

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in

Campton Village Hall on Wednesday 3rd July 2019.

Present: Cllr Ash in the Chair, Cllr Baker, Cllr Martin, Cllr Longson, Cllr Fradd.

Apologies: Central Bedfordshire Cllr Mark Liddiard and Cllr Brown and Cllr Booton.

97/19 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 2019 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

98/19 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

None

DUE TO JON BALAAM'S DELAYED ARRIVAL THE MEETING CONTINUED TO THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA.

99/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A resident asked if the PC still plan to run the p3 scheme, the clerk will look into this.

100/19 UPDATE BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS:

Apologies sent.

101/19 JOINT BURIAL BOARD:

The last meeting of the Joint Burial board took place on 10th June 2019. A number of recommendations were put forward by the board for the Parish | Council to approve:

- There has been no request for pre-purchasing of plots since 2018 and the Clerk for both Shefford and Campton suggested that perhaps there should be no further pre-purchasing of plots? The rationale behind this being difficulty that the grave digger has in accessing plots purchased several years previously, additional paperwork and the legalities with passing on the plot, some residents purchase a plot and then leave the area meaning that the plot cannot be used for 75 years. All Councillors agreed there would be no more pre-purchasing.
- A new bank account will be set up, a sub-account of Shefford Town Council that the Campton Clerk will have access to. All Councillors agreed.
- All finances for the Burial board have now been divided between the two Councils for the purposes of the Audit.
- The Insurance for the cemetery is to be renewed under the Shefford Town Council policy, saving over £600. All Councillors agreed.
- Both Clerks would like to agree internment fees for under 18's. Fortunately we have not needed to decide this up until now but feel a decision needs to be made so as to avoid any additional distress should the need arise. The Joint Burial Board were in favour of no or minimal fees. All Councillors agreed that there should be no charges.

- The Clerk are going to try and set up a 'friends of the Cemetery' group whereby volunteers can come together and assist with the planting, maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery. All Cllrs agreed.
- There have been a number of complaints regarding the grass cutting, at the moment the contractor has been instructed to carry out two cuts a month, the Clerks will request an additional cut.

102/99 JON BALAAM TO DISCUSS THE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN AND FLIT VALLEY WALK:

Jon Balaam gave an outline to how the Green Infrastructure plan forms part of the Neighbourhood plan and it considers the environment and area as a whole and links to policies and designated green spaces. It can include both public and private land. The Plan provides an overview of what the Parish has and its aspirations.

The Parish will have a Parish Green Infrastructure plan which will include:

- General plan
- Theme information
- Policy guidance
- Rationale for local green spaces
- Project proposals
- Extended action plan
- Appendix and consultation evidence.

The Greensand trust will now happily facilitate any changes required as a result of subsequent health checks, consultations and scrutiny from external inspectors. The Trust is also happy to work alongside other Parishes to follow actions that potentially overlap areas.

FLIT VALLEY WALK

This walk is a new recreational route celebrating wildlife and heritage of the River Flit and its valley. It uses existing public Rights of way and its aim is to create a walk between Westoning and Shefford. The first phase is completed and runs from Westoning to Clophill and the signage has been installed. The Trust are now looking to liaise with Parish Councils for the proposed final stage of the route from Clophill to Shefford. The Parish Council agreed in principle to support the walk, although they expressed a desire for an alternative route to it running alongside the A507, perhaps through Sandy Smith or Campton Plantation. The Parish Council will include some information in the newsletter.

Once the draft is completed and agreed by the PC then the group will be moving towards Regulation 14 and the required Consultation.

103/19 LOCAL PLAN:

A representative for the Parish Council addressed the Inspector on 19th June. Campaign to Protect Rural England also made a representation, no developers attended. Questions were put to the inspectors and the inspectors sought information from CBC. The Chairman thanked Cllr Baker for his hard work and for representing the Council.

104/19 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

Work continues on preparing the Neighbourhood Plan in first draft format. The next Steering group meeting is planned for 10th July 2019, the draft may be completed for discussion at this stage. Cllr

Baker requested that the Chairman prepare the foreword which will be required to complete the plan.

105/19 STREET PARKING IN CAMPTON:

A Councillor raised concerns over issues with parking in Greenway and Gravenhurst Rd, at points it is dangerous to passing traffic. He proposed yellow lines to restrict parking. Other Cllrs agreed that there was a problem, but it is one associated generally within villages. It was suggested that yellow lines would contribute to urbanisation and people would be more inclined to drive faster and less aware of their surroundings. Cllr Baker will invite the Chair of the Transport and movement group from the neighbourhood Plan steering group to attend the next meeting and discuss this further.

106/19 INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLOR UPDATES:

Cllr Martin and Cllr Baker will meet with the football club on 8/7/19 to agree the contract for the next season.

107/19 PLANNING:

CB/19/01391/FULL BLACK BARN RECTORY RD. Erection of a single storey detached dwelling.

The Cllrs would like clarification on the piece of land to the side of number 67. Clerk will follow this up.

CB/19/01515/FULL 27 MILL LANE. Proposed replacement detached dwelling.

The Councillors queried the plans that had been submitted, the proposed site plan and layout do not seem to support one another. Clerk will follow this up along with any comments that were made on the previous application in 2015.

108/19 FINANCE:

The Council agreed to continue with DPO services for the next year.

Outgoing July

Benefice £64

Clerk Salary £505.90

Grangers £1305.84, £216.12

Potton TC £300 (playground training)

DPO £125

A Muskett £100.80

Community account £64,852.35

Business Account £22,996.42

Clerk will update the Bank signatories, removing Jackie Willis and adding on Cllr Martin, all Cllrs agreed.

109/19 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Notification from CBC of a review of the licensing policy, comments to be submitted by 01/09/19
- Information on pressure washing play equipment.
- Information on S106 money.

110/19 AOB:

- Apologies on behalf of the Chairman for the next meeting.
- Should the PC switch bank accounts to Unity? Agreed that they would continue to bank with Barclays.
- Cllr Longson discussed a recent article on BBC news concerning grass being allowed to grow within villages to encourage wildflowers and habitats for wildlife. Cllr will look at the areas within the village that could be left to grow.
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111/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 4th September 2019.

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