

CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of 4th July 2018

1. Apologies for absence
Tammy Medley
2. Public Participation.
None
3. Confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6th June 2018, matters arising. Agreed and signed.
4. Declaration of Interest/Request for dispensation.
None
5. Reports by Central Bedfordshire Councillors.
An inspector has been appointed and his first evaluation will be to determine if the 'Duty to co-operate' has been met? This is due to take place in October 2018 at Priory House. If it is satisfactory further evaluations are expected to continue through to the end of 2018, findings will be published in 2019.

CBC took control of a number of farm estates when Bedfordshire County Council was disbanded. Currently CBC has 4,700 acres at its disposal and has commenced consultation into how it can be best used. It is anticipated that upwards of 2000 acres will be kept for future generations Consultation ends 19th August.

A site has been identified and CBC will provide crematorium services within the area by the end of 2021.

Residents in Campton unhappy about development on Greenway. Did cllrs state that there were a significant number of objections from residents? How can residents/councillors object that the housing numbers proposed is too large. Advised to write to the planning project officer and ask her to work out the formula on PCs behalf. How was it decided that it was moved from 38 to 66? – Base objections on NPFF rather than local issues – representation to the inspector e.g. How sustainable in terms of sustainable education/health/transport. Also concerns expressed from Shefford as residents would be accessing Shefford facilities. Parish Council **must** make representation to object on the basis of the NPFF.

Comment – make representation by Parish Council

Mark Liddiard Places planning for schools – about £20m per annum to assure places. Heads and Chairs of Governors consulted about how places will be found – moving to 2 tier system – primary and option of primary/secondary school. Significant place deficit currently. Out of kilter nationally in not having a two tier system. Current system cannot take the pressure of finding additional places. Discussions with

bodies to ensure places available in catchment areas. Will eventually go to public consultation. Council have committed to not having a mixed economy of two tier/three tier systems. As new estates built such as Campton Fields, authority not meeting needs in supplying placements. Better facilities needed in schools – money allocation to improvements. Government will be changing funding formula for schools so need to ensure funding models meet needs. Quality of education statistically below neighbouring authorities. Two tier system causes less disruption for children when moving schools. Recruitment of teachers is difficult in a three tier system which may impact on performance of students.

Ringway-Jacobs have completed the gully cleaning exercise, mapping out locations. They expected outcome was 40,000 but is actually in excess of 50,000.

6. Neighbourhood Plan.

Consultation events will be taking place on Saturday 7th July and Wednesday 18th July. We will be consulting on our proposed Vision and Objectives for each of the six strands of the plan, asking residents to look at questions for the forthcoming survey to be delivered on 30th July.

We have launched our publicity campaign with leaflets being delivered to every household in Campton and Chicksands and leaflets have been given to the base to distribute. Leaflets have also been given to local employers to give to their staff. Banners have been erected at the Lower School, Church, Chicksands and we aim to have one on the base.

The results of the children's photo competition will be announced on Saturday 7th July at 2:00pm but the prizes will be given out at an assembly at 10:10am on Tuesday 17th July. The Head Teacher has asked that a member of the Parish Council awards the prizes to emphasise the importance of the competition as future engagement is anticipated in the autumn term. All children that entered will be given an aluminium bookmark with their photo entry printed on it. Every child in the school, plus the new starters for September 2018 will be given a laminated bookmark with the parish council website address on the back and our main composite image on the banner on the front.

On Thursday 12th July we will have a table at the Leaver's event from 3:30-5:30pm. Here we will talk to parents, engage in an interactive game with the children and parents about the neighbourhood and give out more leaflets.

The next consultation survey will be launched on 30th July and made available as a hard copy and via Survey Monkey. The data will be gathered over the summer and analysed in preparation for the writing of the draft plan from September onwards which will then go out for further consultation before submission to CBC.

The NP Group will need to have authority to pay its invoices before September. Is the PC in agreement that this can be done remotely via email during July and August.

7. Storage of documents.

Item for September when Clerk is present.

8. Individual Councillors updates.

DB Football Club signed agreement for 18/19 to include a contribution to grass cutting out of season. A very positive meeting with four members of the FC in attendance. Key to the pavilion given to the PC so that if the need arises it can be accessed quickly. Permission also granted for the key to be given to the school. Finance sent from Tammy with latest update for discussion later.

JW visited the Lower School to discuss aspects of the NP and to give the Head the key for the pavilion so the building can be used for the Sports Day.

The Head raised the issue of the school's intention to improve security at the school. A quote has been obtained but is costly and the school does not have sufficient funds to move forward, perhaps for another two years. Current arrangements permit free access to the premises and delivery drivers have been found walking around the school looking for the school office. The school are sensitive to the issue of introducing any arrangements that would affect the appearance of the school and will discuss any proposals with the PC when the time comes.

PB up to capacity with involvement in NP.

9. Planning applications.

None

The proposal from Clophill to make a boundary change was discussed. It was suggested that residents concerned should be consulted and also the Greensand Trust who own Sandy Smith Nature Reserve in case there should be any impact on planning in the area. Currently the designated area in the NP includes the land in question so CBC would need to be consulted about any suggestion to change the boundary.

10. Finance.

ICO – payment. Now costing £40, cheque for £35 returned.

Grangers invoice £881.16

Andy Muskett £99.36

Budget from Grangers based on cuttings last year – no quote for the year. Invoiced ongoing basis.

Ask for a breakdown of work done by Grangers.

Benefice Office £64 – invoice for June outstanding

CopyKatz £221.88

11. Consultations and Correspondence.

None

12. AOB.

A resident- North end of Priory Rd, patch of grass with trees. Now getting overgrown – why not cut by Grangers. Responsibility of Highways.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 5th September 2018