

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in

Campton Village Hall on Wednesday 5th February 2020.

Present: Cllr Ash in the Chair, Cllr Baker, Cllr Longson, Cllr Booton, Cllr Fradd,

Apologies: Central Bedfordshire Cllr Tony Brown, Central Bedfordshire Cllr Mark Liddiard, Cllr Martin

19/20 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2020 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.

20/20 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

None.

21/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A resident raised concerns over the amount of rubbish sited at Tops Farm, the Pc have agreed to write to the landowner. Concerns were also raised over the amount of rubbish in close proximity to Ampthill building.

It was confirmed to a resident that works to the mast had recently been completed.

Concerns were once again raised over the condition of Priory Rd and the ruts which are getting worse. Clerk has arranged for Highways to come out and inspect, she will forward further photographs showing the deterioration.

Parking on verges continues to be an issue, CBC were issuing a new strategy on parking. Cllr Baker will follow this up with Cllr Brown.

Further concerns were raised over the timings of the lorries visiting Hanlons and the associated noise, Clerk will write to the company.

It was confirmed that repatching of Greenway is due to take place in 2 weeks' time.

The Cllrs confirmed that the PC would be willing to contribute financially to events organised within the village for VE Day, an application form should be submitted to the PC for consideration.

The gardening club has agreed to assist with the village flower beds, Cllr Baker will ask Cllr Brown for further information on the Ranger scheme that was being set up. The P3 volunteers may also be able to assist.

22/20 UPDATE BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS:

A report was provided by the Councillors.

- Cemetery Road sign is planned to be installed on Wednesday 12th February
- Chicksands Sign - Tony is in discussion with Peter Keates at the Council with this.
- Campton Manor Planning application for a tennis court is recommended for refusal by the planning officer under delegated powers
- No update with regards to the planned development on Greenway and have not been notified by the Planning Officer.
- A strong representation has been made to the Boundary Commission to keep the current ward as it is - Shefford, Campton and Chicksands and Meppershall despite there been over 7200 voters in the ward. The boundary commission has indicated that CBC should have an additional 4 more Councillors than it currently has and that the guide should be 1 Councillor per 3600 voters. It has also suggested that single ward Councillors are less sustainable if a Councillor falls ill. The number of voters in the current ward is over 7600. The PC will ask for further classification of this at the next meeting.
- Ward Councillors have met with the Highways team to discuss highways issues in the ward and have secured the funding to re-surface Campton Road, Shefford from the Bovis development up to the cemetery. Greenways is also in the plan for resurfacing and we have asked our Highways Custodian to keep a close eye on defects along this road.
- No more reports about cars loitering at the Council Offices in a recent meeting with Bedfordshire Police. The police think that this maybe because it is the winter months.
- It has been noted that Campton Lower School are to consult on joining the BEST Academies Trust.

23/20 RECREATION GROUND:

16 posts 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 has a quote for the work from David Granger:

Hedges from the gate to the notice board £450

Hedges from notice board to the corner £850

Replace fencing posts cut back hedge and replace wire £700

Weed kill play area matts 4 x per season £25 a visit.

The Councillors agreed to reconsider the hedges from the noticeboard to the corner in the autumn, but all other work was agreed to be carried out now, Clerk will make the arrangements.

There is also a rubber bung and wooden slat that need repairing Clerk will enquire about this.

A meeting has been arranged with the football club for next week, the Cllrs will discuss the Community Infrastructure grant with the club as a possible way of improving the pavilion.

Clerk has invoiced the football club.

24/20 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

The Steering group met on 15th January 2020. They reviewed Community Consultation data, feedback from landowners and GI assessments and finalised those Green Space sites going forward to policy in the draft Neighbourhood Plan. These are:

Site 12, Campton Plantation

Site 13, Chicksands Private Amenity Spaces (boundaries subject to Reg 14 consultation)

Site 15, Campton Recreation Ground excluding the pavilion & immediate surrounds

Site 17, Glebe fields (as defined in the GI Plan)

Site 18, Fields adjacent to Campton Manor (as defined in the GI Plan)

Site 10 Sports Island Playing Field has been omitted due to NPPF & MOD security requirements as is Site 19 Field adjacent to Camptonbury Farm as there is a covenant in place protecting this site from development.

The overall plan has now been finalised including the supporting documents in preparation for Regulation 14. All publicity materials have been drafted.

It is hoped that the consultation will be ready for a 24th February start, it will last for six weeks and will include two open sessions, one on an evening and one at a weekend.

The new Parish Council website will have the draft plan and supporting documents accessible in advance of the start of Regulation 14.

The Steering group now require the plan to be signed off both by CBC, Tom Price has received the documents; and by the PC so that Regulation 14 can be launched.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Baker for his immense work on the plan and all of the time he has invested, all Cllrs supported this.

Cllr Longson raised some queries regarding the plan. He indicated that he would require clarification on some points. He queried inclusion of the village settlement envelope map (dated 1985). Cllr Baker explained that the reason for inclusion in an appendix was to demonstrate past recognition of important buildings etc. and was able to reassure the PC that little had changed on recent maps. Cllr Baker will forward a current version of this map to Cllr Longson.

The Cllrs were asked if anyone objected to the plan proceeding to regulation 14? More time to read the plan was requested, an interim meeting to discuss PC sign off will be arranged for possibly Monday 24th February?. In the meantime, progression to Regulation 14 will remain on hold and Cllr Baker will clarify any points raised by other Cllrs.

