

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in

Campton Village Hall on Wednesday 2nd May 2018.

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

Apologies: Cllr Baker and Cllr Booton.

55/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The public requested an update from the ward Councillors with regards to the Beadlow planning application and screening. Cllr brown was able to advise residents that the only application was concerning the hotel, the screening for the housing was not an application and was unlikely to result in an application due to lack of infrastructure, this area is also not part of the Local Plan.

A Governor from the primary school attended the meeting to request that the PC consider a 20mph zone outside the school. There is a high volume of through traffic and the safety of the children is paramount. Cllr Brown advised the Clerk to contact Paul Salmon at CBC to discuss this.

56/18 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th April 2018 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

57/18 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN/VICE-CHAIR:

Councillor Ash was happy to continue as Chairman and Cllr Baker as vice-chair, this was proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Dr Willis.

58/18 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

None

59/18/18 REPORT BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR:

Cllr Brown was able to update the Council on the following points:

- The Local Plan was approved at full Council last week and has been submitted to the secretary of State for inspection. (13 other Councils and 8 Statutory consultancies did sign) 6,275 comments were received from the consultation, these have been read and processed and will form part of the plan. The estimated time table for public enquiry is Sept/Oct/Nov 2018 with a decision early 2019.
- The Community Governance review went to the Purpose overview/Scrutiny committee on 29th March, the recommendation is that Campton and Chicksands PC remain as 7 Councillors, the Clerk will confirm this.
- There have been over 15,000 responses to the Waste Consultation and as anticipated most are not in favour of the 3 weekly collection or for changing green waste. The contract needs to be in place for spring, recommendations will be put to the Executive later this month.

- Charts showing outstanding S106 monies are available, only small amounts available, but the Council can indicate where they should be spent.
- Construction of the skateboard facility at Campton Rd has commenced but no completion date is available.

Cllr Liddiard was able to advise the PC that there will be an opportunity for the PC to make representation to the Inspectorate with regards to the Local Plan, once the information is released the PC will need to confirm its wishes and a time will be scheduled.

The A507 is being reviewed at the moment and a report will be produced at the end of the year. The A1 is being reviewed, it could be made into A1M or completely realigned.

60/18 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

Meetings have taken place with the steering group, Chicksands residents and Greensands Trust.

Dr Willis is applying for the grant for the plan and produced a budget sheet which all Councillors agreed (attached to minutes) and proposed the wording for the grant be as follows:

The Parish Council aims to:

- provide effective, efficient and accountable local government for the parish, enabling residents to be involved in the life of the community and its future development.
- represent the views and aspirations of residents and local businesses, working to improve the parish area both built and natural, whilst preserving local heritage and protecting green spaces.
- communicate with residents using a variety of media, keeping information accessible and up to date, via its parish newsletter, website and noticeboards.
- manage the council's assets and finances effectively to achieve best value.

All Councillors agreed to the statement and budget.

The Green Infrastructure Plan produced by the Greensands Trust will look at land structure, green spaces, identify areas for development into green spaces, appropriate landscaping on areas for potential landscaping and future projects which may run with other Councils.

A meeting was held with two residents from Chicksands. Some housing is private, some is rental and owned by Annington and some are private rental, there are communal green areas which are common land. Residents pay council tax and fees to Prime, who look after the area for Annington housing. The only benefits the residents receive from their Council tax is waste collection, all other areas are covered by Prime. The residents currently have an issue with the drainage system and are caught between Anglian water and the base in terms of who has responsibility. The area had Broadband but not fibre.

The residents do not relate to the newsletter as it doesn't involve them, it was suggested that they contribute a Chicksands news page, all Councillors agreed. It was also agreed that the format should perhaps change to make it clearer that it is a PC document. It was also suggested we trial using some colour, the increased cost was agreed. Cllr Ash will discuss this with Angela.

61/18 DEFIBRILLATOR AND TRAINING:

The defibrillator training took place on 30th April and was an enormous success. 10 people attended and received certificates, these included the Head Teacher and Teaching Assistant from the School, representative from the PC, and representatives from the Good Neighbour scheme. Other residents within the village have expressed an interest in attending a course, the Paramedic is happy to run an additional course for 20 people at a cost of £300, it was suggested people could pay a contribution and perhaps places could be shared with other villages? The PC will discuss this later. It was agreed that the code for the defibrillator be supplied to the school and the Good Neighbour scheme. Cllr Ash thanked Dr Willis for arranging this.

62/18 DATA PROTECTION:

The Clerk has appointed LCPAS as the DPO for the Council and has now received through information from them. Cllr Martin was able to give an update on the recent course that he attended. The Clerk will prepare some of the paperwork required and will attend an information day with LCPAS on 18th May 2018. Further discussions will be deferred till the next meeting. There will need to be some lockable storage for documents which we will agree at the next meeting.

63/18 SCHOOL LEAVERS EVENT, SPORTS DAY 5TH/12TH JULY 2018:

The Councillors all agreed to the school using the Recreation ground for the above events, they are covered by their own Insurance.

64/18 STREET LIGHTING:

The Clerk will resend the email from Andy Muskett and Street lighting will be discussed further at the next meeting when all Councillors are in attendance.

65/18 INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLOR UPDATES:

Dr Willis was able to update the residents requesting information on food bank collections. There is a food bank collection box in the church which is then delivered to Shefford Food bank, this information was also included in the newsletter.

The vandalism at the Pavilion continues, a meeting with the football club is to be brought forward to discuss this along with games next season and insurance. The Clerk did send through a link from the FA regarding funding for football buildings.

66/18 PLANNING:

Application CB/18/00862/FULL Beadlow Manor, no objections.

Application CB/19/01291/FULL 48 Priory Rd, this is a reapplication. The Councillors discussed this and requested a chance to review their original application as their points of objection remain the same. The Clerk will email the Councillors the original objection and after discussion will submit a new objection.

67/18 FINANCE:

Outgoing for April:

Salary £465.34

Benefice £64

Eon £148.01

Play Inspection £60

Village Hall fees £95

Grangers £839.16

LCPAS £125

SLCC £73.50

Insurance £833.43, it was agreed to enter into a 3year contract for a reduced rate.

Bank account balances:

Community account £67,100.23

Business Account £22,939.17

Credits:

VAT claim £840.55

Precept £20,525.00

The Clerk also had the completed Audit, bank reconciliation and variances explanation for all Councillors to view, this was agreed and signed by the Chairman. The Clerk will meet with the Internal Auditor on 14th May.

Cllr Longson requested a change in the financial reporting sheet and asked the Clerk to provide the Internal Auditor with a copy for her assessment. Cllr Longson will talk to Cllr Baker with regards to the reporting sheet.

68/18 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Wickstead flyer

Zurich Insurance details

Email from 'post offices near me' requesting they advertise post offices on the Council webpage, Campton already list the local post office.

Email regarding parking on grass verges. An article appeared in the last newsletter, so the Cllrs agreed to review this at the next meeting.

69/18 AOB:

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she will be going into hospital for hip surgery on 21st May. Her consultant will sign her off work initially for six weeks but has agreed that she can work from home after the initial 10-day check-up. Apologies were given for her attendance at the next meeting.

70/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 6th June 2018.

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