

Cheddington Neighbourhood Development Plan – Planning Workshop

Thursday 24th July 2014

NOTES – COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Scout Hut 1930's wooden building standing on own land at edge of village. There is a problem with parking but have own land for camping which is important. Needs replacing or redeveloping.

Suggestions;

- Car parking necessary.
- Could consider selling current land for housing and relocate to land next to church which also need car parking. Sale of land could provide funds for new scout hut.
- Would like a new footpath on eastern side of road leading to the church.
- Could relocate to Recreation ground and share car park.
- Could consider combining with a community hub but with different rooms for different groups.
- If next to village hall could provide a hub for the village when not in use.
- Must have space for camping and scouts bonfires.
- Could relocate to pavilion ground and have 2 separate buildings.

Pavilion Not really used for much at all. Has space to include other facilities. Needs refurbishing/rebuilding.

Suggestions;

- Could combine with Scout Hut on same ground.
- External lavatories might encourage more use of sport/spectators.
- The facility might be better used if it had proper changing rooms and showers.
- Redesigning for indoor pursuits such as 5-a-side football could encourage more use.
- Could be put to better use as café facilities, community hub and/or Parish Council offices.
- The tennis club currently use the facilities but would all need improving.
- Building not fit for purpose. Could this in turn be relocated and land sold.

Village Hall Currently well used but often solidly booked for months ahead.

Suggestions;

- Main hall is too large for smaller events such as Parish Council meetings.
- Planning application due to be submitted for extensions at either end. One for storage and the other for a further meeting facility.
- Move the Recreation ground up to 32/35 on land map and combine all facilities; scout hut, pavilion, tennis club, extra parking, community hub etc. Then use the Recreation land for developing new homes.

Ticket Office

Network rail are looking at ways to re-use redundant office.

Suggestions;

- Might be suitable as a café or tea rooms.
- Could it be used as a private nursery

School

If the parish is to grow then the school will need to expand to cope with new pupils, already over-subscribed

Suggestions;

- School land is vitally important and needs protecting.
- Not possible to build upwards, the only two classrooms that might be suitable are 50's built and it would be impossible to completely rebuild, as nowhere for pupils to go temporarily.
- Alternative is to move the Slapton and Horton children out.
- It might be possible to extend the school on part of Croft Meadow or expand the school building and expand the playing field onto Croft Meadow.
- The school needs to address the traffic issues when parents drop off and collect children.
- The junior classes could be built upwards
- The pre-school could be moved out and housed separately in a new building.
- The school will *have* to be extended.

Protection

Protection of existing facilities.

Suggestions;

- Protect the Swan pub.
- The shop is well-used and needs protecting. Are there ways that the business could be expanded?
- The Post Office needs to be reinstated.
- Protect the Horseshoes.
- List of Community Assets to be submitted to AVDC. There is already a list of assets in the State of the Parish Report.
- Protect the allotments and the village green.
- Protect the clock
- Protect the 5-bar gate looking into Croft Meadow.

Church

The church is some distance from the village.

Suggestions;

- If the scout hut were relocated here they could share parking facilities.
- The church is quite small and could do with its own community facilities; it was once the hub of the village.
- The Methodist Chapel has parking problems. Could the twice-weekly doctor's surgery be moved to a new community hub?
- Could the Methodist Chapel be used as the Community Hub?

Other

Suggestions;

- Is there a need for skate park/facilities for youth?
- The recreation ground is too isolated, could bring all the recreation facilities and buildings closer to the village hall.
- Is there space for a youth café along the line of the one in Aston Clinton?
- The station car park is full and the charges too high. Could the parish build their own station car park and combine it with small business units. As a community enterprise?