

Cuddington Parish Council

**Minutes of the meeting of the Council for the Parish of Cuddington
held on Monday 23rd September 2019 at the Village Hall,
Norley Road, Cuddington, at 7.15pm.**

PRESENT:– Cllr Brooks, Cllr Chrimes (Chairman), Cllr Crist, Cllr Evans, Cllr Jones, Cllr Latham, Cllr Maddock, Cllr Ruchat and Cllr Vincent.

Also present was CWaC Cllr Fifield, Clerk to the Council - Julie Chrimes, and the Round Tower Editor.

The meeting commenced at 7.15pm.

45. Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Kerrigan and CWaC Cllr's Williams and Edwards.

46. Declaration of Interest and submission of register of interests. Cllr Vincent declared an interest under other disclosable interest at item 12, as required under chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011 and CPC's Code of Conduct.

47. Public air time. There have been complaints about speeding on Norley Road and Weaverham Road with several people being caught and reported. Police do not handle prosecutions themselves but send the details to a central body to be processed. PCSO Davey carries out speed checks in the village at least once a week when possible.

Antisocial behaviour increased over the summer which is a regular annual pattern. When this occurred on the playing field the PFA provided CCTV footage to enable the culprits to be identified. PCSO Davey can then work with Weaverham High School to contact parents of regular offenders in the hope of getting signed contracts from them concerning their children's behaviour. Mainly these children are in the 12-14 age groups, PCSO Davey will also work in the school with such things as peer group sessions.

PCSO Davey is working in both our primary schools on topics such as Stranger Danger and issuing notes to parents who park in dangerous.

PCSO Davey was asked about nitrous oxide canisters which can be extremely dangerous if inhaled. She said that she had found many but it was very difficult to do anything about this new craze as they are legal with no restrictions on who can buy them as they have many legitimate uses.

48. Minutes. It was proposed by Cllr Brooks seconded by Cllr Maddock and **RESOLVED**, that the Chairman signs the minutes of the statutory meeting held on 15th July 2019 as a true and correct record.

49. Matters arising. There were none.

50. Planning Applications. a) To receive an update from a planning representative of the Council: Cllr Latham gave an update on planning applications considered in August, as summarised in the planning documents circulated to all Councillors.

Cllr Latham reported on a recent meeting with Cemex, the proposal Reference Number: 19/02452/MIN is a Northern extension to the quarry (north of the railway line) for the extraction of approximately 350,000 tonnes of sand with restoration to nature conservation, including a temporary access and extension of the existing haul road across the site at Forest Hill Quarry, Chester Road, Northwich, CW8 2DL. The planning group met to discuss the application in August and submitted comments to CWaC which were:

That if permission is granted it should be subject to the following conditions:

Access to the proposed Weaverham Road entrance should be by way of the A49 and Millington Road only. Access via Norley Road and the southern part of Weaverham Road would give rise to large vehicles with heavy machinery passing through the centre of the village of Sandiway and Cuddington and past Sandiway primary school and this is considered unacceptable. Signs forbidding access by Cemex and Cemex related vehicles to the Weaverham Road entrance by way of Norley Road should be installed at suitable points in consultation with the Highways authority.

Heavy vehicles using the A49/Millington Road route should be escorted along Millington Lane and the route should not be used at peak traffic times, 8am to 9.30am and 4pm to 6pm. Any representations from residents in Weaverham Road regarding mitigation of nuisance from quarry working should be taken into account.

Measures to ensure safety of public and animals using RB3 should be put in place to the satisfaction of the Council's Rights of Way Officer.

Cemex should be required to invite residents to form a liaison group to meet with them to consider problems arising from the quarry activity.

On completion, the site should be restored for recreational use.

b) To receive public representations: There were none.

c) Planning decisions and notices. Noted: The following applications were approved by Cheshire West and Chester Council: 19/00876/FUL, 19/00224/FUL, 19/01883/FUL, 19/02484/FUL, 19/02201/FUL. Planning application 19/00740/FUL was refused.

- 51. CWaC Councillor's update.** Cllr Fifield advised the meeting that the member's budget will be grouped together and there is approximately £5.500 for Cuddington. Member budgets are to support small to medium community driven projects and enhance the ability of members, to improve the quality of life and wellbeing of their local communities details can be found at: <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/your-council/councillors-and-committees/councillors-allowances/Member-budget-scheme-guidance-and-form.aspx> The parish council asked Cllr Fifield to chase the matter of a zebra crossing being installed on Norley Road adjacent to Trickket Lane, subsequent to the meeting Cllr Fifield forward the following information to the clerk. *"The job is being managed by Nick Upton in contract Delivery Team. Nick is currently programming the works with the contractor. As the works will require a road closure of the A49, this will need some careful planning, so as not to conflict with any other works on the network."*
- 52. Village Plan.** The Chairman advised the meeting that it would be better if a group of 3 councillors set up a working group to review the recommendations of the Village Plan to see whether any further work can be done towards implementing these where possible. It was **RESOLVED** that the working party group consist of Cllr's Evans, Latham and Ruchat.

53. Accounts & Payments.

- a) **Expenditure and Income Statements.** It was proposed by Cllr Jones seconded by Cllr Crist and **RESOLVED**, that the expenditure and income statements are accepted as a true record. **Approve payments. RESOLVED** that payments listed on the finance document for August and September be accepted, and funds to cover payments authorised shall be transferred from the business saver account to the community account by the clerk.

