

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in

Campton Village Hall on Wednesday 4th December 2019.

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

Apologies: Central Bedfordshire Cllr Mark Liddiard

160/19 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2019 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

The resurfacing of Greenway is due to take place 20th-24th February 2020.

161/19 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

Cllr Baker and Cllr Booton declared an interest in regard to the Neighbourhood Plan local spaces correspondence as they are members of the Steering group.

162/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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 are currently investigating, no update has been received yet.

Clerk set up a meeting with the PCSO on 18th November to discuss these issues and possible remedies for drugs and antisocial behaviour on the Recreation ground. The Police have agreed to inspect the Recreation ground on at random times, they have already found a small amount of cannabis, they suspect they disturbed the perpetrators who ran off. They will continue to inspect and have asked that all residents report any suspicious behaviour in the area. They will also investigate cars parked outside the Recreation ground in the evenings. Residents may forward the information they have provided to the police to the clerk, who will ensure the PCSO receives it.

Letters have been sent out to landowners regarding the designated green spaces within the Parish, a discussion will take place with all residents concerning these areas at the next meeting.

Cllr Ash has spoken to the Best School trust regarding Campton School, we await further updates. A resident asked if the school was still accepting pupils? The PC have not been notified otherwise but future parents will need to approach the school directly.

Some of the verges on Priory Rd have been churned up following a water repair, Cllr Booton will visit the area and inspect.

163/19 UPDATE BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS:

- Next Town and Parish Conference is 22/01/20.
- The budget for 20/21 is nearing the draft stage and will include a 2% increase for Adult social care. The remainder of the council tax is yet to be decided.

- New waste contract will be in force from February 2020 and the offer of green waste being collected from wheeled bins is expected to become available by the end of 2020.
- The traffic calming in Ampthill Rd is due to go to the traffic management meeting in December 2019.
- Greenway will be resurfaced 20th-24th February 2020.
- The Councillors grant of £250 has been awarded to the village hall towards the 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, further updates next meeting.

164/19 RECREATION GROUND:

PCSO update as per 162/19.

Cllr Booton has been checking the equipment regularly.

There was a discussion surrounding whether the gates to the Recreation ground could be closed dusk to dawn? It was decided that access may be gained via the school and this was not an acceptable option. There is damage to the school fence, Cllr Ash will notify the school.

It was suggested that a security company could be employed. Cllr Ash will investigate the costs.

165/19 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

It is hoped that the draft will be finalised by the end of December 2019. Local Green spaces letters have been sent out to landowners and two responses have so far been received. Closing date is 20/12/19. Clerk is acknowledging receipt of the responses and the steering group then respond in further detail. Once the draft has been agreed by Cllrs then it will be out for Consultation for residents for Regulation 14 then viewed by CBC in compliance with Regulation 15.

The Parish Council received a letter regarding the Local Green spaces, all Cllrs agreed for the Recreation ground to be deemed a designated green space within the plan.

166/19 WEBSITE SERVICES:

It was agreed via email that the PC would employ a company to transfer the information from their old site and set up a new site, the Clerk has made the initial arrangements and obtained the invoice. Cllr Fradd will now discuss the site with the company. Red Robin was rejected as it was only available as an app so would not be accessible to all.

Jackie Willis will be removed from the feedback part of the website.

167/19 DEFIBRILLATOR:

Cllr Ash will collect the defibrillator if required and will also be responsible for checking the battery, pads and general unit.

168/19 FLOWER BEDS WITHIN THE VILLAGE:

Deferred to next meeting.

169/19 P3 SCHEME:

Some residents have responded to the article in the newsletter and are interested in assisting with the P£ scheme. It was decided that the Clerk will set up a meeting in February so as to enable it to be advertised in the newsletter in January.

170/19 CAMPTON LOWER SCHOOL:

As per 162/19

171/19 PLANTING OF TREES:

The eco coordinator of Samuel Whitbread School has asked if Campton and Chicksands would like to have trees planted as part of their tree planting project? Cllrs discussed the possibility of trees on the Recreation ground, close to the A507 and resident's gardens? Clerk will contact Prime housing to see if they would permit some to be planted in Chicksands and will consider the cemetery. Clerk will contact the coordinator and will meet with her and Cllr Ash to discuss the areas further.

172/19 INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLOR UPDATES:

Cllr Booton gave the following update from the joint Burial Board meeting.

- 0% increase on the precept.
- £1000 is to be spent on removing trees that are diseased, dead or obstructing graves.
- A full valuation of the Chapel will be carried out for insurance purposes.
- The Chapel will now be cleaned every six months.
- The current rules and regulations will be upheld and will be reviewed and updated prior to being enforced.
- The JBB will extend its to year contract with 2 Elms for grass cutting and hedges.
- Rialtas will be upgraded to multiple users.
- Both Clerks will continue to work two days a month for the JBB.
- A request will be made to highways for a sign at the junction of Campton Rd and Campton fields estate.
- A skip will be hired to aid the removal of pine needles and tree branches, work being carried out by a DOE volunteer.
- 2 Elms will carry out winter maintenance work whilst grass cutting is not required.

All Cllrs agreed to these suggestions.

173/19 PLANNING:

CB/19/03125/FULL 6 THE OLD DAIRY< Speeds dairy farm, change of use of paddock land to curtilage. Cllrs concerned that this will lead to the barn being made residential.

174/19 BUDGET AND PRECEPT:

Councillors discussed items for the budget, all councillors to consider the current budget and adjustments that should be made in preparation for the next meeting.

175/19 FINANCE:

Outgoing December:

Benefice £64

Play Inspection company £78

Cloud Next £155.98

Village hall £125

Village hall donation £250 (as agreed last meeting)

Community account £56,404.67

Business Account £23,007.89

Credit from CBC for grass cutting £998.86

176/19 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- School consultation open until 20/01/10
- Glasdon Flyer. Councillors will all look at the potential of gates being placed at the entrance to the village to slow traffic.
- Changes to terms of Barclays savers account.

177/19 AOB:

Clerk is in discussions with CBC regarding a sign being erected at the entrance to Chicksands. The Greensand sign is on hold depending on this outcome.

The piles of leaves on Rectory rd. have been reported CBC to inspect.

The weeds, leaves and overgrowth under the underpass requires work, Clerk to obtain quotes

178/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 8th January 2020.

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