

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in

Campton Village Hall on Wednesday 6th November 2019.

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

Apologies: Cllr Booton.

141/19 MINUTES:

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

The Clerk was able to provide additional information regarding the PC providing money for the church. Louise Ashmore advised that whilst it is a very grey area, money should not be provided. The PC is however able to provide a donation to a group which uses the church as a venue. Cllr Ash will speak to the church to update them.

142/19 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

Cllr Baker declared an interest in Agenda item 11.

143/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A resident commented on the new curtains improving the appearance of the village hall.

A resident expressed concerns over a possible breach of a planning application CB/18/00559/FULL. The Clerk has already approached the Enforcement team at CBC, they have agreed to investigate and will open a case if there has been a breach.

A resident is concerned about the potential danger outside of Ampthill Building Company, there is a significant amount of rubbish and gas tanks, these are unsightly and could potentially be dangerous. Cllr Ash will look into this.

Concerns were raised over the Recreation ground and football pavilion, it was confirmed that the building is owned and is the responsibility of the football club, when damage is reported they do attend and try to rectify it, but further vandalism takes place. There is also an on-going issue with drugs and dog fouling. Clerk has set up a meeting with the PCSO on 18th November to discuss these issues and possible remedies.

A resident asked the Central Bedfordshire Councillors if there have been any plans for increased health centres in the area due to the increase in population. Cllr Liddiard confirmed that money has been identified as part of one planning application, however quite often the issue is with recruiting staff rather than lack of building space.

The Local Plan inspectors are considering the plan and whether the proposals are justified. A strategic Housing Market assessment is being carried out. CBC are currently awaiting either a decision or additional questions.

144/19 UPDATE BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS:

- Schools for the future consultation has now been opened, looking at potentially changing the current three tier system into a two-tier system. Residents are advised to comment on this, the consultation is open until 20th January 2020. The area is due to have 5,400 homes built in the next 10-15 years. Campton School is proposed to be closed and the new primary school in Shefford will be the replacement. Contact at CBC for this is Clare Harding 0300 300 6109 (ext. 76109)
- New electric car spaces have been installed at Priory House.
- The last Garden waste collection will be 6th December and will recommence on 2nd March. Christmas collections will be 24th December and 2nd January.
- The Local Plan formal feedback from the inspectorate was delivered to the council on 14th October 2019. The critical areas have been accepted without comment, the feedback was considered 'sound' and the plan will be processed. The most significant concerns were raised over the m1-A6 link road associated with the North of Luton proposed developments. The latest information from the Secretary of State is not to call it in and allow CBC to determine its future. This information has been passed onto the inspectorate.
- Ward Councillor grants are now available, each Councillor has been awarded £2000. The grants can be used for Capital expenditure based on cultural, environmental, social and sporting projects.
- A further Match funding scheme will be available to Parish Councils for up to 325,000 for building projects.
- From January 2020 a scheme will be introduced based on a pilot run in Dunstable called 'Town Warden Scheme'. This will involve villages getting together to cover an operator's salary and the operator will work in those areas on small jobs to improve the local environment. Further information to follow.

The Clerk wrote to the Central Bedfordshire Councillors regarding a traffic assessment of Campton and to potentially look at introducing a 20mph zone? Cllr Liddiard will follow this up with Paul Salmon and discuss an assessment with the police. A recent speed watch assessment showed 7 vehicles out of 75 were travelling through the village at speeds in the region of 35-40 mph during 8am and 9am.

Greenway has been marked out for interim repairs; Cllr Brown confirmed that resurfacing will take place in the next financial year.

The Village hall have submitted an initial application for the ward councillor funding of £230 towards a projector.

Progress is being made on the anti-social behaviour in the Priory house car park, the Police are still patrolling, and CBC are looking at potential solutions.

145/19 RECREATION GROUND:

There are ongoing issues with vandalism, drugs and dog fouling, a meeting is arranged with the PCSO. The Pavilion down pipes are currently damaged and the toilet door is missing.

The table that had been removed from the base has now been repaired. One of the benches has lots of graffiti, Cllr Booton will try and remove this. There has been no action on the rubber washer on the gate.

146/19 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

A meeting has taken place with Tom Price at CBC, the feedback was positive, and the steering group are currently working through the suggestions and comments. The group hope to have the draft to view in a months' time and the next consultation January/February 2020. The letters to landowners regarding the green spaces have been written, signed by the clerk and will be posted 7/11/19, they have six weeks to respond initially but can then respond during the next two stages of consultation. Cllr Ash thanked both Cllr Baker and Jackie for all of their hard work.

147/19 WEBSITE SERVICES:

Beds Parish services for websites ends in March 2020, all data will then be lost. The Clerk at Stondon has employed a company to transfer the information from their old site and set up a new site, the company are offering a deal of £550 to other Councils and this includes setting up, transfer of information and support, this offer is available until 20th November when the price will revert back to £850. Cllr Fradd will compare this with Red Robin and the Councillors will make a decision via email.

148/19 SPEEDWATCH DATA:

The Clerk has requested that the Speed watch team forward details for the PC to view after each session, the personal details will be removed, just the data passed on. The last session was 15/3/19 between 8 and 9 am, 75 vehicles passed through, 7 of which were travelling between 35 and 40 mph.

