

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in

Campton Village Hall on Wednesday 6th February 2019.

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

Apologies: Central Bedfordshire Cllr Mark Liddiard.

24/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

25/19 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd January 2019 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

Matters arising: As per 6/19 the confirmed cost for the children's activity is £250 + vat, all Cllrs agreed.

26/19 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

None

27/19 REPORT BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR:

- The Central Bedfordshire Budget has been calculated as 1% and was confirmed by the Executive. 10 years ago, when the Unitary Council was formed the grant from the Government for services was 350 million, this coming year its zero. The forecast for 2019/20 is that £196 million will be required to provide public services across Central Bedfordshire. 70% will be required for covering the needs of children and vulnerable adults. The plan also includes a need to save a further 314.8 million in efficiencies.
- Central Bedfordshire Council is still offering the free driving sessions for 16-25-year olds www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/moredrive
- Results of the 2018 Residents survey show that residents feel less safe than two years ago. CBC have a legal obligation to address this. CBC are proposing to increase the number of Community safety officers by 12 and to add to the responsibilities of the existing officers. This was discussed at the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- Highways have a draft Plan. Campton Rd up to cemetery will have the pot holes filled and will be resurfaced (1/4/19-28/6/19) Gravenhurst Rd will have the surface dressed (1/4/19-28/6/19) Reserve item is to resurface the footpath in Brookside.

28/19 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

The Steering group have reviewed the policies. Dr Willis thanked all of the working group, the Councillors and Clerk for attending the recent event.

Consultation for the draft policies will take place on 9/2/19, the event has been advertised within the village, CBC and within the school. The Children's activity will be arranged by Greensand Trust. Once the feedback has been obtained the policies can be revised in accordance prior to the policies being submitted to CBC.

Dr Willis will be stepping down from her position as Councillor on the Parish Council and will also be stepping down as Chairman from the Steering group due to leaving the Village. Cllr Baker is currently the Vice-Chair and will be acting Chair for the time being.

The Parish Council thanked Dr Willis for all of her hard work and dedication to both the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan, she will be missed.

29/19 LIGHTING:

Andy Muskett has sent through the invoice for the following years maintenance at a cost of £336. There is an opportunity to agree to a three-year contract and have the price fixed for that amount of time. All Cllrs agreed to the three-year contract, however the Clerk will check for a caveat to release us from the agreement should the lighting be replaced with LED lights within this period.

The Clerk confirmed that the cost of upgrading the existing lights to decorative columns would be a minimum of £1500 + vat and installation. The PC currently owns 24 lights, 23 of which are the old 35 SOX lamps. The last date to order bulbs for these lights will be July 2019, Andy will keep a stock to keep us going for the next year or two, but they will need to be replaced.

30/19 CAMPTON UNITED CHARITIES:

The accounts have been agreed, annual report completed, and the annual return will be agreed shortly. The rent charged last year was £100 for Poor's field and a donation of £100 was made to the food bank in Shefford.

A grant application has been presented to the PC for funding of £1000, the land is currently unregistered, and the charity seek funding to have it registered. The donation will allow the charity to maximise its assets.

Cllrs Baker, Ash and Dr Willis as trustees declare an interest as they are trustees to the charity.

The Cllrs discussed the donation and the three remaining Cllrs enabled the PC as quorate to agree to the grant. Cllr Booton proposed the donation which was seconded by Cllr Martin and Cllr Fradd gave her full agreement. The Clerk will discuss the payment transfer with the trustees.

31/19 GRASS CUTTING:

It was agreed that the Clerk will prepare a grass cutting itinerary to be agreed by Cllrs prior to her obtaining alternative quotes for the grass cutting within the village.

32/19 INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLOR UPDATES:

REASSIGNING TASKS:

Due to Dr Willis resigning the positions of website administrator, arrangements for tending the Village garden by the Campton sign, a speed watch volunteer and a representative to share communication with the football club.

Cllr Fradd agreed to take on the role of administrator for the website.

Due to Malcolm leaving the Village his position on the Village Hall committee will also become vacant, Clerk will mention this in the newsletter.

SUNDAY FOOTBALL:

The PC have been approached by a prospective Sunday league football team to use the Recreation ground for matches. The PC have discussed this with the organiser and the team that play Saturday matches on the ground and are now going to put it out for consultation amongst the residents within the village. Cllr Ash will prepare an item for the newsletter and all views will be submitted to the Clerk either post or via email.

Prior to the decision being made the Clerk will look at the covenant and the legalities in reference to village greens and granting/refusing permission to use it. The Clerk will also contact the organiser to update them with regards to the consultation.

TRUCKS THROUGH THE VILLAGE:

A Cllr commented on how the Hanlon drivers adhere to the suggested 20 mph through the village and the suggested route. It was proposed that a letter be written to Hanlon, acknowledging this and thanking them for the consideration they give.

33/19 CPRE:

CPRE have approached the Clerk re membership, the Cllrs decided against this at this moment in time.

34/19 JOINT BURIAL BOARD:

A meeting of the Joint Burial Board has been arranged for 12/2/19. The Rialtos computer system is now working and both the Clerk and the Clerk to Shefford Town Council have attended the training days, a considerable amount of time will now be required to upload the data. The Clerks are currently looking at quotes for maintenance and a Statutory Declaration which will be required in the absence of a transfer of legal rights of burial.

35/19 PLANNING:

CB/18/04621/FULL- The Manor. Change of use of Agricultural land to residential garden.

The views of the PC were submitted prior to the meeting due to the deadline on the application.

36/19 FINANCE:

Outgoing February:

Kopy Katz £65.69 (NP)

Village Hall £365 (NP £240)

Play Inspection £60

Eon £171.95

Greensand Trust £1992.00 (NP)

D Baker £259.97 (NP expenses)

Clerk Salary £488.63

Community account £53,481.56

Business Account £22,973.50

37/19 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

None

38/19 AOB:

- The Clerk will obtain quotes for jet washing the playground surfaces, benches and graffiti.
- A donation has been requested from Pole hanger farm, the Clerk will request more detail.
- The Village hall is used for dance classes prior to the PC meetings and the instructor has asked to extend the time. The Cllrs agreed to meetings starting at the slightly later time of 7.45pm to accommodate this.
- The Clerk has been approached for information and old photographs of the Campton sign, it was agreed that the Clerk will request information from residents in the newsletter.
- The Clerk has emailed out the BATPC training programme, if anyone would like to attend the course contact the clerk.

39/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 6th March 2019.

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