

CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the council held in

Campton Village Hall on Wednesday 4th April 2018.

Present: Cllr C. Ash- in the chair. Cllr D .Baker Cllr J. Longson, Dr Willis, Cllr Booton, Central Bedfordshire Councillor Tony Brown.

Apologies: Central Bedfordshire Councillor Mark Liddiard.

The Annual Parish Meeting was opened with a report from the Chairman, Councillor Charles Ash, who introduced everyone to the residents and reported on what the Parish Council had achieved over the year. He thanked John Westgarth for his continued inspections of the play area within the Village and thanked the Councillors and Clerk for all their work. He also discussed the vacancy we still have on the Parish Council for any interested party. The Chairman provided the following Village update:

- The Village Hall is leased from the Diocese and the Parish Council continue to support the Committee. They are covering the costs of the imminent repairs to the loop hearing system.
- The Parish Council fund the newsletter that is distributed to all households. Thankyou to Angela Baker and to the other residents who contribute and assists with the distribution.
- The Parish Council contributed twice to the Local Plan.
- Thankyou to the four Councillors who are committed to the Campton United Charities.
- The PC have recently initiated the Neighbourhood Plan, which will create a vision for the Parish, thank you to Dr Willis for her hard work. More meetings are imminent.
- We have updated a variety of documents and processes.
- A special thank you goes to Malcom and Jackie Willis for maintain the flowerbed, Sue Hayhurst for all her hard work, Trugs and Trowels, Speed watch team, those who are involved with the coffee mornings and anyone else who helps locally.
- The Parish Council are seeking to create a voice for the Village to define the Village for the future.

Central Bedfordshire Councillor Mark Liddiard, in his absence sent a report:

- **Waste Consultation:** Over 13,500 residents have responded to the consultation, more information available on the website.
- **£22.5M** contribution received from the Dept of transport for the duelling of the A421 junction 13 of the M1 to MK. Both MK and CBC are contributing £2.5M.
- Just ask will be taking to the road again offering information on social care, health, housing and additional services. They will visit local libraries and be at the Shefford Fete on 3rd June 2018 12-5pm.
- Community Led Housing workshop will take place at the Rufus Centre Flitwick on 14th May 2018 11am-2pm or 6pm-9pm. This is a collaborative approach to housing for older people. To book a place contact R Carr 0300 300 6609 or Rebecca.carr@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

- Cheering Volunteering 2018, annual awards to take place in Dunstable on 5th June 2018, nominations can be made by email to www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/council/stronger-communities/awards-event.aspx closing date 16/4/18
- A small grant scheme is available via the Football Foundation which may be appropriate for the Pavilion details can be found on <https://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/funding-schemes/premier-league-the-fa-facilities-fund-small-grants-scheme/>

Central Bedfordshire Councillor Tony Brown supported this by adding further statistics from the waste consultation. He also reported that the bollards which have needed maintenance are now repaired. He was also able to report that there has been a one-month delay with the Local Plan, but this will not affect the plan itself.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE:

The Village Hall committee were able to report that this year they have had a new kitchen floor, soffits and gutters have been repaired and the dance rails have been fixed. The sound system is now working, and the loop hearing system repairs are imminent. The committee have financially made a loss of £1858, this is set against the Capital expenditure for the year.

CAMPTON UNITED CHARITIES:

The process of registering as a new charity is now complete with the Charity Commission. Income this year was £85 with expenditure of £75, there will be an increase in rent for the following budget year. Trustees will be arranging a meeting to discuss registering the land.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE:

In June 2017 Campton and Chicksands Parish Council confirmed its intention to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and applied to CBC. On 19 September CBC issued its decision notice and confirmed the designated area as being Campton, Chicksands and the JFC Chicksands.

In November 2017 the Parish Council initiated a consultation with residents. This took the form of two drop in sessions and a questionnaire. A video presentation was also posted on YouTube for those residents who were unable to attend a consultation session. Volunteers were also sought to assist with setting up a Steering Group and working groups in order to develop and write the plan.

In February 2018 the results of the survey and drop in sessions were presented to the volunteers who expressed an interest in working on the Plan. In March the first meeting of the Steering Group was held to agree the Terms of Reference and appoint a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Project Manager, Financial Officer and the Chairs of each of the six working groups.

Currently the working groups are arranging to meet to discuss the research that needs to be undertaken to produce the evidence base required for the Plan and to analyse the results from the consultation relevant to each theme of the plan.

The Greensand Trust have been approached to ask for their support and to provide a quote to produce a Green Infrastructure Plan. An Expression of Interest is also being lodged with Neighbourhoodplanning.org to request that the Parish Council may apply for the £9000 funding for 18/19.

LOCAL ISSUES:

A resident expressed an interest in the development at Beadlow Manor. Cllr Brown was able to explain that the netting is being removed and it is hoped that the bank will prevent the netting being required. A wide entry has been made to enable access to the site.

Cllrs raised the screening currently taking place at Beadlow CB/18/01056/SCN for a sustainable community. Cllr Brown will investigate this further.

Concerns were raised over the developing of Greenway, Cllr Brown was able to confirm that it does form part of the Local Plan, but CBC will be required to take the Neighbourhood Plan into consideration.

The Meeting was closed to allow for the Monthly meeting to take place.