

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on Zoom on Wednesday 6th May 2020.

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

Apologies: Cllr Fradd.

56/20 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2020 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

57/20 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

None.

58/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Two residents joined the meeting to listen to the discussion regarding CALA homes proposed development on Greenway following receiving the leaflet. The PC have not been contacted by CALA homes as yet, they have looked at the leaflet all residents have received and have prepared a response which will be discussed and agreed later in the meeting.

59/20 UPDATE BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS:

- CBC are very pleased that the support on hand locally by the community pulling together to look after more vulnerable residents has been excellent and they wish to pass on their thanks to all of the volunteers involved and the Parish Councils.
- The ward Councillors have been contacted by DLP planning Consultants who are working as the agents for CALA Homes regarding the development on Greenway. The stance of the Ward Councillors is that an application before the Local plan is agreed is premature, but they may under the current circumstances submit an application earlier. They have advised the company to consult with the village regarding their plans. They have strongly advised that a Linear development would be in fitting with the Village. They have entered into discussion regarding the position of the play area and the paths.
- The resurfacing of Greenway is still planned for August 2020 but will be dependent on Covid19.
- A recent email was sent to all Clerks regarding the changes to Council decision making process, a secure webinar system has been trialled whereby the public, community, stakeholder views can be heard. A recent trial of a live Traffic Management Committee was successful, now all DMC meetings will be on a web-based system. The PC have agreed comments which will be submitted to CBC in response to this.
- Ward Councillors have raised the issue of landscaping on the Campton Fields Housing Development opposite the cemetery, they have asked for it to be completed as per the original plans.
- Boundary changes have been temporarily frozen.

The Ward Councillors have strongly recommended that CALA Homes make contact with the PC and Mark will follow this up. The Planning Guidance Policy does recommend that there is liaison with the community prior to an application being submitted but it is not statutory. It was also pointed out that Local Plan inspector did not comment on the Greenway site in the original inspection. There has

been no indication as to when an application will be submitted, there have been fewer applications in the last few weeks, or whether it will be a full application or an outline application. It said on the leaflet that the developer had entered into discussion with Highways, Cllr Liddiard will follow this up to see if there were any concerns, particularly with the additional vehicles on A507 and Greenway.

60/20 DELEGATION OF DECISION MAKING DUE TO LOCKDOWN:

S101 Local Government Act 1972 permits the Councillors to delegate the power of decision making to two members of the Council, usually the Clerk/responsible Finance Officer and one other. This will allow payments to be authorised and decisions to be made outside of a full Council meeting. Clerk will email all Councillors prior to any decisions being made. All councillors in agreement. Clerk and Cllr Baker will be delegated the power, put forward by Cllr Ash, supported by all other Councillors.

61/20 PLANNING, INCLUDING CBC ARRANGMENTS REGARDING THE DMC:

CB/20/01180/FULL 6 Gravenhurst Rd, no objections.

Cllr Liddiard updated the Councillors regarding the DMC 59/20, he reiterated that the Government allows Councils to act on special powers to make decisions to be made by the Chief executive. Since then the Webinar solutions have been trialled and will be in use, allowing access to all of those who would normally be able to comment. There was only 1 meeting held where the Chief executive had the final decision, three decisions were deferred and two declined.

62/20 CALA HOMES:

A submission was agreed by all Councillors, they have considered the detail and information in the leaflet and felt that it was important to respond, although they have not directly been contacted and asked to do so. Clerk will submit the views on behalf of the PC.

63/20 FINANCES:

Outgoing April 2020:

1/4/20 CPM £36
1/4/20 Benefice £64
1/4/20 BATPC £298
1/4/20 Grangers £512.64
1/4/20 D Baker £121.88 (Neighbourhood support phones)
3/4/20 BHIB Insurance £113.63 (Neighbourhood support insurance)

Outgoing May 2020:

6/5/20 EON £209.99
6/5/20 Grangers £1121.04
6/5/20 Came and Co £897.36
6/5/20 Grangers £60.12

A vat claim for £618.37 has been submitted.

Account balances:

Business account: £69,673.03

Savings account £23,027.43

64/20 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Highways are currently reviewing all of the interest in the adoption of street lighting.

65/20 AOB:

- Clerk sent out an update with regards to the Joint Burial Board for all Councillors to read. The Clerks have agreed the number of funerals that could possibly take place each day.
- The last meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan group took place at the beginning of March 2020 and the plan was due to be launched for consultation on 2nd April 2020. Guidance has been given but as the next step is consultation it is not possible to progress any further. There are two new documents due to be published in the spring, which may impact on the housing plan.
- The recent inspectors report of the play area has been circulated by the Clerk, a number of the photos are old ones and a number of the recommendations have already been carried out. Clerk will follow this up with the play company. There are some cracks in the floor surface which will need to be repaired.

66/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 3rd June 2020, via Zoom.

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