

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in

Campton Village Hall on Wednesday 3rd January 2018.

Present: Cllr Ash in the Chair, Cllr Baker, Dr Willis, Cllr Longson, Cllr Martin, Cllr Booton, Central Bedfordshire Cllr Tony Brown, Central Bedfordshire Councillor Mark Liddiard.

1/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Councillor Brown updated the residents with regards to the Local Plan which has been delivered and put online today. The plan includes approximately 30,000 homes to be built in Central Bedfordshire over the next 20 years. Included in the plan is one potential area for building within Campton, the site is situated in Greenway and will be for a maximum of 66 houses. Consultations will now take place between 11/1/18 and 22/2/18. Drop in sessions will run in Barton on 18/2/18 and Arlesey 30/2/18 at 3pm-7.30pm for residents to see the plans and speak to CBC representatives.

The following meetings will take place next week and residents are permitted to attend and hear the debate. All those wishing to speak must register prior to the meeting.

8th January Scrutiny Committee

9th January Executive

10th January Full Council

Some areas in the plan are subject to the infrastructure being put in place. A Councillor recently observed Highways measuring the A507 between the A1 and Henlow Roundabout for its potential to be dual carriageway. Cllr Brown was unaware of this and will look into it. Residents questioned the Eco impact or the impact on the already full to capacity schools. The inspector will take this into consideration but the statutory duty still remains with the Local Authority.

CBC are currently reviewing Schools finance and the Education system, the debate between the 2 or 3 tier system continues and will do into this coming year.

The Glebe land is not included in the Local Plan for development and based on the assumption that the plan is approved by the inspectorate and adopted by CBC it will not be developed on as part of the Local Plan. This however does not exclude it from development entirely only as part of the Local Plan.

A resident thanked the Parish Council for the recent Drop-in sessions that were offered to residents in preparation for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Following on from the November 2017 meeting, a resident was pleased to confirm that The British legion has a National Licence and poppies are permitted to be sold door-to-door in a No Cold Calling Zone.

The new Data Protection requirements stipulate that each Council will be required to have a designated person to cover the new Data Protection laws. Cllr Booton questioned whether CBC will

be offering support in this being implemented, Cllr Brown agreed that there is limited support but would organise for an experienced Councillor to attend and talk the Council through the changes if required.

2/18 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2017 were signed as were those dated 11th December 2017 as a true record of the meeting.

3/18 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

None

4/18 REPORT BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR:

The Footpath on Gravenhurst Road running from Brookside is on the list of paths to be repaired by CBC this coming financial year.

A questionnaire regarding the budget has been released by CBC; they are requesting that all residents comment on it by 29/1/18.

CBC will be soon releasing a Consultation on waste management; they will be looking at a number of recycling options.

5/18 PARISH COUNCILLOR CONFERENCE UPDATE:

Already covered.

6/18 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

Following the two drop-in sessions the feedback provided by residents will be passed onto the steering groups. 47 people registered at the drop ins and some did attend without signing in. Over 100 people have viewed the video on-line. The Parish Council have been encouraging residents to take part in the survey either on-line or on paper, 37 have been completed on-line and 6 on paper. 7 people have expressed a willingness to become involved with the plan, 8 declined and the remainder have said they are unsure. The Parish Councillors will be contacting those residents interested and be forming the Steering group in the next few weeks.

7/18 INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLOR UPDATES:

Loop system:

To replace the system will cost approximately £2000, for an engineer to attend and assess the situation will cost approximately £300, Cllr Longson will get an exact quote for an engineer and Councillors will agree via email for the cost. All in agreement that an engineer should attend.

Equality and Diversity

Dr Willis has organised documents for Equality and Diversity, Equal Opportunities and a Complaints procedure. To be agreed at the next meeting.

Football Club:

Cllr Baker and Dr Willis will arrange a meeting with the football club to discuss maintenance and grass cutting for next year.

8/18 PLANNING:

PLANNING APPLICATION CB/17/05624 and CB/17/05623/LB No Objections.

9/18 FINANCE:

Outgoing for January:

Salary £465.34

Benefice £96.00

A Muskett £99.36

D Baker £254.32 (refund for Neighbourhood plan costs)

A Budget meeting took place on 2nd January 2018 to look at the costs for the following year and the Councillors all agreed the costs. The agreed budget is attached to the Minutes.

The total costs for the next financial year amount to £23,290.95. All Councillors agreed to an increase of 5% in the precept to cover the costs

Bank account balances:

Community account £51,944.00

Business Account £22,927.74

10/18 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Christmas card from Shefford Town Council.

Barclays Shefford closes on 23/2/18

Advice Central flyers to advertise services in Bedfordshire.

11/18 AOB:

- A residents meeting will take place in the Village Hall on 4th January 2018.
- The Parish Council will attend the Local Plan meeting at CBC on Tuesday, Cllr Booton will arrange a time to speak and will attend. All Councillors will agree in advance the content of his speech.
- A resident requested a financial reimbursement of money paid for a survey on the barn on the Glebeland. The Parish Council were reluctant to reimburse the monies unless the survey could be used for the Neighbourhood Plan.
- An email from Sam Franklin was received by the Clerk, she will redistribute to Councillors and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

- It was with sadness that the Parish Council heard of the recent passing of Mr Jeff Simmons who was a former Councillor. The Parish Councillor offers their sincere condolences to his family and friends at this sad time.

143/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 7th February 2018.

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