

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held via Zoom on Wednesday 3rd June 2020.

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

Apologies: Central Bedfordshire Cllr Mark Liddiard, Cllr Fradd.

67/20 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th May 2020 were signed as a true record of the meeting and it was agreed that the Zoom recording could be deleted.

68/20 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

None.

69/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

70/20 UPDATE BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS:

- The Roadworks to Greenway is still scheduled for July/August 2020.
- Roadworks are scheduled for Campton Rd 26th June-30th June, access to the cemetery will be limited.
- There has been no further communication from CALA Homes and no planning application has been submitted.
- Cllr Ash reported that a resident has alerted the Parish Council to an Environmental issue concerning rubbish. Clerk will ask the resident to contact Cllr Brown who will investigate the issue.
- Cllr Ash requested further clarification regarding the latest CBC School consultation that has now begun. There was some uncertainty regarding the situation with Samuel Whitbread and Robert Bloomfield Academies, would they be run as two secondary schools, or would Robert Bloomfield take the lower years? Cllr Brown was unsure what the plans for Robert Bloomfield were, the new name for the joining of the schools is set to be Shefford and Clifton Academy. BEST-have agreed with CBC, as an Academy they remain in control. Looking to the proposed primary schools the Consultation lays out the plan for the children in Campton & Chicksands to attend the existing Shefford School, pupils living the other side of Shefford would attend the new school. Campton (Lower) School has applied to join BEST.
- The Local Plan is still moving forward, more information has been supplied to the Inspector and the next Public Consultation is expected to be September. January 2021 is still the expected completion date. All of the latest information including the new information supplied to the inspector can be found on the website.

71/20 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

The Neighbourhood Plan group met via Zoom at the end of May 2020. In Mid-May the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) updated the guidelines. There have been no significant changes to referendums, decision making or examinations. However, they have now stated that it is not mandatory that consultations are held face to face or that copies of documents be made available at a physical location. Cllr Baker has requested more information and advice from Tom Price at CBC as the team look at ways to move forward with the Consultation stage with

measures taken to ensure a safe and fair process. Cllr Brown offered to also look into this if further help was required, Cllr Baker will keep him updated.

72/20 PARISH NEWSLETTER:

Angela informed the PC a few months ago that she would be stepping back from her position editing and organising the delivery of the Parish Newsletter, despite advertising this in the newsletter no one has come forward. It was agreed by the Cllrs that she would be asked to write a short piece outlining what the position entails and that it could be shared amongst a couple of people to see if any volunteers come forward. It was also suggested that it is made clear without volunteers the newsletter would no longer be produced.

The Cllr also discussed the need for returning to paper copies being delivered to individual households, due to Lockdown the newsletter has been online, although the Clerk has been available to post copies to anyone who would like a paper copy. The online copy has been advertised on the noticeboards, Facebook, and the Neighbourhood Plan Facebook account. It was agreed that paper copies should start again as soon as possible. Cllr Baker will contact the distributors to see if they would be happy to start delivering again.

73/20 RECREATION GROUND:

A resident reported that she had caught her foot in one of the holes left by the goal posts and sprained her ankle, it wasn't serious, but she wanted to prevent it happening to someone else. Cllr Booton has been to the ground and fitted wooden covers over the holes to make them safe.

Further to the last meeting the Clerk has followed up the in discrepancies regarding the last safety report from the play inspection company, they are investigating and will report back.

There have been young people meeting in the corners of the recreation ground and leaving rubbish and vehicles stopping outside the recreation ground to meet with people for only a couple of minutes before driving off again, it was suggested that maybe the anti-social behaviour surrounding drugs is returning as lockdown is eased? Clerk will contact the PCSO to report the concerns of the PC. There has also been reports of young people and drugs in the woodland.

Two small trees have come down behind the fencing at the Recreation ground, so as to avoid this damaging the newly repaired fencing the Clerk will contact the landowner.

Concerns were raised over the number of grass cuts taking place and if they were all necessary, could there be fewer cuts? Clerk will set up a meeting at the Recreation ground between the contractor and Cllr Booton.

74/20 FINANCES:

Outgoing June 2020:

Grangers £716.52 and £216.12

D Baker £87.35 (Neighbourhood Plan expenses)

Clerk expenses £380.18

Account balances:

Business account: £66,803.32

Savings account £23,027.43

75/20 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Notification from Barclays that interest rates are 0.01%

School Consultation from CBC

Contact from Marriott Homes, as part of the NP have any development sites been identified. Clerk and Cllr Baker will respond.

76/20 AOB:

- Cllr has received no response from the leader of the Council regarding Delegation of powers, he will follow this up.
- Trees over hanging from the Church are quite low, Cllr Ash will trim them back.
- CBC have cleared all the weeds surrounding the Church wall.
- The repairs to the pathway on Greenway that the Clerk reported have been repaired.
- CALA homes delivered consultations to residents which could be posted back, they fulfilled what the PC requested of them.
- Clerk applied for a Business Rates grant for the Joint Burial Board, £10,000 has been awarded.

77/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 1st July 2020, via Zoom.

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