

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in

Campton Village Hall on Wednesday 7th June 2017.

Present: Cllr Baker- in the chair. Cllr Longson, Dr Willis, Cllr Martin, Cllr Booton.

Apologies: Cllr Ash and Central Bedfordshire Councillor Anthony Brown.

69/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A resident expressed concerns over the recent incidents on the Recreation Ground; The Clerk has reported all incidents to the Police and advised residents to report any subsequent incidents.

A diesel scooter has been used in an unsafe manner within the village. It was agreed that the 2 incidents will be reported to the Police and the situation will be monitored. If there are subsequent incidents then the parents of the boy will be approached and the incident reported.

70/17 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd May 2017 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

71/17 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

None.

72/17 SIOBHAN VINCENT FROM CBC TO OUTLINE THE FRAMEWORK OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

A neighbourhood Plan is voluntary and is entirely the decision of the Parish Council. CBC have targets to meet and need to adhere to the requirements of central Government, the Neighbourhood Plan is an opportunity for Parish Councils to influence future decisions for their designated area. There are a number of requirements that need to be met and the Plan has to be in sync with CBC.

- Evidence is gathered, possible opportunities, projects for the designated area. The Policy is land based.
- The Plan is then formed, including policies. This takes into consideration the views of the residents, protected areas and how future development is to be managed. This formal document will have legal weight and therefore must be taken into consideration by planning officers.
- The Plan will be submitted to the Local Authority and will go out to Public Consultation.
- An examiner will be appointed to look at the Plan and its comments.
- The fees and arrangements for appointing an examiner and the Referendum will be taken on board by CBC.
- If more than 50% of those who vote are in favour of the Plan then it will be formally accepted.

Organising the Plan will rely on volunteers working alongside a project leader and sub-committees. Grants can be obtained from CBC to cover expenses associated with the Plan. Grants currently

available are for a maximum of £9000, these are available till March 2018. The Housing White paper implied that some funding would be available until 2020 but this is yet to be confirmed. The Grants can be applied for in minimum amounts of £1000 and must be spent within 6 months of being received. Subsequent grants can be applied for; last application currently needs to be submitted by January 2018.

Plans can last as long as the Parish Council requires and can be updated; there are approximately 250 plans currently available to view.

The Local Plan will go before the Executive on 20th June 2017. It is unlikely that specific details will be given that are appropriate for individual villages; it will be more general covering areas.

73/17 REPORT BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR:

Cllr Tony Brown sent forward a report:

- The draft Local Plan is up for approval at the Executive meeting on 20th June 2017, this is slightly late due to the General Election. It will then go to public consultation 4th July – 29th August.
- Town and Parish Councillors drop in will take place on 18th July, all Councillors invited. Those areas proposed to have the majority of new housing will have residents drop ins during August.
- CBC is classed as being 88% Countryside, after the proposed changes it will still be 86%.
- Confirmed figures for houses built in 2016/2017 are 1773, 20% above target. 412 affordable homes, above the target of 364.
- Superfast Broadband is now available within CBC there is a coverage in excess of 91% of homes.

74/17 SCHOOL SPORTS DAY:

The School have requested use of the recreation Ground on 29th June 2017 for Sports day 13.30-15.30 and then a fete 15.30-17.30. All Councillors agreed to this subject to proof of Public Liability on behalf of the school, **Resolved:** The Clerk will contact the school for a copy of the certificate.

The grass will also need to be cut prior to the event. **Resolved:** Cllr Baker will contact the football club.

75/17 INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLOR UPDATES:

Defibrillator:

Dr Willis has been looking into the installation of a defibrillator within the village; the details had been circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting. The Medical Pack provides the unit and all the maintenance and supplies for ten years.

Permission from the Village Hall Committee is required as the pack will require a power supply to control the temperature and an electrician will be required to fit it. **Resolved:** Cllr Longson will raise it at the Village Hall Committee meeting.

Commitment from a resident will also be required, someone responsible for collecting the pack from the hospital and setting it back up should it be used.

The Clerk has checked with the insurance company and it will need to be listed but there should be no additional charge.

Dr Willis and the Clerk will work on the Lottery funding application.

