor Faulkner was also keen to ensure that if there are no representations on other matters besides planning before the meeting it-self commenced that the meeting started without delay at 7.15pm. Recent experience has shown that this would be a regular occurrence. It was decided to discuss this further at the next Council meeting although it was accepted that a resolution could be proposed and if passed the meeting proceed immediately.

Councillor Faulkner wished to set dates for meetings of the F&GP throughout the financial year 2017/18. The proposed dates are Monday 21st August 2017, November 2017 (date not yet fixed), Monday 12th February 2018. After some discussion this was agreed.

It was hoped to set a date at the earliest opportunity for Annual Assembly in April 2018.

Councillor Faulkner wished to show responsibilities of Parish Councillors on the village website. He said it was important that residents knew who to contact on any particular issue. ~~It was resolved to publish membership of all committee and working party groups 2017/18. It was also agreed to put responsibilities against each Parish Councillor profile for the public to contact if required. This was agreed.~~

Councillor Faulkner proposed that members considered a short snappy mission statement for the Council which informed the public what we are about. This would be on the agenda for the next meeting and hopefully a decision taken.

22. FINANCIAL MATTERS: a) Council's expenditure and income statements approved. b) Payments listed on financial document approved.

23. WRITTEN REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS: Mere Lane car park project written update already discussed. Cuddington Neighbourhood Plan written update report presented by Councillor Kerrigan. Both approved. Councillor Faulkner reported that he had circulated by email latest documents re progress of the Village Plan. Councillors noted the success of the Gala Day on 10th June. Councillor Chivers proposed that our thanks should be expressed to Councillor Jones and his committee. In the absence of the Parish Clerk Councillor Faulkner would do this on behalf of the Parish Council.

PCSO: Councillor Kerrigan had requested that we discuss this. There was a time that some Parish Councils contributed to the funding of the PCSO. Current understanding is that there is a PCSO that covers this area whose time is governed by where issues arise. Monthly meetings at the Library had been promised but had not yet resumed. It was acknowledged that there are resources issues. However Councillor Nixon reported that he had matters in hand.

Meeting closed at 8.58pm.

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