

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in

Campton Village Hall on Wednesday 5th June 2019.

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

Apologies: Central Bedfordshire Cllr Mark Liddiard, Cllr Booton.

83/19 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15TH May 2019 were signed as a true record of the meeting. A clerical error was pointed out the payment to Came and Co should have been £864.77

84/19 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

None

85/19 CLAIRE POULTON FROM THE GREENSAND TRUST:

Unfortunately, Claire sent her apologies due to illness, she hopes to attend the next meeting.

86/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

87/19 UPDATE BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS:

- The Local Plan got through its initial meeting in May and further meetings are planned for June and July.
- Town and Parish Conference has been re-scheduled for Tuesday 16th July at Beadlow Manor Golf club. The November meeting will be 13th November at Priory Chamber.
- You can find out what is happening in your area via MY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE and entering your postcode.
- The Executive are proposing to introduce a new scheme for each Councillor. It will enhance the role as a Community Cllr and will carry a £2000 a year budget which can be used for local small events on a matched funding basis.
- Greenway has been registered as the worst road in the Shefford Ward.

Cllr baker requested an update on the Villager ranger scheme, the programme is set to be started this year, Cllr Brown will obtain more information. Providing permission has been sought the ranger should be able to work in Chicksands as they will be under the jurisdiction of the PC.

88/19 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN:

The six working groups have been finalising their information for the plan and work on the writing of the draft plan has begun, Jackie Willis is assisting with the coordination of this.. The steering group meet again on 10th July and it is hoped that the draft plan will be completed prior to this.

The Greensand Trust have developed an updated plan considering the comments and issues raised with the original plan, there needs to be some further clarification in parts. It is hoped that the Plan will be available to Cllrs prior to the next meeting, where it is hoped that Jon Balaam will attend to discuss the finished document. All Cllrs were happy for this to be on the next Agenda.

Cllr | Booton thanked Cllr Baker and Jackie for their hard work in coordinating the plan and the huge task to ensure its consistent.

89/19 LOCAL PLAN:

A representation has been submitted to the Inspector and this will form the focus of discussion at the meeting with the Inspector. Cllr Baker will represent and speak on behalf of the PC at the meeting, all Cllrs in agreement.

90/19 CAMPTON LOWER SCHOOL SPEED CONCERNS:

A Governor from the school attended the meeting to discuss the issue of vehicles speeding in the vicinity of the school and whether the PC would consider introducing a 20mph zone? The Clerk has discussed this with CBC on previous occasions and Highways felt that due to the number of parked cars in Rectory Rd there wasn't a great deal to be achieved by reducing the speed limit. The PC had also considered this as a possible project for Rural Match funding on previous occasions. The PC advised that the Chair of Governors and the Headteacher write to CBC Highways putting forward their concerns. The school will also need to demonstrate that they are playing a part in influencing parents as the problem is likely to be local.

91/19 INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLOR UPDATES:

- Clerk has received a cost of living pay increase.
- A Cllr has investigated whether there are any restrictions on the timings for movements of Hanlon vehicles.
- At the previous meeting Cllr Longson expressed concerns over whether the PC have addressed any of the projects highlighted by the Local plan. Cllr Martin had consulted the plan and the PC have addressed the identified actions.
- Cllr Booton will look into the current number of Speed watch volunteers and whether the PC need to advertise for more?
- Cllr Booton has identified that grants are available for Village halls, he will forward the information to Cllr Longson to look into. Cllr Booton will also speak to some potential volunteers for the village hall committee.

92/19 PLANNING:

None

93/19 FINANCE:

Outgoing May

Benefice £64

Clerk Salary £505.90

Grangers £223.32 £313.20 £163.20

ICO £40

Credit £1182.35 HMRC

Community account £66,135.97

Business Account £22,984.96

94/19 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Update from Pole hanger farm, the bench which was precariously close to the river edge has been removed and will be re-sited.
- Crime statistics for May 2019
- Link a ride information and donation request, The Clerk will investigate number of local users via the newsletter.
- The school have requested use of the Recreation ground for sports day on either 11th June or 18th June? All agreed.
- At the corner of Rectory Rd and Priory Rd there is a Chestnut tree and Grangers used to cut around the tree but at the moment they just seem to go up to it, Clerk will follow this up.
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95/19 AOB:

- A resident suggested that the PC should provide an update on issues identified by the local plan, Clerk will include this in the PC report for the newsletter.

96/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

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

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