

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in

Campton Village Hall on Wednesday 1st November 2017.

Present: Cllr Baker in the Chair, Cllr Longson, Cllr Martin, Cllr Booton, Central Bedfordshire Cllr Tony Brown. Cllr Ash arrived later at the meeting due to personal circumstances.

Apologies: Dr Willis and Central Bedfordshire Councillor Mark Liddiard.

120/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A resident pointed out that Campton is a 'No Cold Calling' Zone and new regulations mean that under this restriction no poppies can now be sold door to door. Several people within the village have been selling poppies for many years and have found this quite upsetting and disappointing. Councillor Booton will write to the Local MP to express the opinions of the Parish Council and residents.

A resident raised concerns over the Representations for the Local Plan as provided by CBC. It stated that telephone surveys were more representative than those residents who had written in. Councillor Brown was able to reassure the resident that all written representations had been read and the evidence has been analysed in different ways.

121/17 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2017 were discussed. Under Minute 113/17 Cllr Ash stated that he had spoken to the tenants of the Glebe. The information provided by him at the October meeting we now understand was incorrect. The Parish Council would like to apologise for this error and any upset it may have caused and thank the tenants for drawing it to our attention on the publication of the draft Minutes.

Cllr Ash arrived at the meeting and took over as Chairman.

122/17 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

Planning application CB/17/04297/FULL is for a property owned by Cllr Baker. Cllr Booton knows the Architect involved.

123/17 REPORT BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR:

The Local plan is on schedule for consideration by the Executive on 9th January 2018. Public consultation will commence during the middle of January and will last for six weeks. Comments received after the first consultation have now been released. A telephone survey to gauge the public's understanding of the process has been adopted and the results have now been released. It is anticipated that the Plan will be submitted to the Inspector before the end of March 2018.

A consultation is in progress concerning Parliamentary Boundary changes and is due to end on 11th December 2017. No changes are anticipated in Central Beds.

Green waste collections will cease for the winter commencing 1st December through to 5th March. Christmas trees will be collected between 8th and 19th January 2018.

A local Government review is to start on 1st November through to 1st February, asking Councils to consider any changes they would like including boundaries, number of Councillors, merging of smaller Parishes etc.

The Budget decisions are well under way with a major concern being that an additional 7% may be required for Adult Social Care.

The Jet patcher has completed over 9,500 holes across central Bedfordshire.

124/17 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

The Parish Council are now ready to launch the Neighbourhood Plan; the designated area has been agreed by CBC. Dr Willis has prepared a video with commentary to play at the open day sessions and it is also available for residents to view on You tube. Maps and suggestion boxes will be available at the session and Councillors will be on hand to answer questions. An on-line survey is available to all residents and paper copies are available on request. The Parish Council would like to thank Dr Willis for all of her hard work on this.

Dates for the drop in:

Saturday 11th November 2017 11.30-1.30 (Cllrs Longson, Ash, Booton and the Clerk to attend)

Wednesday 15th November 2017 6.30-8.30 (Cllrs Longson, Baker, Booton, Martin and the Clerk to attend)

Councillor Baker will email further information to Councillors prior to the sessions.

125 RECREATION GROUND:

The Playground has been inspected and all areas requiring attention are low risk. John Westgarth has fixed the gate so that it now moves appropriately and he continues to inspect the play area on a weekly basis.

126/17 INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLOR UPDATES:

Defibrillator:

Dr Willis and the Clerk have submitted the Lottery funding application, an acknowledgement has been received.

Campton United Charities:

The Charity is now registered. At the autumn meeting it was decided that a donation this year should be made to the food bank. The rent increase has also been agreed.

Additional Parking:

Councillor Longson continues to look into this. To tarmac the area would cost approximately £55 per sq metre along with the additional costs of dropping the curb and allowing for the fire exit. He will look at the expense of tiles and a surface allowing grass to grow through.

Loop system:

Mike Tyler has looked at the sound system in the hall and has managed to get it working. A number of residents with hearing aids are to attend the hall on Thursday to check it is functioning correctly. The Parish Council would like to thank Mike for his work.

Document Review:

CLlr Baker has collected more boxes of paperwork from the previous Clerk and there are more still to come. A session will be arranged in the New Year to sort through them.

Equality and Diversity

Dr Willis is in the process of organising documents for Equality and Diversity, Equal Opportunities and a Complaints procedure. She hopes to have draft copies available for the next meeting.

127/17 FUTURE PROJECTS AND RURAL MATCH FUNDING:

It was agreed by all Councillors that in the light of the Council just starting the Neighbourhood Plan and being unsure at the moment of the priorities of the residents that no application for Rural Match Funding would be submitted this financial year.

128/17 PLANNING:

PLANNING APPLICATION CB/17/04297/FULL (Councillor Baker left the room) No reason for objection.

PLANNING APPLICATION CB/17/04326/FULL. The Parish Council considered the application and whilst there was no direct objection, the Councillors were concerned for the potential future use of the building. Clerk will submit these views to the Planning department.

PLANNING APPLICATION CB/17/04328 there is no need to object.

129/17 FINANCE:

Outgoing for November:

Grangers £419.58

Salary £465.34

Eon £151.29

Playground inspection £78

Wreath £25

BDO £276.00

Bank account balances:

Community account £52,117.03

Business Account £22,923.72

Cllr Longson had produced a new finance sheet to use for the next financial year. All Councillors agreed to it and the Clerk will now forward this year's expenditure for him to update it.

130/17 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Glasdon flyer

Barclays change to terms and conditions

Wickstead flyer

National lottery acknowledgement

Autism grant request, it was felt that the Councillors could not validate the worthiness for this within Campton and Chicksands.

131/17 AOB:

- At the last meeting concerns were raised over the A507/A600 roundabout, appropriate signage and road markings are required to prevent accidents at the roundabout. Cllr Brown advised the Clerk to email Paul Salmon at CBC. Paul Salmon has responded to the Clerk stating that due to the size of the Roundabout the road markings are correct in terms of where capacity allows denoting of lanes and that it is not likely that additional markings can be made unless the roundabout is amended. The main issue is the straight ahead movement, driving in front of those wishing to turn right. There have been no injury collisions to date.
- Councillor Ash apologised for the incorrect information given at the last meeting with regards to the Glebe.
- The Parish Council agreed to respond to the Government White paper consultation which closes on 9th November 2017, Cllr Booton will prepare and email around a response.

132/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Next meeting will take place on Monday 11th Decemberr 2017.