149/19 DEFIBRILLATOR:

The Good Neighbour Group had agreed to collect the defibrillator from the hospital if required, now they are no longer running alternative arrangements need to be made. Cllr Ash will collect it if required.

150/19 P3 SCHEME:

Jackie and the Clerk met with the P3 co-ordinator at CBC some time ago and were considering setting up a P3 scheme in the village. Now that Jackie has left the village the Clerk was seeking confirmation that the PC still would like her to proceed with this. Cllrs confirmed that they would like this to be set up and Cllr Fradd offered to help the Clerk. The clerk will arrange a meeting for January 2020.

151/19 VILLAGE HALL PROJECTOR:

The Village Hall Committee have submitted a grant application for funding towards a projector for the hall. They have submitted an application for £230 which will be the match funding for the application for ward councillor funding. All Cllrs agreed.

152/19 VE DAY 8/5/19:

The Parish Council are happy to financially support a village occasion, Clerk will appeal for ideas in the newsletter and Cllr Ash will communicate with the church over their plans.

153/19 GREENSAND COUNTRY VILLAGE SIGNS:

The signs have now been erected, the PC did request a sign for Chicksands, Clerk will chase this up. The PC may need to contact CBC regarding a 'Chicksands' sign. Cllr Baker will take some photographs of the signs that the clerk will forward to the Greensand Trust, all Cllrs agreed to the photographs being used in advertising/ on social media.

154/19 INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLOR UPDATES:

Cllr Ash discussed whether the PC should submit its views regarding the potential closure of the school in Campton, he will prepare a draft representation for the next meeting. He will also contact the staff, PTA and Governors to seek their views and actions.

Cllr Ash will lay the wreath at the Remembrance service at the Church this Sunday.

The pathway on Greenway is narrowing due to overgrowth and uneven due to root intrusion, Clerk will report this.

Grangers have asked if the Pc require further grass cutting, Cllrs agreed no. Cllr Longson will continue to look into the possibility of wildflowers and grass beds. It was suggested that the village gardening group Trugs and trowels may be able to help with this and the flower beds that Jackie and Malcolm used to maintain, Cllr Baker will approach them.

Works are being carried out in Chicksands to separate the drainage and the pumping station is being installed.

Cllr Booton provided an update on a site meeting attended by him and the clerk on 4/11/19. Key items discussed were:

- Potentially increasing the area for internment of ashes at the side of the cemetery next to the entrance road.
- Entrance doors to the chapel require painting and repair.
- At the main entrance just inside is being used for drugs, potential solutions include removing the lower branches of the two large fir trees and clearing of the bushes opposite. Possibly replacing the damaged wall with railings.
- Alter the corner of the cemetery by the sub station to include a seating and peaceful area.
- Removal of some dead or damaged trees and some smaller trees that are affecting access to plots.
- The grounds maintenance contractors have done a wonderful job cutting back the hedges and clearing the headstones that had become entwined. They will work on the paths and edging in the coming weeks.
- A D of E student and his father have been clearing some of the graves.
- The JBB are looking to replace the bins.
- Next JBB meeting is scheduled for 18/11/19

155/19 PLANNING:

CB/19/02958/FULL 48 PRIORY RD, 2 STOREY ANNEXE REPLACING EXISTING GARAGE AND OUTBUILDING AND SINGLE STOREY LINK TO EXISTING HOUSE. No objection.

CB/19/03125/FULL 6 THE OLD DAIRY, CHANGE OF PADDOCK TO RESIDENTIAL CURTILAGE. Clerk submitted the views of the Cllrs following discussions on the basis of its size, proximity to other

properties and the Sandy Smith nature reserve. It was also queried whether its change of use may be contrary to DM4 of CBC 2009 strategy and development management policy?

156/19 FINANCE:

Outgoing November:

Grangers £96

Benefice £64

CPM £192

JBB £1854.00

EON £212.30

Wreath £20

Clerk expenses £327.16

Community account £56,480.58

Business Account £23,007.89

Credit from JBB from grass cutting and Clerk hours/ expenses £2148.51

Clerk has submitted a vat return for £1388.45

Grass cutting invoice for this month was for the JBB, now that the JBB accounts have been changed they will be invoiced directly.

Mazars report highlighted:

- When the funds were consolidated with the JBB and restated it should have been labelled 'Restated' box 3 was understated by £4 and box 6&7 by 32.
- Box 10 was left blank when it should have shown n/a.
- The internal auditor left the exempt area unmarked.

Barclays are still requesting further information from Cllr Martin; he will contact them.

157/19 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- School consultation open until 20/01/10
- BATPC training programme
- Safe Central beds survey open
- Came and Co reorganisation information
- Luton Airport are holding a consultation regarding potentially a new terminal building, associated infrastructure, transport facilities and highways improvements. Open from 16th October 2019 until 16th December 2019, more information online futureluton.llal.org.uk

- Information regarding recruitment of a new Rector, a meeting will take place at the Church on Monday 2nd September at 7pm, all Cllrs and residents are invited to attend.

158/19 AOB:

Cllr Fradd requested that electric charging points be on the next Agenda.

159/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

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

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