

Cottenham Village Design Group

Meeting Minutes: Held at 5 Curringtons Close, Cottenham, Cambridge
6 June 2013 at 7:45pm

Attendees: Alex Darby (AD), Steven Poole (SP), Alex Thoukydides (AT)

Apologies: Alan Leeks (AL), Deborah Milligan (DM), Mike Smith (MS), Tim Wotherspoon (TW)

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Previous Committee Meeting

MS and SP to offer loan of the CEAG photos to Fitzwilliam House

The minutes of the 24 April 2013 committee meeting were approved.

JW to add the minutes to the website

3. Membership Update

SP has contacted 9 members who haven't yet renewed their membership, plus 43 other attendees of the 'How Big Should Cottenham Be?' meeting. The Design Group currently has 27 paid-up members.

SG is currently the County Council nominee to the Design Group, but following the recent elections Mike Mason and David Jenkins are now the County Councillors for Cottenham.

AT to ask SG about the nominee position

The treasurer post is still vacant following HLB's departure from the committee. SP will become a temporary signatory on the accounts (along with WM and MS) until a replacement can be found.

SP to ask other committee members if they would consider the role

4. Recent Visit to Poundbury

SP described the Design Group's successful visit to Poundbury the weekend of 27-28 April. His article about the visit is in the June newsletter.

5. Review of Planning Activity and Comments Submitted

AD reported that there have not been many planning applications since the last meeting, but they are starting to pick-up again.

TW to investigate access road constructed off Twenty Pence Road beyond Community Woodland

6. FEFF Walking Tours

WM will be leading tours looking at the historic buildings around the Village Green at 10:30am and 2:30pm on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 June. He is happy doing this on his own unless there is a large crowd.

AD to offer his assistance if it is required

7. Local and Neighbourhood Plan

A public consultation on the draft Local Plan is expected to take place from 19 July to 30 September. The District Council have stated that the previous consultation did not demonstrate support for the Parish Council's proposals for further development so those proposals will not be included.

AD will coordinate the Design Group's comments.

SP contacted the Parish Council's clerk indicating the group's interest if a neighbourhood plan is pursued and is awaiting a response.

8. Northstowe

No update.

9. Future Visits or Talks

MS and SP to arrange an evening or weekend visit to Church Lane new builds during June or July

MS is still waiting for a date to be announced for the tour of Kings College Chapel's roof.

10. CVDG Newsletter

The June newsletter was distributed containing articles written by MS and SP.

The next edition should be planned for September or October.

MS to write follow-up to his article about the origins of the Design Group

AD to write an article about review planning applications and submitting comments

SP to ask RT about the possibility of an article about his return visit to Poundbury

AT to prepare and distribute the newsletter

Visit reports for any other visits have taken place can also be included.

11. Any Other Business

None.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Next committee meeting Thursday 12 September, 7:45pm at 5 Curringtons Close