

# **CUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE PARISH OF CUDDINGTON HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, NORELY ROAD, CUDDINGTON ON 24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017 AT 7.30PM.**

**Present:** Cllr's Nixon, Kerrigan, Brooks, Lees, Chrimes, Cllr Faulkner in the Chair.

Also present: CWAC Cllr Fifield Richard Freeman, John Kerrigan, Helen Webster, Jim Wren, and Val Godfrey. Mr Priddy Head of Sandiway School and Mrs Mills Head of Cuddington School present just for their slot.

The Neighbourhood Plan team had prepared an update for the Parish assembly which was presented by the Chairman of the NP steering Group.

Cuddington Parish had been designated a Neighbourhood Area on 23 June 2015 and the Neighbourhood Plan had been launched on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

Community consultation had been carried out via a Housing Needs Survey in April / May 2016 and in the development of a Character Assessment in July/August 2016

Policies were drafted and tested with the Community during November and December 2016 using a Survey and roadshows.

The team has worked throughout with guidance from the CWaC Planning team: Rosie Morgan- Principal Planning Officer and Emma Jones- Planner.

The Steering Group had also employed a consultant, Urban Imprint, to support the team.

### Current Work on the Plan

National Planning Policy Framework, Regulation 14- Pre-Submission consultation and publicity was being prepared to commence in June 2017.

Following review of the responses and any necessary re-drafting then the Draft Neighbourhood Plan will be submitted to Cheshire West and Chester for further consultation and independent examination.

It was expected that the Final Draft Plan would be put to a referendum in 2018 before it can be "made".

- 1. Apologies for absence.** Apologies were received from: Cllr's Chivers, Vincent, Jones, Shepherd, CWAC Cllr's Tonge and Williams and Julie Chrimes – Clerk to the Council.
- 2. Minutes**  
It was **RESOLVED** that, the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016 be signed as a true record and be duly signed by the Chairman.
- 3. Chairman's Report** Cllr Faulkner explained that he had been elected Chairman at Parish Council meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017. The Chairman went on to thank his predecessor Cllr Nixon, and advised the meeting that when various reports are being given later in the meeting, it's clear that a great deal is happening within the village, and it never ceases to amaze him the extent of volunteering not only here but across the country and how this contributes greatly to a vibrant community.  
In the event that the Neighbourhood Plan be approved by referendum and therefore looked at together with other policies in the determination of planning applications, there will be new responsibilities for the Parish Council. Similarly when the implementation of the Village Plan has been completed by the end of this year, in the interests of continuity there will be the opportunity for the Parish Council to consider

taking on additional responsibilities or not. The Chairman believes that it will be necessary for the Parish Council to be clear on its priorities and may be what not priorities are. He went on to report that he thinks that performance management is important and being open and transparent with the public.

**4. Audit of Accounts** Cllr Faulkner explained that as the Annual Assembly was later than usual the books had gone to the internal auditor. However, the accounts for 2015/16 had been audited both internally and externally and were clean. An unaudited income and expenditure statement and bank reconciliation for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 had been distributed to all present prior to the commencement of the meeting. There were no comments/ questions.

**5. Cheshire West and Chester Councillors** Councillor Fifield reported on Sandiway Shops car park extension, speed limit proposal covering another Parish as well as our's, A49 swing bridge works due for completion July 2017 and licencing at Delamere Manor. He said that Cllr Tonge had dealt with various planning matters raised by residents.

**6. Reports from Voluntary Organisations**

**Parish Playing Field Association Ltd.** It was reported that there has been some vandalism. A tree in the spinney area needs removing. Poplar trees have been replaced with Holly Oaks. The 69er's youth club has unfortunately closed. Volunteers are required as some older members wish to step down. Refurbishment of the playing fields will be carried out if grant funding is successful.

**Royal British Legion Women's Section.** It was reported that, throughout the year funds were raised for the National Benevolent Schemes helping to assist wives, widows and children of ex serving and ex service community. Ladies enjoy the social activities, especially the days out which are open to none members. Young members are needed to join the organization. One member of the branch is currently elected as National Chairman.

**Royal British Legion.** It was reported that: Membership 30, Welfare work in village, major commemorations in 2018 including Great Pilgrimage to Ypres.

**7. Primary Schools.**

**Sandiway School:** Mr Priddy reported that both schools were working collaboratively together. The work includes both school final year pupils meeting Weaverham High School together, joint appearance at the Gala this year and staff training. Mr Priddy said the school offered a wider education although SATS results due in July were important. Both popular schools, 30 new pupils in September total 215. 85 pupils taking one kind of music lessons. Working through financial challenges.

**Cuddington Primary School:**

Mrs Mills reported that current building work was due for completion by 27<sup>th</sup> August. Gate at rear of school to/ from Forest Edge housing development was now open and was working well with less pressure on Ash Road. OFSTED inspection in February resulting in a good accreditation. All very pleased. Both were thanked for their attendance.

**8. Village Plan Implementation Group.** Cllr Faulkner distributed his full report to all present. He highlighted the new village website, improvements but still some gaps in mobile phone connectivity, shortage of GPs locally and nationally, developing support services for local people, reducing letter, CWAC 'Report It' scheme, allotments at Eden Grange, car park extension at Sandiway Shops, speeding traffic, 82 bus service.

9. **Cemetery Committee.** Cllr Brooks reported a case of vandalism which had been cleared up. Committee meets quarterly. Infra- red cameras installed.
  
10. **Public Footpaths.** Generally the state of the village footpaths are good, as we all fight for additional resources it is harder for work to be carried out by CWaC Council. The walks booklet is now available on the village website. FP15 has had a new safe bridge. A successful walk was carried out earlier in the month, 15 walkers enjoyed our wonderful countryside each of us learning something new. Kennel Woods footpaths is still ongoing but moving forward. A public diversion report has now been published for FP12 and FP13.
  
11. **Written Resolutions**  
No written resolutions had been received.
  
12. **Resolutions from the floor**  
No resolutions from the floor were received.
  
13. **Questions from the floor** There were none.

The meeting concluded at 8.50pm.

Date: .....

Signed..... **Chairman.**