

## MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in

Campton Village Hall on Wednesday 5<sup>TH</sup> September 2018.

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

Councillor Baker welcomed everyone and introduced Claire Poulton, Programme Manager for Greensand Country Landscape Partnership to give a presentation on The Greensand Country Initiative.

Cllr Ash thanked Claire, gave all present the opportunity to ask questions before opening the meeting.

### 86/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Residents were concerned with planning application CB/18/02856/FULL, which will be discussed by Councillors later in the meeting. Concerns were raised by the appearance and siting of the pumping station as well as the underground impact on the local sewerage and water pressure.

PREIM, the management company for Chicksands are involved and a steering group are discussing this application.

Concerns were also raised for the close proximity to water at the end of the road and it was questioned whether it is actually a flood plain? This information has not been included in the application.

Clerk will submit a request for an extension to the application so that the Parish Council may investigate further.

### 87/18 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

### 88/18 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

None

### 89/18 REPORT BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR:

- Campton Road, Shefford will be closed for two days between 5<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018, this will potentially affect the underpass and children walking to school.
- Consultation on Local Governance, Campton and Chicksands Parish Council has retained its name, boundaries and number of Councillors.
- A letter has been sent out by CBC asking villages to register any requests for S106 money, should it be available. Any development over 10 houses generates S106 money.
- A consultation is currently taking place online for Children's services, looking at Children's centres and youth facilities. The aim is to make it a more integrated service.

- GCSE and A level results were very positive across the County and the Technical/Vocational results were very strong.

#### 90/18 CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE LOCAL PLAN:

Cllr Brown was able to confirm that the Local Plan is on target still and the anticipated date for validation is still on schedule for October 2018. The PC confirmed that they would like to book a time to present their case to the Inspector. A separate interim meeting will be arranged for the Councillors to discuss this further. It is expected that the inspector will give details of the times available at the beginning of October and will give three weeks' notice.

#### 91/18 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

In August the survey for the Plan was delivered to every household in Campton and Chicksands Private and 25 copies to the JFC base. The Survey was also launched on Survey Monkey. So far more than 210 responses have been received from households of which 46 responses were made online. Currently the responses from the paper-based survey are being entered manually into Survey Monkey to enable analysis.

Preliminary results show:

The majority of responses have been made by residents of Campton although there has been a satisfactory completion rate from Chicksands Private.

Residents are overwhelmingly against any new development, preferring infill of a few houses. If development were to take place then homes should be limited to two storeys or bungalows.

There is a strong desire for the Glebe land to remain as a local green space which the Greensand Trust will further evaluate in preparing for the Stage 2 report for the Green Infrastructure Plan. A significant number of respondents had never visited Sandy Smith Nature Reserve, mainly because they do not know its location. There is strong support for a picnic area by the river along the footpath from Mill Lane.

Local heritage is seen by many as being very important, some people feeling they know very little and would like to know more. Most people identified listed buildings as contributing to the character and heritage of the area but again the Glebe and other green spaces were identified. The majority of respondents would either like Campton to be a designated Conservation Area or would like to know more about what this involves and would mean for them.

There was overwhelming support for the development of a Forest School in Campton Plantation. There is mixed opinion so far regarding streetlighting with some people feeling the lamps should be changed to LED and lighting modernised whilst other would prefer a Victorian/Georgian style.

Allotments and an upgraded sports pavilion feature strongly as facilities residents would like to see in the neighbourhood, together with an additional play area in Chicksands.

Many people are aware of the community groups within the neighbourhood but very few participate in them. There has been considerable interest in a Monthly Breakfast Club and Cinema Club.

Almost all respondents read the Parish Council Newsletter but as yet no one has expressed an interest in contributing.

The majority of people use a car as their main transport but also walk and bike. There has been a mixed response for additional public transport to be made available, but many respondents would like to see new linkable cycleways to local schools and rail stations.

The majority of residents felt that reduced speed limits should be introduced and were in favour of electronic speed signs. Most people recognised car parking as an issue in Campton but only a few suggestions were received on how to deal with it.

Pedestrian safety was not overall an issue, but concerns were raised about crossing safely at the A600/A507 roundabout into Shefford, particularly for schoolchildren and some felt that a footpath should be provided from Priory Road to the Lower School on both sides of Rectory Road.

The majority of respondents were in employment outside of the parish or retired.

Some residents have volunteered to help with litter picking, gardening and footpath maintenance.

#### 92/18 TELEPHONE BOX IN GREENWAY:

The old telephone box in Greenway is being used by people/animals and is now smelling at times. All Councillors in agreement that it should be removed. Clerk will try to establish who owns it and is responsible for it.

#### 93/18 SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE:

A resident approached the PC to discuss the option of using the Recreation ground for a Sunday football league, Campton and Shefford FC currently run a Saturday league using the ground. Parking will remain an issue, although The White Hart has offered parking to players and the away team to avoid congestion in the Village. The Pc will consult with the residents of the Village via the newsletter and/or survey monkey. The information provided will be the anticipated 12-18 home games running September to April, kicking off at 10/10.30 am. The Pc will review the residents' responses at the next meeting.

#### 94/18 INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLOR UPDATES:

A new distributor of the newsletter is required, the area includes Campton Road, which falls outside the Village boundary. It was agreed that they should still be delivered to these homes. An advertisement for a distributor will be placed in the newsletter.

#### 95/18 PLANNING:

PLANNING APPLICATION CB/18/02856/FULL Eisenhower Place, JF Kennedy Drive, Truman Place, Chicksands. Construction of a foul pumping station, manholes, gravity sewers and rising main.

The Councillors reviewed the application and had the following concerns:

- Not enough information is provided for the impact underground.
- What the purpose of it is and is it a necessity?

- Concerned residents haven't seen any official notices.
- It could prove to be obtrusive to residents.
- No Consultation for residents prior to CBC making a decision.
- Prime should contact CBC to follow this up as well.
- The Clerk will approach CBC for an extension to the timescale on the application.

#### 96/18 FINANCE:

Outgoing for July/August 2018:

Salary £474.64

J Willis NP expenses £60

Playground Inspection £60

LCPAS £25

Grangers £156

Joint Burial Board £927

Eon £168.28

J Willis NP expenses £52.67

D Baker NP expenses £237.74

Village Hall (NP) £260

Outgoing September:

Village Hall £95

Benefice £128

Grangers £1426.74

J Willis NP expenses £431.12

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Bank account balances:

Community account £64,269.95

Business Account £22,950.61

The Clerk has been liaising with the External Auditors. They have queried the amount of reserves currently held in the accounts. The Clerk has confirmed that these reserves are earmarked for projects which will result from completion of the Neighbourhood Plan.

#### 97/18 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Air Ambulance donation appeal. The Pc feel that this request is too general and is not for the direct benefit of the residents.

Hags Catalogue

98/18 AOB:

A resident who has recently moved to the Village is keen to set up Street Watch within the Village. The PC agreed that an advertisement should be placed in the newsletter requesting volunteers to come forward, who would be willing to help. A meeting can then take place in the Village Hall (PC to cover hire costs) to discuss this further. Cllr Baker will speak to Pat Williams, the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

99/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018.

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