

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in

Campton Village Hall on Wednesday 5th July 2017.

Present: Dr Willis- in the chair (Due to absence from the Chairman and Vice-Chairman). Cllr Longson, Cllr Martin, Cllr Booton, Central Bedfordshire Cllr Tony Brown and Mark Liddiard.

Apologies: Cllr Baker.

82/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Residents had gathered to hear the discussion for the Neighbourhood Plan. No other issues were raised.

83/17 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th June 2017 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

Matters arising:

- Copies of both the PTA and school insurance documents are now held on file by the Clerk.
- Grangers have been instructed to and have started to cut the Recreation ground.
- Speed watch signs should be installed soon.

84/17 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

None.

85/17 REPORT BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR:

Councillor Tony Brown introduced Cllr Mark Liddiard who has been appointed as a Central Bedfordshire Councillor. Cllr Tony Brown updated the Parish Council with:

- Draft Local Plan is now open for Public Consultation and will be until 29th August. A copy of the plan is available on the CBC website and copies can be found in libraries and CBC offices.
- General areas where development will occur is listed, however specific areas and detail is not yet available and will not be until after Consultation.
- There are two proposed areas in Campton and the Chairman queried the criteria followed in highlighting these areas for development. One area labelled as Kiln Farm has not been put forward as it is Prime Agricultural land; however the larger area which is used for the same purpose and by the same tenant has been put forward? **Resolved** Cllr Brown will investigate this and report back via the Clerk.
- Town and Parish Councillors are invited to a drop in session on 18th July 2-8pm to discuss any queries on the plan.
- Residents in areas of major development will be offered a drop in session in August. 26th August Arlesey Village Hall and 20th August at Biggleswade Village Hall.
- Cllr Longson questioned what criteria are used when assessing the size of a settlement? Meppershall and Campton have the same distinctive label according to size but yet are very

different. Cllr Brown reminded the Council that Campton does actually incorporate Chicksands as well, he will forward the criteria used to the Parish Council via the Clerk.

- The 'Just Ask' bus will be at the Shefford Fair on 16th July offering advice on social care, youth services etc.
- Jenna Campbell 07970604981 is now the contact for grass cutting issues outside of the 30mph speed zone.
- The extension to the footpath by the cemetery has been completed.
- The solar lights on the entry to Greenway are being replaced by standard lit bollards.
- Blue Abyss is putting forward a proposal to develop on the Henlow site, offering employment and a hotel on the site.
- There is an on-going gulley mapping and cleaning inspection exercise starting in July and running through Central Bedfordshire. The exercise is to prevent surface flooding and sewage returning to the surface.
- Cllr Longson requested further information on whether the MOD housing in Campton is included in the precept numbers. **Resolved:** Cllr Brown will confirm this but was sure that yes they are.

86/17 RECREATION GROUND:

John Westgarth provides regular updates of the Recreation Ground and continues to inspect it and the Play areas. The rubbish bin has now been replaced and Billy has been instructed to carry out the repairs required.

A meeting with the football club is scheduled for 26th July 2017. The Parish Council has alerted them to the equipment being left out and will discuss this further at the meeting along with the general maintenance of the pavilion.

87/17 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

After Siobhan Vincent giving a presentation at the previous meeting the decision was deferred to this meeting. It was felt that there were strong reasons to formulate a plan with the possibility of development within Campton being a possibility. A number of aspects of the previous meeting were re-visited and the input from residents was very supportive, it was noted with the transient population of Chicksands it may prove difficult to obtain their views. Three of the four Councillors voted in favour of proceeding with the plan. **Resolved:** The Clerk will contact Siobhan Vincent at CBC to initiate the plan.

88/17 INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLOR UPDATES:

Defibrillator:

The Village Hall Management Committee has approved the position of the defibrillator, the cost of power and the liability will remain with the Parish Council. Quotes now need to be obtained for the fitting prior to Dr Willis and the Clerk submitting the Lottery funding application.

Speed watch signs

CBC has approved the location of the signs; the invoice has been paid so the signs will be installed soon.

Campton United Charities:

A meeting of the Trustees has been arranged with the trustees to sign documents in order to register the charity with the Charities Commission. A website is required in order to comply with the criteria; all Councillors were in agreement that the Charity could have a separate page within the Parish Council website. A letter needs to be sent to the tenant to advise that the invoice is now due, Dr Willis will discuss this with Cllr Ash.

Additional Parking:

The Village Hall Committee agreed in principal to the possibility of additional parking on the grass land outside the Village Hall, although they would like to see the proposed plans. They suggested that there should not be any parking in front of the fire exit and this should either remain turfed or bollards erected to prevent parking.

Street Lights:

Cllr Martin is in continued discussions with Andy Muskett with regards to street lighting.

A resident stated that lights 14, B15 and 16 are extremely bright.

A resident living at 22 Gravenhurst has reported a couple of years ago that the light opposite her house is incredibly bright and still remains so.

Resolved: Clerk will look into the lighting issues.

Burial Ground:

An inspection of the ground was carried out at the last meeting, landscaping is being carried out and future plans are being discussed with possible S106 money. Financially the position is good.

89/17 PLANNING:

PLANNING APPLICATION CB/17/02556/FULL

The Parish Council considered the above application and there is no objection.

90/17 FINANCE:

Outgoing:

Benefice £64

Grangers £935.08

Salary £460.72

Simply Shredding £82.50

Lexis Nexis £75.60

D Baker (donation for Deryck's charities) £50

Internal Auditor £75

CBC £360.00

Incoming:

£37.80 Silsoe PC

Bank account balances:

Community account £62,660.19

Business Account £22,923.72

91/17 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Barclays Baldock branch is closing.

92/17 AOB:

- Chip Van-no further update.
- The inductive loop in the Village Hall is broken and the Village Hall Committee does not have the available funds to fix it., residents are being put off attending events in the Village Hall as they have problems hearing. Cllr Martin suggested that the Parish Council look at contributing to the cost? It was suggested that the Village Hall submit a formal request with perhaps quotes for the cost of repair. **Resolved:** Cllr Longson will follow this up.
- Cllr Martin suggested the possibility of running a village fete; residents suggest he talks to Maryika who has researched this before.
- A response to Clerk's fees has been requested from Louise Ashmore, Cllrs will discuss this after the meeting.
- Residents have been concerned about the noise of the loud music coming from The White Hart Public House. The Clerk has been in contact with CBC and the advice remains the same. If the music remains playing after 23.00 hrs then they are in breach of their licence other than that the licence to sell alcohol permits them to play music between 08.00 and 23.00 hours. If this noise is becoming a nuisance to residents then it must be reported to CBC, they have advised residents to keep diaries and submit them. If the music is in breach of their licence then the licensing department will investigate otherwise it is for the noise pollution team.
- The Clerk will send an email around to see who is available to attend the meeting on 18th July 2017, if any Councillors have any specific questions then the representatives who attend will be able to ask on their behalf.

93/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 6th September 2017.