		Total
	BBF	£96,324.49
Payments authorised:	Aug-19	£2,604.72

Receipts

Barclays Bank Interest 04.06.19-02.09.19	£42.23	£93,762.00
Barclays Community Account - 30708852	£2,573.24	
Barclays Business Premium Account - 80344400	£73,176.60	
NS & Inv. Account - 138 073 109	£18,012.16	£93,762.00

Cq No:	To whom paid	Particulars of payment	Statutory Provision	Inv. No.	Amount
Bacs	Employee	Salary September 2019	(LGA1972, s112)	58	£1,895.05
Bacs	Employee	Reimbursement TP & Internet September 2019	(LGA1972, s111)	59	£35.00
DD	NEST Pensions	Employer & Employee Cont. 6th September - 5th October 2019	(LGA 1972, s112)	60	£136.92
Bacs	Prism Design and Print	Round Tower Newsletter September 2019 Issue	(LGA 1972,s142)	61	£176.00
Bacs	CSPPFA Ltd	Room Hire - August	(LGA1972, s111)	62	£23.75
Bacs	Mrs Julie Chrimes	Reimb. Of Annual use of Clerk's home for conducting Council business.	(LG(FP)A 1963 sec5)	63	£900.90
Bacs	HM Customs	PAYE & NIC contributions months 4,5, & 6	(LGA1972, s133)	64	£2,580.71
Bacs	SLCC	Branch Conference - Clerk attending - 9th October 9am to 4:30pm	(LGA 1972, s111)	65	£30.00
Bacs	PKF Littlejohn LLP	External Audit Fees 2018/2019.	(LGA1972, s133)	66	£480.00
Bacs	Cheshire West & Chester	Uncontested Election Charges	People Act 1983 s 36(5)	67	£254.00
Bacs	SLCC	Membership Fees 2019/2020	(LGA1972, s143)	68	£250.00
					£6,762.33

- b) External Audit. It was noted that, PKF Littlejohn LLP have completed an external audit on 03 September 2019 and no matters came to their attention which requires the issuing of a separate additional issues arising report. The council thanked the clerk.
- c) **Christmas tree.** It was proposed by Cllr Brooks and seconded by Cllr Jones and **RESOLVED** (Cllr Evans abstained) that the Council purchase a Christmas tree for the benefit of the community, delivery cost will be shared between Cuddington and Weaverham Parish Council's.

- 54. Written reports from other meetings.** Cllr Maddock reported that a very detailed specification (45 pages) for the extension at the Cemetery had gone out to tender. The land sale has been agreed and is in the hands of the solicitor. During next week's AGM the committee will consider to amend the cemetery constitution and the committee will be a considering reducing the numbers of Councillor's who sit on the committee. It was proposed by Cllr Vincent seconded by Cllr Crist and **RESOLVED** that Cuddington Parish Council reduce the number of councillors to: Action Bridge 2, Cuddington 4 and Weaverham Parish Council 4, co opted members to the committee should be a maximum of 2 with them having no voting powers. The quorum must include one member of each Parish Council.

The Chairman reported she had attended a recent meeting held by David Keane - Police & Crime Commissioner, the 101 system is to be improved. The Chairman has received an invitation to attend St John's church was for the induction of the new vicar Rev'd Ruth Mock on 1st October 2019.

The Chairman pointed out to the meeting that in the Good Councillors Guide, there is useful information on powers and duties of the parish council.

- 55. Clerks report.** The clerk reported that the Youth Group have been offered a 3 month trial period where they will use the rear of the 69ers. The Youth Group agreed to the CSPPFA Ltd rules and regulations which included that the club will open on Friday's 7pm-10pm, all volunteers would needs DBS checking and first aid training, the naming of the club would be called Cuddington & Sandiway Youth Club. It was also suggested that the building should be renamed "The Chivers Building" and this was favourably received. Councillor Latham and the clerk had met with Mick Ripley and colleague and they confirmed that anti social behaviour continues, Cars are driving down RB3 and also using the main entrance off the A556. Cemex have agreed to fund regular litter picks around Trickket Pool. The Clerk is liaising with the PROW officer and the Police with regards to vehicles using RB3/ Hunts Lane. It was proposed by Cllr Latham and seconded by Cllr Maddock and **RESOLVED** that the parish council purchase a No Vehicle/Motor Cycle sign and erect it on the post on Weaverham Road which is at the start of RB3. The Community Safety Action group will have their first meeting on 30th September; the purpose for this group is for partners to work collectively to reduce both perceived and actual crimes also anti social behaviour levels within the village. The group will consist of various agencies with one person from each agency attending. The three monthly operational inspection of Boundary Lane Green was carried out and some remedial work is required, footpath requires sweeping and removing heavy blossom, litter present needs removing, one seat requires treating and painting, , wet pour requires careful washing on Ability whirl roundabout surface.

- 56. **Lease between CPC and CSPPFA Ltd.** The clerk tabled an email from Les Esling – Trustee of Cuddington and Sandiway Parish Playing Fields Association Ltd, in relation to a request for a grant of variation of the lease or a letter to the definition in the legal deed. Whilst the Council had a lengthy debate about it, the time was approaching 10.30pm so, it was **RESOLVED** to defer this item.

- 57. **Council’s Policies.** It was proposed by Cllr Jones seconded by Cllr Maddock and **RESOLVED** that the Council adopts the Equality and Diversity Policy and the Environmental Policy.

- 58. **Correspondence.** It was noted that a CWaC consultation for proposed changes to the Council’s enforcement Policy will be dealt with by the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.28pm

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Signed..... **Chairman**