

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in

Campton Village Hall on Wednesday 7th March 2018.

Present: Cllr Ash in the Chair, Cllr Baker, Dr Willis, Cllr Martin, Cllr Booton, Central Bedfordshire Cllr Tony Brown,

Apologies: Central Bedfordshire Councillor Mark Liddiard.

29/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.:

None

30/18 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2018 as a true record of the meeting.

31/18 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

None

32/18 REPORT BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR:

- Local Plan still on schedule for the end of the month, despite increasing Government demands for increased housing.
- The Consultation for the new waste contract is still ongoing. Questionnaires are available online or in libraries. The Pc also has several paper copies. All residents are urged to complete this.
- The Budget has been approved with an increase of 4.494% plus the Precepts for local Council, Police and fire service. Most residents in Bedfordshire were keen for an increase in Police precept to allow more Police on the streets.
- The Bollards which have been unlit for some time have been reported and should be repaired in the next 4-6 weeks.

33/18 DEFIBRILLATOR:

Cllr Brown will confirm whether there is a defibrillator at CBC offices.

The Defibrillator is due to be fitted on 19th March 2018 and the training will be held on 30th April at 1pm. Cllr Brown advised the Clerk to speak to Meppershall Pc if the Council are interested in sharing training as they have training arranged for March.

The details of the National Lottery donation is now available on their website and the PC now are required to advertise this donation to residents. The PC intend to:

- Display the logo on the defibrillator.
- Include the logo on a report in the newsletter.
- Advertise the donation on the webpage.
- Display bunting and take photographs on the training day which can then be displayed.

34/18 INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLOR UPDATES:

Grant application:

Dr Willis and the Clerk have completed a formal application form for grants and an accompanying policy, one amendment has been made and all Councillors are now in agreement. The documents will be agreed at the next meeting.

Document review:

Further documents are to be obtained from the previous Clerk and a date will be set for Councillors to meet and go through the documents.

Verge:

Cllr Ash is working on the letter to residents concerning parking on the verge.

School:

Councillor Ash will contact the school concerning the defibrillator training and if any staff would like to attend?

Neighbourhood Plan:

Dr Willis proposed that the Neighbourhood Plan Committee comprised of 3 Parish Councillors on the steering group and the remainder be made up of residents and local employers. This is inline with the format of other groups. All Councillors agreed. The members of the group can join or leave at any time.

So far, the Committee has a chair, Vice-Chair, secretary, project planner and finance officer. There will be six sub-groups for the six focus areas and each will have a group leader.

The aim is to outsource the Green Infrastructure report and Neighbourhood survey to BRCC and this will be funded via a grant. The next meeting of the group is due to take place at the end of March 2018 and funding will then be applied for.

The group is asking other interested parties to come forward with the skills or knowledge that they can provide to help including Social media.

Dr Willis proposed a change in the webpage layout. Rather than have a combined front page showing headlines and the history and background of Campton it may be appropriate to have two separate pages allowing more headline information to be displayed? All councillors agreed. There will be a section for Neighbourhood Plan on the webpage.

Recreation Ground:

A resident witnessed some young people climbing out of the Pavilion recently. The Police were called and attended, however it was too dark to see anything. The football club has reported that it has been wrecked inside.

A resident posted photographs on Facebook of tyre tracks in the snow on the recreation ground and a green patch where a car had been parked overnight. This could have caused potential damage to the pitch. The PC will consider a padlock on the gates between dusk and dawn or a moveable post to prevent vehicles gaining access.

It was suggested if the football club maintained it better then people would not be so encouraged to damage it? The football club will be discussing the Pavilion at their meeting, so the PC will await an outcome. They could possibly look to funding from the National Lottery, Sports Council, FA or Rural England to assist with the repairs of the Pavilion.

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. Cllr Baker requested that he attend a training course provided by BATPC on financial management at a cost of £30, all Councillors agreed.

Pre-submission for the Local Plan:

A representation has been submitted to Central Bedfordshire Council and a bulletin delivered to all homes urging them to go on the website to put forward their views.

35/18 PLANNING:

PLANNING APPLICATION CB/18/0059/FULL. Construction of a three-bedroom dwelling, as a change to that approved under CB/17/01119/FULL. The Councillors discussed this application and submitted the same comments they agreed upon for the original application. They have concerns for the change of use of the land and for development outside of the village envelope.

PLANNING APPLICATION CB/18/00370 My fresh fence application. No objections.

36/18 FINANCE:

Outgoing for January:

Salary £465.34

Data Protection course BATPC £10

A Muskett £99.36

Dr Willis £50 (refund for the leaving gift for Sue Hayhurst.

Bank account balances:

Community account £50,152.35

Business Account £22,927.74

Bedford Borough has written to the Council concerning payroll. The £150 charged for the year will now be charged monthly at a cost of £12.50.

37/18 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Hags flyer
- Glasdon flyer
- Eon changes in charges
- Girlguiding leaflet
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38/18 AOB:

Cllr Martin will be unable to attend the next meeting and Cllr Ash may be unavailable too.

39/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 4th April 2018.

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