

Cottenham Village Design Group

Meeting Minutes: Held at 5 Curringtons Close, Cottenham, Cambridge
26 September 2013 at 7:45pm

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

Apologies: Alan Leeks (AL), Tim Wotherspoon (TW)

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Previous Committee Meeting

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

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

The minutes of the 6 June 2013 committee meeting were approved.

JW to add the minutes to the website

3. Membership Update

Deborah Milligan and Alan Sidell have resigned from the committee.

AT emailed SG concerning her County Council nominee position on the group's committee but did not receive a response.

The treasurer post is still vacant following HLB's departure from the committee. SP asked other committee members if they would consider the post but there were no volunteers. He is progressing getting himself added as a signatory on the accounts (along with WM and MS) until a replacement can be found.

The group currently has 31 paid-up members.

4. Review of Planning Activity and Comments Submitted

AD described the three sets of comments submitted since the previous committee meeting.

No comments were submitted on behalf of the group for the Local Plan consultation due to the removal of most content relevant to Cottenham.

5. FFFF Walking Tours and King's College Chapel Roof Visit

WM led four tours of 5-12 people looking at historic buildings around the Village Green during FFFF in June. AD helped with two of the tours; his article will appear in the next newsletter.

AD, MS, AT, JW and TW joined a very interesting tour of the King's College Chapel's roof, and the space between the ceiling and roof, led by David Adamson and Nicholas Marston. Photographs from the visit will also appear in the next newsletter.

6. Future Visits or Talks

The owners of 50 Church Lane agreed with MS to show members of the group around when the site is safe to visit, which they expected to be in two to three months. Once a date has been agreed an attempt will be made to combine this with visits to one or two of the other new builds nearby.

SP suggested that there could be a visit to the new housing developments near Trumpington (Clay Farm, Glebe Farm and Trumpington Meadows). JW proposed that the new buildings on the Addenbrooke's site might also be worth a visit.

7. CVDG Newsletter

The next newsletter is planned for October.

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

AD to write an article about the FEFF tours

AT to include photographs from the King's College Chapel roof visit

AT to prepare and distribute the newsletter

AD to write article for the following issue about review planning applications and commenting

8. Neighbourhood Plan and Northstowe

Nothing has been heard about the Parish Council's plans to produce a Neighbourhood Plan.

SP to ask TW for an update on the Neighbourhood Plan and Northstowe

9. Transport strategy for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire

The consultation on local transport improvements ends on 30 September. No comment will be submitted on behalf of the group, but members are encouraged to submit their own comments.

10. Any Other Business

A few possible topics for next year's AGM were suggested:

- Neighbourhood Plan (if anything is happening)
- Northstowe
- Local transport strategy, including the Science Park station

11. Date of Next Meeting

Next committee meeting Thursday 14 November, 7:45pm at 5 Curringtons Close