

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in

Campton Village Hall on Wednesday 8th January 2020.

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

Apologies: Cllr Longson was attending a Village Hall meeting and therefore would arrive late to the meeting.

1/20 MINUTES:

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

The Clerk reported the damaged path on Greenway and its instability due to root intrusion. CBC have assessed the path and it is currently not a priority, Clerk will go back and state that it is unsafe for mobility scooters.

2/20 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

None.

3/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A resident requested further information on the ruts. Cllr Booton has investigated the situation, there are 3 areas, Cllr Booton/Clerk will follow it up with CBC.

A resident asked if the PC would consider some additional fencing at the entrance to the Recreation ground and a motion sensor light as a deterrent for the ongoing issues at the Recreation ground? The fencing was discussed at the previous meeting but would not be sufficient unless the gates were locked and this would restrict residents access. The PC will discuss the light with the football club. Cllr Ash has looked at the option of a security service and it doesn't look like a viable option.

Residents wished to discuss planning application CB/19/04097/FULL. They felt that the development would affect the historical look and feel of the village and the land should remain as agricultural. Thought needs to be given to the natural habitats in this area, there are regularly foxes, rabbits, owls and pheasants in the area and an environmental study carried out in 2018/2019 highlighted newts, which are a protected species. The area in question has been identified as a potential Local Green Space in the Green infrastructure part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

4/20 UPDATE BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS:

- Greenway will be closed for patching work to be carried out 19th-21st February 2020, total resurfacing will be July/August 2020.
- Public Consultation on the budget for 2020/21 will end on 30/1/20, Clerk has paper copies.
- For CBC to meet spending requirements for local services they need £212 million of which £13.6 million must come from efficiency savings.
- The proposal is to increase the council tax by 2% for adult and children's social care and 1.95% for the element of local services.

- £142 million has been allocated for capital projects such as schools, new care homes, 2 integrated health hubs, crematorium and new roads.
- The M1/A6 link road will go ahead.
- The school's consultation is open until 20/01/20.
- Latest crime figures have just been issued and the aim is to release these on a monthly basis.
- There is an economic insight, looking at how Bedfordshire is changing, workshops will be available.
- Capital Community Infrastructure grants are now open for application; the first round is open until 28/2/20.
- The Ward Councillor grant was approved for the village hall projector.
- Cllr Liddiard has planned a meeting with the Portfolio holder for assets and will discuss the issues at the CBC car park. Residents have been finding it difficult to report issues to 101, Cllr Fradd will seek an update on the situation in the car park and report back to Cllr Liddiard. Cllr Liddiard will report concerns over 101 to the Inspector for this area.
- Regarding application CB/19/04097/FULL, The Ward Councillors will call it in to the Development Management Committee if requested by the Parish Council.

5/20 RECREATION GROUND:

Cllr Booton has been checking the equipment regularly. 15 post of the perimeter fencing require replacing as they are rotten, panels look to be okay. The hedging at the entrance also needs to be cut back. Clerk will obtain quotes for the work. The PC plan to include the works to the hedges this financial year and fencing works next year.

The PCSO has visited the Recreation ground on two subsequent occasions, there have been no vehicles or young people. Cllr Ash has investigated a security firm for patrols, but it is not a viable option.

The sign at the entrance to the Recreation ground indicates that all dogs should be on leads, this is not adhered to by residents but there is dog fouling. Clerk will include it in the newsletter requesting residents pick up after their dogs for the benefit of the footballers and children who use the area.

Cllr Longson joined the meeting.

6/20 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

Last meeting took place on 11/12/19 and was spent preparing Regulation 14.

Letters were sent to landowners regarding the potential green spaces, the closing date for responding was 20/12/19. There have been a number of responses, some supporting and some objecting or expressing concerns. The Steering group will now consider all feedback, the GI plan and assess which sites should be put forward to Consultation.

7/20 WEBSITE SERVICES:

Mark Millmore has been liaising with Cllr Fradd and the Clerk and the website went live yesterday, the work on the site is only beginning but it is functional. Three years of data have been migrated to the new site and photographs have been uploaded. The graphics appear to be good and it should be easy to maintain, the old site continues until the end of March 2020. Cllr Fradd will do a demonstration of the website for Councillors next month.

It was agreed that the village hall could be included on the website.

8/20 FLOWER BEDS WITHIN THE VILLAGE:

Deferred to next meeting.

9/20 P3 SCHEME:

A meeting for the P3 scheme has been scheduled for 8th February 2020 10.30-11.30 am in the Village Hall. Two representatives from CBC will attend. Clerk will contact residents who have expressed an interest in being involved and will advertise in the newsletter.

10/20 ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING:

Deferred to next meeting.

11/20 CAMPTON LOWER SCHOOL:

The fence has now been fixed. There is no further update regarding progress on whether it will be viable for the school to stay open. Cllr Ash will produce a statement on behalf of the PC to submit for the Schools consultation, the Cllrs will agree this via email.

12/20 INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLOR UPDATES:

The deadline for the telephone box consultation has now expired, so hopefully it will be removed.

Village Hall update: The hall made a profit of £2,500 last year, bookings are mainly Monday to Thursday, the committee will be looking at ways to increase the bookings on Fridays and weekends. There have been concerns over the website, but the PC have agreed that it can be incorporated into their website.

13/20 PLANNING:

CB/19/03125/FULL 6 THE OLD DAIRY This application has now been called into the Development management Committee for 8th January 2020.

CB/19/04097/FULL Campton Manor Change of use of an area of agricultural land to residential.

The PC submitted concerns over a previous application similar to this. They will submit the same concerns, also including the GI Plan details. The Clerk will also query an error on the plans. The Councillors decided against requesting that the application goes to the Development Management Committee.

CB/EN/19/0415 Enforcement case opened against The White Hart.

14/20 BUDGET AND PRECEPT:

The Councillors agreed a budget for the financial year 2020/21 and agreed a 2% increase in the precept.

The PC will need to allocate funds to projects during the next financial year, the matting at the play areas needs looking into, possible works at the pavilion, perhaps in conjunction with the community grant?

15/20 FINANCE:

Outgoing December:

Grangers £511.20

A Muskett £100.80

Eon £212.30

Eyelid £420

Village hall £105 (NP)

Community account £55,567.25

Business Account £23,019.36 inc £11.47 interest.

16/20 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Greensand Newsletter.
- BATPC Invoice.
- Fireworks flyer.
- Shefford TC Christmas card.
- CBC budget consultation paper copies.
- Sunshine gyms flyer.

17/20 AOB:

None

18/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 5th February 2020.

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