

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held via Zoom on Wednesday 1st July 2020.

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

Apologies: Cllr Fradd, Cllr Martin.

78/20 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2020 were signed as a true record of the meeting and it was agreed that the Zoom recording could be deleted.

79/20 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

None.

80/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

81/20 WEBSITE:

The Village hall have a section on the PC website in the dropdown section, they requested the be included in the top banner so as to make themselves more prominent and visible to residents, all councillors agreed.

The Village hall are currently reviewing charges and requested the view of Councillors as to whether the rates offered for hire should remain reduced for residents? Councillors agreed residents should be offered a reduced rate of hire.

The Domain for the website needs registering, Clerk will look into this.

The Training for the new website was cancelled due to lockdown, maybe they could offer a virtual training session?

82/20 UPDATE BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS:

- The Local Government Commission boundary recommendations are not in line with the CBC requests, this is to the benefit of the Parish. The recommendation is that Campton and Chicksands and Shefford form a Ward, Meppershall will be partnered with Shillington. The consultation will run until 7th September 2020. Under the suggested plan 2 Ward Councillors will be required as 290 further homes have been planned and agreed for Shefford.
- Community Grants are now available.
- A number of sections of Greenway have been resurfaced, Cllr Brown has requested details of the total resurfacing.
- The Chief Executive of CBC is leaving; a replacement is being sought.
- No further update on the local Plan.
- No application has been submitted by CALA homes.
- Cllr Brown has requested a Dog bin to be placed at the end of Mill Lane.

- The Estates and property team are discussing the snagging required at the Campton Fields development, they will address the issue with pedestrians leaving the estate walking directly onto the cycle route, repairs to fencing and additional planting.
- CBC are looking to open library services on a select and collect basis so that members do not have to actually go into the library.
- Play areas across Central Bedfordshire will not reopen in line with the Central Government guidelines. CBC will be carrying out risk assessments prior to them opening.
- Theatre services will not be reopened at the moment.
- Highways England are engaging in a big consultation to upgrade the A1 from the Black Cat Roundabout to just south of St Neots.
- Cllr Booton requested clarification regarding to the Local Plan, there seems to be some discrepancies in the housing numbers. Cllr Liddiard will arrange a meeting to discuss this further and the information will be reported back to the PC. The PC will need to consider submitting comments as part of the consultation.

83/20 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

The guidance for the Neighbourhood Plan has been updated due to the current situation, however it is yet to be agreed by management. Once the guidelines are approved the PC will be able to move forward to Regulation 14.

84/20 CAMPTON UNITED CHARITIES:

Two trustees have stepped down from the charity, the Charity Commission have been informed and Cllr Baker will update the mandate. One new trustee has been appointed.

Cllr Ash will provide requested information regarding the boundaries.

85/20 REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS:

All Councillors have access to and been able to read the following documents to assess any changes required prior to the meeting:

Financial regulations
Code of conduct
Equality and Diversity policy
Complaints procedure
Risk assessment
GDPR
Assets list.

All Councillors agreed to the above documents.

Clerk will communicate with Cllr Baker to ensure all documents are available on the website.

86/20 PLANNING:

Planning application CB/20/01949/FULL 2 Gravenhurst Rd was reviewed by Councillors and they had no objections subject to neighbourly considerations.

87/20 FINANCES:

Outgoing July 2020:

Grangers £1012.92

A Muskett £67.20

SPC 50% shared SLCC fee £80.50

Account balances:

Business account: £64,708.32

Savings account £23,033.61

All finances were agreed. Clerk has prepared the AGAR for the end of year for the Council, but she needs to agree the finances for the Joint Burial Board prior to it being sent to the external auditor.

88/20 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Magpas Air Ambulance donation request.

89/20 AOB:

- The decision was taken that the next newsletter will be printed and delivered to residents. Cllr ash will approach the church to discuss an editor as this will be Angela's last edition.
- Cllr Booton met with David Granger and agreed that during the warm weather the grass will now be cut every three weeks rather than every two weeks. The situation will be monitored. The trees that had fallen and could potentially damage the fence have been removed, the landowner did agree ownership, Clerk will write to him to update him.
- It was agreed that the play area in Campton should remain closed in line with CBC guidelines. Notices on the equipment will be replaced.
- Cllr Booton will prepare a response to the Local Plan; it will be agreed by the other Cllrs via email.

90/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 2nd September 2020, via Zoom.

An interim meeting to agree the AGAR will be arranged once the internal auditor has completed the audit.

