

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in

Campton Village Hall on Wednesday 3rd April 2019.

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

Apologies: Central Bedfordshire Cllr Mark Liddiard.

53/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A resident raised concerns over the parking by the telephone box, it is causing a potential hazard to other drivers.

54/19 MINUTES:

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

55/19 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

None

56/19 ELECTIONS:

The six current Councillors have submitted their election forms, the Clerk should be notified on 4/4/19 of how many people have submitted applications and as to whether an election will be required.

57/19 FOOTBALL:

The Chairman gave a brief description of the history of football being played on the recreation ground. There was a discussion a few years ago as to whether football should continue to be played and there was a strong sentiment that it should. The chairman pointed out the significant benefits of a tradition giving an emotional connection to the past, which longstanding residents were eager to see upheld, as well as the continued use of the pitch for sport, despite the negative aspects associated with parking, offensive language, aggressive behaviour.'

The White Hart has put a request forward to the PC for Sunday league football to be played, the PC have discussed this and consulted last month with residents the findings were as follows:

Total residents responding: 23

In favour of football : 5

Against football : 18

IN FAVOUR:

The residents in favour responded very positively and felt it would be beneficial to the village.

AGAINST:

There seemed to be a theme running through all of the responses and these were the main issues raised:

Parking: 18

Shouting: 5

Swearing: 8

Disturbance of peace: 4

Noise: 7

Damage to pitch and rubbish: 3

Drinking alcohol on the Recreation ground: 2

Depriving residents of the use of the Recreation ground: 9

Residents also raised concerns over whether this was a commercial enterprise on behalf of The White Hart? Where and when training would take place? And possible damage to fences and hedges?

The Covenant for the recreation ground was discussed alongside allowing the residents to have use of the ground, the issues raised by the residents was also covered. The Councillors discussed whether any sporting activity would be permitted? One Councillor has monitored the use of the ground on Sunday mornings and it does not appear to be used by residents.

The Councillors voted on whether Sunday football should be permitted?

3 voted in favour

3 voted against

The Clerk advised the Council that in this position the Chairman has the casting vote meaning that the outcome would be against football being played. The Chairman has requested that the Clerk look at the legalities of this to confirm whether it is at all possible not to have the casting vote? The Clerk confirmed the position but will ask BATPC.

58/19 DEFIBRILLATOR:

The Clerk requested that someone takes on the task of checking the defibrillator on a weekly basis. Cllr Ash will approach the acting Chairman of the Village Hall

59/19 PLAY INSPECTIONS:

John Westgarth currently inspects the play areas and keeps a record of the inspections, his qualification is due to expire in the coming few months, so the PC will need to ensure that someone is qualified. The Cllrs requested that the Clerk approach John to ask if he would like to continue, if not Cllr Booton will attend.

Cllr Booton offered to paint the play equipment, Clerk will obtain a quote for the paint.

60/19 CHURCHYARD WALL AND GRASS CUTTING:

The Clerk has received a quote for the additional grass cutting in the churchyard. She has also been approached concerning the wall in the churchyard which requires repairing. The Cllr requested that both are discussed at the JBB meeting.

61/19 INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLOR UPDATES:

- A letter to Hanlon has been drafted, the Cllr will distribute it for agreement amongst the Cllrs.
- Clerk will confirm grass cutting of the Recreation ground for summer, cuts to take place between May and end of August.
- There is a lack of volunteers for the running of the Village Hall, Clerk will include this in the newsletter.
- Clerk is investigating dog bins for Chicksands. CBC asked if any were required in Campton? For the moment Cllrs have said no.

62/19 PLANNING:

CB/19/00738/FULL 31 Gravenhurst Rd, 2 storey rear and side extension.

The Cllrs decided to submit an objection on the basis that it would not be in keeping with size and style of surrounding properties, of particular concern is the 'fit' with similar bungalows adjacent to the property.

63/19 FINANCE:

Outgoing April

Benefice £64

BATPC fees £285

Clerk Salary £488.63 expenses £327.81

Grangers £961.32

Community account £49,280.43

Business Account £22,984.96

SLCC membership was also agreed for the next year at a cost of £78 for the year.

64/19 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

None

65/19 AOB:

- The Councillors discussed the representation for the Local Plan Inspectors, Cllr Ash will contact CBC to make the arrangements.
- Clerk has completed the CILCA qualification, so is now qualified.
- Clerk is due to go into hospital tomorrow, so will be unavailable for a few days.

66/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 15th May 2019.

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