

Cottenham Village Design Group

Meeting Minutes: Held at 5 Curringtons Close, Cottenham, Cambridge
20 November 2012 at 7:45pm

Attendees: Steven Poole (SP), Mike Smith (MS), Alex Thoukydides (AT)

Apologies: Alex Darby (AD), Henry Le Brecht (HLB), Bill Miller (WM), John Williams (JW),
Tim Wotherspoon (TW)

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Previous Meeting

MS to offer loan of the CEAG photos to Fitzwilliam House

The website access issues have been resolved and the site is now up to date.

The minutes of the 11 September 2012 committee meeting were approved.

JW to add the minutes to the website

3. Membership

SP has emailed twelve prospective members (previous members and other contacts likely to be interested). So far it has resulted in two renewals and two commitments to renew; expecting one further renewal to give a total of twenty members.

SP has also placed membership forms within the copies of the Design Statement in the Community Centre.

4. Review of Planning Comments

In AD's absence SP summarised the submitted comments.

SCDC has contacted AD to seek clarification on the comments submitted during the Issues and Options Consultation.

SP and AD have met with Stephen Bradnam who is considering buying the land adjacent to 88 Rampton Road. He is making an effort to design something appropriate to the village and is currently proposing a black barn style of building.

The change of use of 288 High Street from a shop (Use Class A1) to hot food takeaway (Use Class A5) was discussed. The conclusion was that the scope of the groups' comments was limited, and despite neighbours voicing strong opinions there wasn't any justification to change the standard review and commenting process.

SP to ask AD about access road constructed off Twenty Pence Road beyond Community Woodland

5. Cottenham Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan

According to the latest email from Rick Bristow, the Parish Council have also been contacted by SCDC for clarification of their Issues and Options Consultation comments. Little progress has been made on the Neighbourhood Plan due to unavailability of councillors, assessment of affordable housing needs, and the County Council proposals for expanding the Lambs Lane school.

6. Northstowe Update

TW provided an update on Northstowe Phase I to the committee via email prior to the meeting.

7. Visits

JW has received limited interest (four people) in response to his Poundbury proposal.

All to respond to JW as soon as possible

No progress on possible visit to Church Lane new builds; will probably need to be next year now.

MS and JW to approach the owners of the new builds on Church Lane

MS recently went on a tour of Kings College Chapel's roof. A lunchtime tour for 9 or 10 lasting about 40 minutes could be organised for the group. This is a possible visit for spring.

SP to poll for interest after Christmas

8. AGM Planning

Suggestions for possible talks at the AGM:

- Mineral extraction north of Cottenham; not immediately relevant, but might be when development at Waterbeach is approved
- Northstowe Phase I
- District and Parish Council visions for Cottenham

SP to discuss the Northstowe and Cottenham vision topic suggestions with TW

MS to provide SP with contact information for enquiring about CVC rooms

9. CVDG Newsletter

Possible topics for next newsletter in December or January:

- Advert for Poundbury visit (based on JW's email)
- AGM information (details if arranged, otherwise just a reminder with possible talk topics)
- Summary of comments submitted for Issues and Options Consultation

If the AGM is arranged in time it would also be good to advertise it in the village newsletter (deadline is 25 December for the 1 February edition).

10. Any Other Business

SP to send list of members to MS

MS to arrange a post-Christmas dinner at The Chequers on Friday 18th January

11. Date of Next Meeting

Next committee meeting Wednesday 24 April, 7:45pm at 5 Curringtons Close