

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in

Campton Village Hall on Wednesday 3rd May 2017.

Present: Cllr C. Ash- in the chair. Cllr Baker Cllr Longson, Dr Willis, Cllr Martin, Cllr Booton and Central Bedfordshire Councillor Anthony Brown.

Apologies: None

55/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A resident expressed concerns over the lack of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. The Parish Council explained that a representative from CBC will attend the June meeting to discuss the plan with the Parish Council prior to a decision being made.

Cllr Brown commented that a local plan will help the area as a whole but the Neighbourhood Plan will be of direct benefit to the Parish and offer more strength. On 20th June the Local plan will be put to the Executive prior to a 12 weeks public consultation. The CBC 5 year housing supply has now been met. He also suggested that the Parish may wish to consult Meppershall and work together on the Neighbourhood Plan.

56/17 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th April 2017 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

57/17 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

None.

58/17 ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN:

The current Chairman stated that he would be happy to continue as Chairman or would happily stand down if another Councillor wished to take on the role. Cllr Booton proposed that Cllr Ash remain as Chairman and this was seconded by Cllr Martin, all Councillors in agreement.

59/17 REPORT BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR:

A survey of the A1 will take place for possible improvements in the 2020 budget, the Herts. area will be dealt with first then the Beds.

The Cambridge to Oxford express road will use some existing roads including the 'Black Cat' which will be improved, possibly a fly over built.

At the end of Greenway the central reservation light is not working, Cllr Brown will look into this.

The Community plans will be published on the website by the end of the month.

60/17 INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLOR UPDATES:

Defibrillator:

Dr Willis has been looking into the installation of a defibrillator within the village. The British Heart Foundation has recommended contacting the Ambulance service which Dr Willis has; they also recommended looking at Lottery Funding. **Resolved:** Dr Willis will look into the options available to the Council and the maintenance required. The Clerk will look into the insurance cover required.

Cllr Longson suggested courses available and whether it would be worth initiating a training programme for some residents?

Speed watch signs

CBC has approved the location of the signs, an invoice will be sent out to the Parish Council, and once this is paid the signs will be installed.

Conifers:

Cllr Ash will speak to the School with regards to the conifers that need cutting back.

Campton United Charities:

It has been agreed to re register the charities as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. New governing documents have been agreed and the trustees will approach local businesses for funding so as to have the land registered.

Football Club:

The last game is due to be played on 6th May 2017. A meeting will be arranged with the club to enter into the contract for the next season.

Document Storage:

The documents have now been organised and there is a considerable amount of shredding to be done. A commercial shredder would cost in the region of £350, a shredding company estimate the cost at approximately £100. **Resolved:** All Councillors agreed with the cost of having the material commercially shredded. The Clerk will look at Transparency funding for future items requiring shredding.

Recreation Ground:

Mr John Westgarth continues to inspect the Recreation Ground and has reported that there are no problems. A canister used for inhaling was found on the Recreation ground. The Clerk reported this to the police and they recommended reporting any further finds.

A number of repairs are required on the play area as pointed out by the Play Inspectors, a quote has been obtained by the Clerk from CPM Playgrounds, and The Chairman requested that it be deferred to the next meeting. He also thanked John for carrying out the Inspections.

61/17 ROLES WITHIN THE COMMITTEE:

- CAMPTON UNITED CHARITIES: CLLR LONGSON, ASH, BAKER AND DR WILLIS
- VILLAGE HALL REPRESENTATIVE: CLLR LONGSON

- JOINT BURIAL BOARD;CLLRS ASH, LONGSON AND DR WILLIS
- LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN LIASON: CLLR LONGSON
- SCHOOL LIASON: CLLR ASH
- CBC LIASON FOR HIGHWAYS, PLANNING: CLLR BAKER
- WEBSITE: CLLR BAKER AND DR WILLIS
- FOOTBALL CLUB LIASON: CLLR BAKER AND DR WILLIS
- NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN LEAD: DR WILLIS
- WELCOME CARDS: CLLR WILLIS
- LINK FOR MR WESTGARTH INSPECTING THE PLAYGROUNDS: CLLR BOOTON

62/17 FUTURE PROJECTS INVOLVING CAPITAL EXPENDITURE:

It was felt that the possibilities of future projects should be discussed so that the Parish Council can be in a position to apply for funding or take projects into consideration when discussing the next budget.

The projects:

- Dr Willis will lead up and investigate the option of a Neighbourhood Plan.
- Road safety/traffic, safe walks to school, 30 mph sign at the entrance to the village. Cllr Baker will look into this area and consult with CBC.
- Campton street light strategy, resolve whether there should be any modernisation and consult with CBC. Cllr Martin will take on this project.
- Parking improvements around the Village Hall. Cllr Longson will discuss this with the Village Hall Committee, Aragon Housing and CBC.

The Councillors will investigate these areas with a view to having a full Council discussion at the September meeting.

63/17 PLANNING:

No applications.

64/17 FINANCE:

OUTGOING PAYMENTS:

Staff salary £460.72 and £333.80 expenses from last meeting.

Grangers £536.34

Benefice £64

Eon £135.32

Bank account balances:

Community account £63,974.45

Business Account £22,923.72

The Clerk submitted a VAT claim for £1878.47 which has now been credited to the account. An additional claim based on the invoices from the previous Clerk has been submitted for £1965.11.

The Insurance quote has been received, the play equipment is currently insured for £20,00, it was felt that this should be increased to £50,000 **Resolved:** The Clerk will obtain an alternative quote which she will distribute to Councillors via email.

65/17 AUDIT:

The Audit has been completed by the Clerk and was presented to Council. The finances reconcile with the bank balance and the Governing statement was agreed and signed by the Chairman. The Clerk will now meet with the Internal Auditor prior to submitting them to BDO.

66/17 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EON is increasing contract rates from 14.40p per KWh to 15.75p per KWh. **Resolved:** The Clerk will look at alternative rates.

Casual Vacancy acknowledge received from CBC.

67/17 AOB:

Discussion over the possibility to move the date of the next meeting. Unfortunately due to Hall restrictions and commitments it has not been possible.

68/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 7th June 2017.