25/20 WEBSITE SERVICES:

Mark Millmore will be providing two training sessions for EYELID websites, 18th March 2020 1pm-4.45pm Raleigh Centre Bedford and 19th March 2020 9.30/10am st Shefford House Shefford, Cllrs are invited to attend, please confirm with the Clerk, places are limited. The old site continues until the end of March 2020. Clerk will compile a list of all required on the website in order for the Pc to be compliant in terms of Transparency.

It was agreed that the Village Hall representative could assist in managing the site for the village hall related items. It was also agreed that the Joint Burial Board details will be contained on the site, including rules and regulations, costs and contacts.

The Councillors agreed for the website to go live with immediate effect, no more information will be posted on the old site which expires at the end of March 2020. A link will be provided on the old site to redirect residents.

26/20 FLOWER BEDS WITHIN THE VILLAGE:

Dealt with under public participation 21/20

27/20 P3 SCHEME:

Reminder that the meeting for the P3 scheme has been scheduled for 8th February 2020 10.30-11.30 am in the Village Hall. Steve Halton, senior countryside officer and Christopher Dorow, rights of way officer from CBC will attend. Clerk has contacted 60 residents who have expressed an interest in being involved and has advertised in the newsletter.

28/20 JOINT BURIAL BOARD UPDATE AND RECCOMENDATIONS:

- The ICCM course was a great success and the Clerks have now signed up for a corporate membership, annual cost of £95 and have already used it for issues regarding Transfers of Deeds of Grant of Exclusive Rights to Burial.
- Minutes from 24/01/86 indicate that the cemetery was never consecrated.
- The JBB dealt with a complaint associated with edging.
- After all transactions pending the total accounts for the JBB amount to £10,330.
- The JBB agreed for both Clerks to continue working two days a month.
- The Cllrs would like the Clerks to proceed with looking at funding for refurbishment of the Chapel.
- The Clerks will apply for Ward Cllr funding towards a noticeboard and bin, this will be match funded by the JBB account.
- Two benches have been restored, three more require refurbishment once sufficient funds are available.
- The Chapel has been valued at £180,000, the gates at £3000 and the wall at £8000, the insurers will not insure the wall until it is repaired, a quote for £340 has been obtained by the Clerks, Cllrs on the JBB agreed.
- A quote for £1190 for vegetation at both entrances and around the substation have been agreed by the JBB.
- 2 Elms have submitted grass cutting costs increase from £365 a cut to £401.50 a cut, fixed for two years.
- Quotes for next years hedges has been received for £735.
- Quotes for the painting of the railings for £775 and entrance gates £195 have been received with a view to the work being carried out once finances available.
- A number of graves require soiling and seeding, Clerks to investigate costs.
- Clerks have approached Neville's for a donation of stones, the request will be put to the Board of Directors on 11th February.
- The war graves register has been updated.
- Data is still being uploaded to the new Rialtas system.
- Rules and regulations are still being worked on.
- Two letters have been received thanking the JBB and clerks for the improvements.
- A letter of complaint was discussed concerning the positioning of a grave.
- Next meeting provisionally planned for 30/04/20.

All Cllrs agreed to the recommendations of the JBB.

29/20 ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR FUTURE PROJECTS:

Cllr Baker listed a number of project ideas stemming from the Neighbourhood Plan consultation:

- Dog and waste bins
- Greenspace picnic and wildflower area by the river
- Seating benches
- Upgrades to village hall, including kitchen and broadband
- Upgrade to sports pavilion
- 20 mph zone and signs
- Village gateway signs
- Speed calming signs
- Playground at Chicksands

Cllr Baker will send this list out to all Cllrs, Clerk will list this on the Agenda for next month, could all Cllrs please notify her of possible projects prior to the meeting.

30/20 PARKING ON VERGES:

Dealt with under 21/20

31/20 INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLOR UPDATES:

Works are ongoing at Chicksands, installation of the new pumping station so that the mains water is no longer reliant on the base.

Cllr Longson commented on how well the cemetery is now being managed by the JBB.

Concerns were raised over the condition of the A507 which was recently resurfaced. The centre of the road appears to be coming up and holes appearing on the stretch between the Esso garage and Shefford garage. Cllr Booton will follow this up with Cllr Liddiard.

There have recently been 2 accidents on the A507, concerns were raised over the speed and overtaking of vehicles.

Cllr Booton has received an email regarding first rights to build on Greenway, he has responded redirecting the contact to the PC and will follow this up with Cllr Liddiard.

32/20 PLANNING:

CB/20/00061/FULL 20 Mill Lane, first floor front extension with Juliet balcony and new windows in east elevation. Addition of front porch canopy. No objection.

CB/20/00042/FULL Top Farm. Construction of gazebo raised brick planter and seating area on southern boundary, western boundary treatment to be 2m high brick wall in lieu of fence. The Cllrs recommended a review of the brick wall which faces Top Farm cottages in relation to its height and the materials proposed, there is a substantial increase of approximately 20cm in height. They also would like to question the planners on whether the land enclosed by post and rail fencing is going to form part of an application as it yet hasn't been included?

33/20 FINANCES:

Outgoing February

Benefice £64

Transparency course £40

Community account £52,392.10

Business Account £23,019.36

34/20 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Broxap catalogue

Samuel Whitbread tree request, Clerk will email the contact again and try and make arrangements to view the relevant areas.

CBC briefing notes for councillors

BATPC INVITE FOR Buckingham palace

Anglian water update of improvements.

35/20 AOB:

Clerk has contacted Preim housing regarding the planting of trees in conjunction with Samuel Whitbread, she is awaiting confirmation.

Clerk has reported and sent photographs of the pathway on Greenway to Highways, they have agreed to do a second inspection.

36/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 4TH March 2020.

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