

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in

Campton Village Hall on Wednesday 4th September 2019.

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

Apologies: Cllr Ash.

112/19 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July 2019 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

A member of the Neighbourhood Plan team will attend the next meeting to discuss street parking.

A resident has provided information on the Greensand Country Community transport, Dial a ride donation will be discussed at the next meeting.

113/19 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

Cllr Baker declared an interest with regards to planning in Rectory Rd.

114/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

115/19 UPDATE BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS:

- The Community Policing team is monitoring the CBC car park in the evenings following complaints of people driving around the car parks and causing a nuisance. CCTV is available and tracks all number plates in the car park. Residents should be urged to keep on reporting incidents. Cllr Liddiard will speak to the Assets team regarding a solution and possible barrier.
- Ward Cllrs are pushing for more engagement with the scrutiny Committees, having more influence over the decisions made.
- Ward Cllrs have £2000 to spend locally on groups or projects within the ward. Ideally the Cllrs would like the donations to be match funded. The scheme will be running until 31/3/20, applications open from October 2019.
- There are to be some community grants introduced to empower local people to improve the area they live in. Grants of up to £25,000 will be available across Central Bedfordshire and will come from a total amount of £170,000.
- Town and Parish Conference is 13th November 2019.
- GCSE and A level results in the area are above the national average.
- Parking strategy has now been agreed by the Executive.
- BRCC are consulting over Village halls in the area. TM will check that the VHC have provided the information.
- Local Plan is still with the inspectors, likely to hear back Dec 2019/Jan 2020.
- Highways are in the process of completing a study of the A507 corridor.
- Highways have been through the village marking out repairs for Greenway, Ward Cllrs are pushing for the whole area to be resurfaced rather than repaired due to the number of repairs.
- Schools for the future programme will be discussed at the next scrutiny committee.

116/19 GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN:

The update GI plan was circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting, a number of modifications have been made:

- Key views have been strengthened.
- The table of Green spaces has been amended.
- Part of the policy has been removed, as not required.
- The text around the green spaces has been strengthened.

The Plan provides an Independent breakdown of greenspaces in the Parish and provides recommendations of potential green spaces.

Cllr Baker proposed that the PC adopts the plan, this was seconded by Cllr Booton, all Cllrs agreed. The Plan will be uploaded to the website.

117/19 CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE CAR PARK:

Dealt with earlier.

118/19 INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLOR UPDATES:

Cllr Booton attended a Play Inspectors course recently; TM will chase up the certificate. Cllr Booton will keep a record of the weekly play inspections and will identify repairs required. The equipment has now been painted.

Cllr Booton spoke to some residents on greenway regarding parking, a number of homes have more vehicles than parking spaces. There are also concerns over speeding vehicles in Greenway, TM will obtain recent data from the Speed watch team. A representative from the Neighbourhood Plan team will attend the next meeting to discuss this further.

Cllr Longson will continue to look into the possibility of wildflowers within the village.

A meeting has taken place with the football club, a new agreement has been signed under the same terms, they also have responsibility for grass cutting as of 1/9/19. They are considering outsourcing the grass cutting to a contractor, the PC will need to see evidence of insurance.

The Neighbourhood Plan is progressing well, the Steering group will be looking for an informal test with a contact at CBC.

Once the GI plan is made public, the PC will need to contact the landowners of the identified Green spaces, there is a formal pre-prepared letter to distribute to landowners. Concerns were voiced over the appropriateness of this document being sent out; Cllr Baker will contact CBC for further advice including whether any action has been taken against a PC on this issue. Once this has been clarified the Cllrs agreed for the Clerk to distribute the letters to landowners.

The Cllrs thanked Cllr Baker and Jackie Willis for all of their work on co-ordinating and organising the Plan.

119/19 PLANNING:

CB/19/02200/FULL 73 Greenway, single storey rear extension. No objection.

CB/19/02320/FULL 10 Rectory Rd, front door enlargement and revised elevation. No objection.

120/19 FINANCE:

Outgoing August

Benefice £64

Clerk Salary £505.90

Grangers £1697.04

CPM £240

Village Hall £150

Eon £209.99

Outgoing September:

Grangers £848.64

Play Inspection Co £60

CBC £75.37

Credit £94.97 Good neighbour scheme.

Community account £57,986.23

Business Account £22,996.42

The VHC have requested a donation for a projector for the village hall. TM will request a formal application. The PC confirmed that the VHC are not a sub-committee of the PC and they have control of their own budget and finances.

Grass cutting charges have increased, it was agreed that the contract would be discussed at the next meeting. Cllr Longson will look at the grass cutting requirements.

121/19 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Information on pressure washing play equipment.
- Barclays information on online banking.
- Letter and refund from the Good Neighbour scheme.
- Neil Roper handyman flyer.
- Nexus fostering information.
- Village Hall committee request for donation.
- CBC Remembrance Sunday requests for road closures.
- Storm saver information.
- Request for donation for

- CBC requested information on lighting managed by the PC and whether the PC would like responsibility to transfer to CBC. Cllr Martin will follow this up.
- Request from the church for a donation towards the sound system, Cllr Baker will request a formal application from them.

122/19 AOB:

- Cllr Longson requested information on when the next JBB meeting is due to take place? One hasn't yet been organised.
- Clerk is due to go into hospital next week and then will be on sick leave for several weeks including the next meeting.

123/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 2nd October 2019.

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