

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in

Campton Village Hall on Wednesday 7th February 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.

13/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.:

A resident reported that several residents are parking on the grass areas around the Village, this is causing the areas to become muddy and unsightly and upturned grass will cause issues for the grass contractors in the coming months. Cllr Brown advised the Parish Council to write to all residents in the affected areas requesting their help and support on this. An alternative will be to look at fencing in the future or no parking signs?

Smoke from The Manor is still an issue, evidence is being gathered as requested by CBC

14/18 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd January 2018 as a true record of the meeting.

15/18 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

None

16/18 REPORT BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR:

The results of the survey into the Budget proposals are as follows:

- 18,064 web page visitors viewed the Budget 2018 pages. 1,562 completed the survey, this was a 47% increase to 2017.
- 3% adult Social care increase was supported by 56% of people who responded.
- The 1.5% increase proposed to retain or improve services was supported by 49%.
- Proposal to raise the improvement of services by 3% was rejected by 58%
- 88% supported the efficiency measures to save money without affecting customer experience.
- 86% supported the proposal to save money by getting involved at an earlier time.

The outcome of the survey was presented and approved by the Executive on 6th February 2018 which has resulted in it being recommended to full Council on 22nd February. The recommendation will be for a 1.494% increase for services and a 3.00% increase for Adult Social care. The Budget also reflects that £90 million will be spent on Capital projects during 2018/19.

The Household waste contract was due to be renewed in 2018, this has now been extended to 2019 whilst CBC negotiate a new contract. The waste contract is out for public consultation at the moment, all residents are urged to go and view the proposals and to put forward their suggestions.

CBC customer services have been moved to Shefford Library, on-line services remain unchanged. Questions were asked with regards to the privacy of the new location?

The Government has announced funding for Local councils, it was not as good as was expected.

Cllr Liddiard thanked the Parish Council for showing its support with regards to the A507. All letters will be submitted, and we will be updated with the outcome.

17/18 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY, EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE.

The Councillors had previously viewed these documents and signed and agreed them to hold on record.

18/18 CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL:

This was discussed at an interim meeting and there were no suggestions for a format change of the Parish Council.

19/18 DATA PROTECTION:

A training course is being held on Monday 26th March in Old Warden. Cllr Martin will attend and be the Data Protection officer for the council.

20/18 VERGE:

Resident raised this issue under public participation.

21/18 LOOP HEARING SYSTEM IN THE VILLAGE HALL:

A quote has been received for £1,693.43 to repair the loop hearing system and install a new amplifier. The Clerk has submitted a funding application to the Strategic Commissioning group for full funding of the works. Should the grant not be given then the Parish Council agreed (5 in favour:1 against) to cover the full costs of the repairs.

22/18 INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLOR UPDATES:

Grant application:

Dr Willis and the Clerk are currently working on a formal application form for grants and an accompanying policy.

Football Club:

A mid-season meeting has taken place between the PC and the football club. Eight fixtures have been played this season so far. The mole activity is acceptable now but may need more attention over the summer months. A proposal has been put forward that the PC take responsibility for grass cutting May to July in 2018/2019 and share the additional costs, there would also be a fixed ground rent rather than charge per game. The football club will take the proposal to Committee. There have also been issues with vandalism.

Neighbourhood Plan: 27 residents have expressed an interest in becoming involved with the Plan. Two preliminary meeting dates have been suggested on 12th and 22nd February 2018 to meet with these residents. The current round of grants has finished, the application will re-open in March 2018 with grants being awarded in April 2018.

Financial records:

A new financial recoding sheet has been agreed by all Councillors, this sheet will be used for the next budget year and reviewed February 2019.

Pre-submission for the Local Plan:

A draft representation has been circulated to all Councillors along with a bulletin, which will be delivered to all homes urging them to go on the website to put forward their views. The representation shows the understanding of the PC and represents a balanced view, including potential issues. All Councillors agreed both documents.

Car Parking:

A quote has been obtained for the cost of creating parking next to the Village Hall, the approximate measurements are 5m x 20m and the costs £11,400, this cost includes dropping the curb. The PC will investigate grants, Rural Match Funding is also a possibility next year. Ownership of the land will also need to be established.

Recreation ground:

The latest inspection has taken place and the Clerk and Cllr Booton will contact Billy at CPM for a quote on repairs.

23/18 PLANNING:

PLANNING APPLICATION CB/18/00228/FULL, Hoover Place No Objections.

PLANNING APPLICATION CB/17/06037/FULL, Speedsdairy. The PC objected to this application on the grounds that:

- Specific planning conditions were applied at the initial application stage, stating that the stables should be only used for this purpose in order to safeguard the setting of the statutorily listed building.
- This could set a percent for further applications of converting barns into residential accommodation.
- The building is situated next to Sandy Smith Nature reserve, increased residential activity there would affect the adjacent wildlife.

24/18 FINANCE:

Outgoing for January:

Salary £465.34

Benefice £64

Eon £151.29

P.I.Company £60

Village Hall £195

T Medley £5

Bank account balances:

Community account £51,028.98

Business Account £22,927.74

25/18 GRANTS:

This year Magpas air ambulance and Autism Bedfordshire have requested grants, the clerk will refer them to the grant application form on the PC Website.

26/18 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Information and a request for help from Brain Tumour research, Clerk will request some flyers.

27/18 AOB:

None

28/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

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

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