

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in

Campton Village Hall on Wednesday 4th October 2019.

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

Apologies:

124/19 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2019 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

125/19 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

Cllr Ash declared an interest with regards to a grant application for the Church.

126/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

127/19 UPDATE BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS:

- The Community Policing team is still monitoring the CBC car park in the evenings following complaints of people driving around the car parks and causing a nuisance. Residents should be urged to keep on reporting incidents, Cllr Fradd has had some incidents reported to her and will pass the information onto Cllr Liddiard who will contact the security team. Cllr Liddiard is also in communication with the Assets team regarding a solution.
- Ward Councillor funding has been initiated now and will run until the end of March 2020, £2000 has been granted to the Ward Councillor to donate to projects and groups within the community. Cllr Liddiard and Cllr Brown keen to support 16-20 projects in the area on a match funding basis. All applications are welcome and can be made via the CBC website, applications will be discussed with a Ward Councillor and then Cllr will then complete the application template.
- The Shefford and Stotfold Cluster Plan will be discussed on 8th October 2019, the plan is looking at the potential of introducing a two-tier education system in Bedfordshire, in line with most of the remainder of England. The plan would involve making lower schools into primary and the middle and upper schools would become secondary schools, the children from Campton and Chicksands would be allocated catchment at the current Shefford primary school, there are plans to build a new primary school in Shefford. The two-tier system will mean that the schools fall within the Government National funding formula, this formula is applied to all two-tier system.
- October 7th-12th is National Library week, Shefford Library is offering a workshop for residents on Wednesday 9th October, offering advice on services available at the library.
- Survey of village halls is still ongoing; Campton have completed this.
- The Birches in Shefford is soon to open as transitional accommodation for those who have been made homeless, there are a number of similar schemes in the area. There is to be an open day, Cllrs will be invited to attend.

128/19 STREET PARKING:

There are issues within the village of parked cars causing an obstruction and danger, particularly on the bend in Greenway. It was felt that removing these cars may contribute to the speed of vehicles travelling through the village. A representative from the Neighbourhood Plan steering group attended the meeting to highlight the key areas of issue are outside the school, church, pub and generally along Greenway. There was a traffic survey carried out in 2017, it was suggested that it would be appropriate for another survey to be carried out. Clerk will speak to Cllr Brown and Liddiard concerning another survey during term time. The PC will also look into the centre of the village becoming a 20mph zone and the costs involved with speed signage in the village as a possible item for Rural match funding. The survey would also perhaps provide information on the timings of lorries in the village.

129/19 CBC CAR PARK:

Discussed earlier.

130/19 DIAL A RIDE DONATION:

Clerk will research how many residents use the Dial-a-ride service.

131/19 REMEMEBRANCE SUNDAY:

Cllr Ash will order and lay the wreath on Remembrance Sunday.

132/19 VILLAGE HALL PROJECTOR:

The VHC are still researching their requirements, it may be advisable for the VHC to look at the community grants available through the Ward Councillors.

133/19 VE DAY:

Shefford Town Council are looking to hold a family day on 8/5/19 and are approaching local village to see if they would like to join in? The Cllrs decided that they would like to arrange their own Village event. This will be on the next Agenda for further discussion.

134/19 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

The first full draft has now been submitted to the Neighbourhood Involvement Officer at CBC to be reviewed prior to the next stage of consultation. A meeting has been arranged for 7/10/19 to obtain feedback.

At the last PC meeting concerns were raised over contacting the owners of land that may be identified as Designated Green spaces, both contacts at CBC reported that as to date there have been no challenges following this stage and it is a formal process that needs to be followed. All Cllrs agreed that landowners should now be written to, allowing them adequate time to comment on the proposals.

135/19 INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLOR UPDATES:

Cllr Booton has now received his certificate for playground inspections. He expressed some concerns over further damage to the toilet doors, the football club are looking into this. There has been some

damage recently to one of the picnic benches, Clerk has obtained a repair quote of £160, all Cllrs in favour of the repairs being carried out.

Cllr Longson will continue to look into the possibility of wildflowers and grass beds.

136/19 PLANNING:

CB/19/02592/FULL. LODGE FARM, MACHINERY STORAGE BUILDING. No objection.

CB/19/02240/FULL. MY FRESH PRODUCE, INSTALLATION OF FENCING AND GATES. No objection.

CB/19/03125/FULL 6 THE OLD DAIRY, CHANGE OF PADDOCK TO RESIDENTIAL CURTILAGE. Hard copy of the plans have yet to be received, Cllrs will review when these are available.

137/19 FINANCE:

Outgoing October:

Grangers £517.32 & £361.20

Benefice £96

Internal auditor £150

External auditor £240

A Muskett £100.80

Community account £56,272.29

Business Account £23,007.89

Grass cutting charges were discussed, the grass contractor should now be finished for the season.

138/19 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Request from the Play inspection company, do the PC require inspections for the next year? All agreed, Clerk will confirm.
- Information on the Robin Road mobile app platform.
- Public Space Protection orders consultation has been amended, those who have completed the initial surveys will need to resubmit. Closes on 23rd December.
- Request from the church for a donation towards the sound system, Clerk will look into the legalities of this. The current system is broken the radio microphone is broken and the CD needs replacing at a cost of £1500+ vat, they have currently raised £1000. This may also be something for the Ward Cllrs scheme?

139/19 AOB:

- Clerk attended the recent planning course run by CBC; she will send out any information she subsequently receives.

- Cllr Baker will arrange for a notice to be displayed on the Parish noticeboards indicating the responsibilities of each Cllr.
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140/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 6th November 2019.

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