

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in

Campton Village Hall on Wednesday 6th March 2019.

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

40/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Several anxious residents attended seeking further information on the possible development in Greenway. They expressed concerns over the increased traffic, parking on the verges and pathways. Cllr Brown and Liddiard will update residents.

41/19 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2019 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

42/19 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

None

43/19 REPORT BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR:

- The Local Plan is with the Inspectors, the Inspectors have been changed due to personal reasons and two new Inspectors are now in place. The Inspectors have requested further information with regards to housing.
- Agents or developers are entitled to mark out plots and take soil samples from a plot prior to submitting a planning application.
- On 1/3/19 a Pre-application request was submitted to CBC, CBC now have 42 days to respond. The Local Authority is required to have authority to object to an application or the decision will be taken to appeal. The developer has a duty to adhere by the National Planning Policy framework. Developers are encouraged to work alongside Planning officers and Parish Councils.
- The PC were advised to outline the distinct 3 areas when addressing the Inspectors, making it clear that Campton is a small village.
- Cllr Brown and Cllr Liddiard will address the Planners on behalf of the PC putting forward the request for a linear development rather than backyard development. The Legal framework is different to the planning framework.
- CBC are restricting builders in terms of timings, they are given a timescale to develop a site and failure to do so could result in a penalty.
- CBC are looking at empty housing within the county, additional Council tax can be applied to empty properties, this additional amount rises as the length of time empty increases.
- A litter pick is taking place between 22/3 and 23/4 CBC will provide equipment and bags.
- 626 new homes were recorded in the 3rd quarter, which exceeds annual target of 1600. With a further 1359 currently under construction.
- 96.5% of CBC residents now have access to superfast broadband.

- The Budget has been approved as a 1% increase.
- Additional Neighbourhood Officers will be employed to improve community safety.
- Better footpaths and cycle routes are to be introduced to reduce car journeys.
- Town Rangers are to be enlisted to take on additional cleaning and minor repair works. The Pc will be able to reach an agreement for work if required.
- An additional Countryside officer is to be employed to encourage better access to the countryside.
- Funding will be made available to Local Community groups to provide information boards and displays to promote history and culture of Central Bedfordshire.
- CBC intend to set up an inhouse 'Housing Development Company' with the intention of speeding up the affordable section of housing.
- Highways England have released the proposed route of the Expressway between Cambridge and Oxford. This will require major changes to the A1 Black Cat roundabout. The proposal is for the A1 to have constant flow lanes in both directions and the expressway to fly over the top with a roundabout to cater for the other roads. Estimated costs will be £850 million-£1.4 billion.
- CBC have submitted a planning application for the Crematorium at Steppingly.
- Town and Parish Conference dates 21st May and 14th November.

44/19 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

The Steering group are reviewing the policies following the recent consultation. Similar numbers of residents attended, and the feedback was positive, and recognition was given for the amount of work being carried out.

The Green Infrastructure report is expected by the end of March and the writing of the Plan will begin. John Balaam will be looking at the green spaces in Chicksands this month.

A Cllr questioned whether the plan was what the residents wanted? Requested evidence to such effect. Members of the Steering group were able to provide details of where the evidence could be found.

45/19 INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLOR UPDATES:

PLAYGROUNDS:

It was agreed that the PC would instruct David Granger to clean the playground equipment at a cost of £450 + vat.

PAYROLL:

Some documents need completing for payroll, Clerk will complete.

46/19 CHICKSANDS RESIDENTS MEETING:

- A mature tree has been vandalised by children, it has been reviewed by a tree surgeon and it cannot be saved. It will be monitored to ensure it is kept safe until it dies.

- Annington are conducting work to remove properties from the base dependant water supply. The supply of water will be taken over by Anglian water. Sewerage is not part of the project. A background noise survey will be conducted before work to the pumping station begins
- Preim do not have an issue with dog bins being installed, they should be located in public areas away from housing. Clerk will look into this.
- Preim do not object to a children's play area on Chicksands, however some residents did strongly object on the grounds of noise, public liability, unsightliness, noise and nuisance. It was suggested that residents should be surveyed.

47/19 JOINT BURIAL BOARD:

A meeting of the Joint Burial Board took place on 12th February, the following recommendations were made:

Recommendation to be made to Full Council for the approved payments be made to the Clerks. The cost to be met by the Joint Burial Board.

Recommendation to be made to Full Council for Geoff Crowe to carry out groundsman duties, as instructed by the Clerks, for three hours per week at the agreed rate.

Recommendation to be made to Full Council for the Clerks to carry out joint working for two days per month to upload the required data onto the new computer system. This will be reviewed at the next meeting in June. The cost to be met by the Joint Burial Board.

Recommendation to be made to Full Council for 2Elms to be contracted to carry out the grass cutting in the cemetery for a twelve-month period commencing 1 March 2019.

Recommendation to be made to Full Council for the Band D (published by Central Bedfordshire Council for calculating the 2019/2020 precept) allocation to be used to calculate the percentage apportioned for the current assets and liabilities of the cemetery for the purposes of the Councils' Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2019.

Recommendation to be made to Full Council to process the deeds at Land Registry for the section of Campton Churchyard owned by the Joint Burial Board.

All Councillors agreed to the recommendations.

48/19 PLANNING:

CB/19/00472/REG3 Priory House, additional parking for 22 cars. No objections.

49/19 FINANCE:

Outgoing March

Copy Katz £60 (NP)

D Baker £7 (Copykatz invoice)

Benefice £64

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BATPC (course) £30

Clerk Salary £488.63

Community account £49,999.37

Business Account £22,973.50

A grant application was submitted on behalf of Pole hanger farm, Cllrs decided against providing a grant on the basis it would not be beneficial to the residents.

50/19 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Advertisement for charity fundraising run for Motor Neurone Disease.
- Letter from resident concerning a charity coffee morning, Clerk will follow this up.
- Election forms have been received and need completion.
- Football comments are being received by the Clerk, listed on the Agenda for next month.

51/19 AOB:

- 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.
- There have been a number of resignations on the Village Hall Committee and no new volunteers, remaining members are meeting tonight to discuss a long-term plan. It was suggested to advertise on the hall and on Facebook. Resolved: Cllr Fradd and Longson will coordinate this.
- The Clerk will be going into hospital on 30th April for further hip surgery and will be unable to drive for several weeks, she will continue to work from home once able to.

52/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 3rd April 2019.

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