Planning:

Cllr Booton attended the recent Town and Planning conference. He reported that in order to influence planning decisions evidence needs to be gathered in advance. This evidence should be a breakdown of the issues within the village including speed, volume of traffic, pulling out of difficult junctions, parking on corners, congestion around the school, parking by the village Hall.

Cllr Booton will discuss the parking at the Village Hall with Cllr Longson prior to him attending the Village Hall Committee.

Speed watch signs

CBC has approved the location of the signs; an invoice has now been received and once this is paid the signs will be installed.

The statistics provided by the Speed watch team are:

Since 1 January 2017

13 Speedwatch sessions of 1hr

5 sessions 8-9am, 8 sessions 5-6pm.

949 vehicles seen

77 vehicles recorded at 35mph or greater.

Highest speed recorded 47mph.

2 vehicles travelling at such speed equipment was unable to register.

Average per session: 73 vehicles per hour; 6 at 35mph or greater.

There has been a gradual decrease in speed. The Speedwatch team require an additional volunteer

Resolved: The Clerk will advertise this in the newsletter

Campton United Charities:

Trustees are due to meet on 19th June 2017 and will then complete the application to re-register the Charity.

Football Club:

The club have paid the outstanding invoice, a meeting with the club is to be arranged to agree the contract for the next year.

Document Storage:

CLlr Baker, Dr Willis and the Clerk met again on 6th June 2017 all of the documents have now been filed away and the items for shredding have been collected and the certificate of shredding has been issued. Any further documents will be filed and shredded accordingly.

CLlr Baker represented the Parish Council at the previous Clerk Deryck Iron's funeral yesterday, two charities are being donated to in memory of him Help for Heroes and Prostate Cancer UK, the Council agreed to make a donation. The Clerk will issue a piece in the newsletter in memory of Deryck.

Apologies were given in advance for CLlr Baker who will not be able to attend the next meeting due to family commitments.

Recreation Ground:

Mr John Westgarth continues to inspect the Recreation Ground and has reported that there are no problems

76/17 PLANNING:

PLANNING APPLICATION CB/17/01718/LB AND CB/17/01717/FULL 4 THE OLD DAIRY, SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION.

Providing the application complies with the report given by the conservation officer the Parish Council has no objections.

CB/17/01119/FULL TOP FARM, RECTORY ROAD, ERECTION OF A NEW 3 BED DWELLING WITH INTEGRAL GARAGE.

The Parish Council has concerns for the change of use of the land and for development outside the village envelope, however subject to the views of neighbours there is no objection.

77/17 FINANCE INCLUDING VAT:

It was agreed that £50 should be donated to the charities in memory of the previous Clerk from the grants budget.

Outgoing:

Benefice £64

Speed watch signs £305.74 (Miscellaneous budget)

Grangers £839.16

Salary £460.72

Incoming:

£1965.11 HMRC

£75.00 Shefford Football Club

Bank account balances:

Community account £62,060.42

Business Account £22,923.72

78/17 AUDIT:

The Clerk met with the Internal Auditor and circulated her report prior to the meeting, the exercise of public rights has commenced, an advertisement is on the notice board and the website and all of the files are available to view. The Clerk with agreement from all of the Councillors will now submit the audit to BDO.

79/17 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Girl guiding poster- will be displayed on the notice board.

Grant request from Magpas Air Ambulance, it was agreed to keep it on file for the end of the financial year.

80/17 AOB:

- Further discussions on the Neighbourhood Plan, a decision will be made at the next meeting along with plans of how it will be carried out. **Resolved:** Clerk will list it on the Agenda and include it in the report for the newsletter.
- There have been no enquiries for the casual vacancy; clerk will include it in the newsletter.
- The Clerk raised the question of the play areas, she has attempted without luck to obtain quotes for the repairs to the equipment, and the replacement of the waste bin is significantly lower at £300 + vat for a metal bin fitted. Cllr Booton mentioned that new equipment has been recently fitted at Clifton, the Clerk will contact Clifton and try to obtain a quote, failing that all Councillors agreed to CPM playgrounds to complete the works.

81/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 5th July 2017.