

Cottenham Village Design Group

Meeting Minutes: Held at 5 Curringtons Close, Cottenham, Cambridge
11 September 2012 at 7:45pm

Attendees: Alex Darby (AD), Steven Poole (SP), Mike Smith (MS) , Alex Thoukydides (AT),
John Williams (JW)

Apologies: Henry Le Brecht (HLB), Robin Heydon (RH), Bill Miller (WM), Tim Wotherspoon (TW)

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Previous Meeting

JW has still not received a reply from RH regarding access problems with updating the website.

SP to phone RH to resolve

The minutes of the 14 June 2012 committee meeting were approved.

JW to add the minutes to the website

SP has not progressed options for display of the CEAG photographs.

MS to offer loan of the CEAG photos to Fitzwilliam House

3. Membership

WM has resigned his post as membership secretary. The committee decided to postpone finding a replacement until the AGM.

SP to take responsibility for membership list and chase members who haven't renewed

MS would like more copies of the Village Design Statement to distribute at the community centre.

MS to request additional copies from TW

AT to provide MS with a dozen copies

4. Review of Planning Comments

AD summarised significant planning applications on which the group had submitted comments.

There was also a discussion concerning the new access road that has been constructed off Twenty Pence Road just beyond the Community Woodland.

AD to investigate

5. Issues and Options Consultation

Several committee members had attended the Issues and Options public exhibition held at All Saints Church Hall earlier in the day. A meeting will be held at 8pm on Thursday 13 September at 151 High Street to agree the group's response to the consultation.

AD to send an invitation to all committee members

6. Cottenham Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan

The latest email from Rick Bristow stated that the Parish Council's work on a Neighbourhood Plan has been put on hold while they prepare their own response to the Issues and Options consultation. They are expected to oppose encroachment on the green belt. There was no indication that SCDC had responded to the Parish Council's letter.

7. Northstowe Update

No update.

8. Poundbury Visit

MS visited Poundbury during a recent holiday in Dorset. The settlement has grown significantly since the group's previous visit, but the newer parts do not exhibit the same distinctive approach as the original development. 26–28 April 2013 was provisionally selected for a group visit.

JW to research accommodation in Dorchester

8a. Alternative Visit/Talk Proposals

There has been no progress with organising a visit to the new houses on Church Lane. Due to the shorter evenings it will now be preferable to have a Saturday morning visit.

MS to approach Mac and Kim

JW to approach the owners of the other two new builds

9. CVDG Newsletter

A single page article about the Issues and Options Consultation had been prepared in June with the intention that it would be combined with write-ups of the Church Lane or Poundbury visits to produce a complete newsletter. However, those visits have not yet taken place.

AT to distribute the newsletter as-is

The next newsletter in late November or December will probably include an advert for the Poundbury visit, details of the AGM, and an update on the Issues and Options consultation.

10. Any Other Business

None.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Next committee meeting Tuesday 20 November 2012, 7:45pm at 5 Curringtons Close