

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in

Campton Village Hall on Wednesday 7th November 2018.

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

Apologies: Cllr Booton

113/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A resident raised concerns over the parking on the grass verges, particularly the verge before Meppershall Rd. Complaints have previously been received from more than one resident.

CBC are to publish their parking strategy later this year/early next year. Each village will be able to adapt the policy for its own requirements.

It was suggested that a letter be written to the residents in the area concerned requesting that they refrain from parking on the verges, outlining that it is causing a problem with grass cutting and the PC could incur additional costs.

Cllr Brown suggested that the PC include their views on parking within the Neighbourhood Plan and consider a bylaw which can be enforced by Central Bedfordshire Council.

114/18 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October 2018 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

115/18 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

None

116/18 REPORT BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR:

- Green waste collections will cease on 10th December and resume on 1st March 2019. From October 2019 residents will be able to request a wheelie bin in place of bags for green waste.
- The Local Plan inspector has responded to CBC asking for more detailed information on 3 items. The lead officer is now expecting the examination hearing sessions to start early next year. To view the Inspectors letter, go to:

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/planning/policy/local-plan/examination.aspx> and view [exam]

- Central Bedfordshire school admissions has been rated the best in England for parents getting their preferred choice, applicants achieving 99.3% against a national figure 94.6%. (98.6% for primary school admissions against the national figure of 97.2%)
- CBC have been ranked 1 out of 141 local authorities with 100% of its school places being Good or Outstanding rated schools.

- New homes completions, annual target 1,600, 425 completed, 1314 under construction.
- Black bin waste target 130kg, latest figure indicates 135kg.
- Leisure Centre rates, target 474,266, achieved 505,056.
- Improving education, target 90%, so far 86%.
- Repairs required to the road in to Greenway have been reported and are on the Agenda.

117/18 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

The group met last week and Cllr Flack from Silsoe attended the meeting to offer valuable insight into their experience, she emphasised the importance of designated green space. She warned that when the first draft is sent out, detailed feedback will be received and the group will need to respond to them all individually. A meeting has been arranged with the Greensand Trust to discuss progressing with the Green Infrastructure Plan. The next meeting is planned for 26th November 2018.

118/18 GRASS CUTTING:

Unfortunately, Grangers have not sent through a copy of the contract, despite being chased several times. The Clerk will endeavour to get the contract for the next meeting, discussion deferred till then.

119/18 VOLUNTEER ROLES, INSURANCE COVER AND EQUIPMENT:

A number of residents have expressed an interest through the Neighbourhood Plan in volunteering within the village e.g. Footpath maintenance, gardening, litter picking etc. Clerk will check the third-party insurance for this and the equipment required. A P3 scheme used to be run by CBC, which trained volunteers and supplied equipment, the Clerk will look into this.

120/18 PARKING ON VERGES:

Discussed earlier under Public participation.

121/SUNDAY LEAGUE FOOTBALL:

The PC are still awaiting the views of Shefford Town FC with regards to sharing the facilities. The PC will try to bring forward their next arranged meeting to open a discussion with them regarding Sunday football. Adjourned for discussion at the next meeting.

122/18 PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS:

The Clerk will discuss the playground inspection with Cllr Booton and arrange to meet with CPM Playgrounds to cost up the repairs.

123/18 INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLOR UPDATES:

UNDERPASS:

David Granger has supplied two quotes for the work required to the trees on the underpass. Quote 1 for £290+vat for the right-hand side and £350+vat for the left. All Cllr agreed to the works. The clerk will notify Grangers. Clerk will also approach Shefford TC to discuss their side of the underpass.

ADDITIONAL COUNCILLOR:

A notice will be put in the newsletter requesting an additional Councillor.

ADDITIONAL HOURS FOR CLERK:

14 hours of additional hours were agreed for the Clerk, some of which will be recoverable from the Burial Board. The Clerk's appraisal date also needs to be set.

124/18 PLANNING:

PLANNING APPLICATION CB/18/03959/FULL Highlands Farm, Clerk will request an extension to this date to allow Cllrs to consider the application.

CB/18/02856/FULL, FOUL PUMPING STATION, a number of questions and concerns were submitted to CBC.

CB/18/03615/FULL

125/18 FINANCE:

Outgoing October:

Benefice £64 and £32 (NP)

Grangers £361.20 and £477.96

L Bains £150 (alternative name required to the cheque)

Good Neighbour Scheme £150

Eon £171.95

Play Inspection Company £78

P. Booton (NP) £55.81

Burial Board £927

Clerk Salary £474.64

All agreed as well as £392.73 Clerk expenses.

The Budget for the following year was discussed, comments are to be made to the Clerk via email, budget to be agreed next meeting.

Bank account balances:

Community account £58,708.71

Business Account £22,962.05

Clerk has submitted a vat return for £1393.56

126/18 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Polehanger farm, work is being carried out to the pathways and a sponsorship request has been submitted to the council for rubbing posts. The PC will email the request to the environment group of the Neighbourhood Plan to consider.

HAGS flyer

A resident submitted an email and update with regards to fires at Campton Manor, the PC will respond requesting the resident keeps in contact with CBC over this matter, the PC cannot be involved in neighbour disputes.

An email from Francesca Johnson regarding support for vulnerable people, the Clerk will request that she provides further information through an application.

127/18 AOB:

- Cllr Ash will arrange the wreath for Remembrance Sunday
- Burial Board meeting 8pm 12th November Shefford Town Council Chamber.

112/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 5th December 2018.

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