

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held via Zoom on Wednesday 4th November 2020.

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

Apologies Cllr Ash

Unfortunately, Cllr Fradd will be resigning from her position as Councillor, the Council would like to thank her for her hard work whilst being on the Council. Clerk will write a thank you letter.

133/20 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2020 were signed as a true record of the meeting and it was agreed that the Zoom recording could be deleted.

134/20 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

None.

135/20 CO-OPTION OF A NEW COUNCILLOR:

Linda Garton attended the last meeting with a view to joining the Parish Council, Clerk had a follow up meeting with her to discuss the position. The Co-option was proposed and seconded by Cllr Baker and Cllr Booton. Clerk has forwarded the required paperwork to Linda and the link for the CBC Declaration of interest. Linda joined the meeting as a Councillor.

136/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A resident thanked the Steering group for all of their hard work so far on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cala Homes are no longer interested in developing the Greenway site into future housing, a resident asked if there was any other interest in the site? At the moment there is no further interest. It is still an allocated site within the CBC Local Plan. If CBC wish to revise the site layout for development, they will need to go to consultation. Cllr Booton will discuss this with the planning officer.

Government have issued a white paper looking at housing location and supply, Cllr Liddiard will forward the link to Clerk for distribution.

A resident raised concerns over the Enforcement case that was recently opened at 61 Rectory Rd. Clerk confirmed that an Enforcement officer had visited the site and could not find a breach, the case was therefore closed. Cllr Liddiard will contact the Enforcement team and ask for another site inspection.

Concerns were raised again for whether CBC are receiving and adding comments to planning applications, a number seem to be missing. There are no reported problems with the system but may be a delay in updating the information? Cllr Liddiard will look into this.

Cllr Liddiard will look into the dips on the verges in Priory road that have been caused by vehicles, this has been further added to by water leaks. Cllr Baker will forward photographs of the dips.

137/20 UPDATE BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS:

- The Garden waste collection will cease to be collected between 7th December 2020 and 26th February 2021.
- Cllr Liddiard is still following up the removal of the railings under the underpass, a car can now gain access, the previous railings prevented this. The railings were removed due to social distancing for Covid-19.
- Campton Lower school is now part of the BEST Academies. The school is working along with the Governing body.
- There is a Government Management paper offering guidance on planning, Cllr Liddiard will forward to Clerk for distribution to Cllrs.
- Homes England are looking at the development of the Henlow site, the proposal is for a mixed-use development and is not allocated in the Local plan, there are concerns for traffic congestion. There are a number of listed buildings on site, which may become available for commercial usage? The original intention was to turn it into a technology park, Homes England seek to change this, CBC are objecting due to the lack of infrastructure. Cllr Liddiard will forward further details to Clerk for distribution to Cllrs.
- Questions were raised over whether CBC creating their own building company, submitting planning applications to themselves would be lawful? There are currently not enough affordable homes and CBC is therefore looking to rectify this, whilst generating an income. It will be a subsidiary wholly owned by CBC but will be subject to inspection.

138/20 PLAY AREAS/RECREATION GROUND:

Cllr Booton continues to carry out the weekly inspections and he is currently seeking three quotes for the repairs required to the safety surfaces.

Cllr Martin managed to dislodge one of the pipes requiring repair, the remaining one requires a cap, Cllr Martin will contact the FC.

The Play areas will remain open during the next lockdown.

139/20 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

The Steering group were able to clarify the concerns raised at the last meeting regarding the Designated Green spaces and residents have been contacted.

Regulation 14 continues, Cllr Baker is seeking guidance regarding the forthcoming lockdown, it is hoped that providing all take action to keep COVID-19-safe the consultation will continue as planned.

At the end of the process the Steering group will address the representations then come back to the PC with a summary of the responses and any amendments they recommend to the plan,

140/20 NEWSLETTER:

The PC agreed that the next newsletter should be on the website and not delivered by hand due to lockdown and there would be both December and January editions. If anyone would like a paper copy Clerk will print and post them.

Liz suggested that we look at a Local Business directory, the PC would like to consider this in the new year.

141/20 JOINT BURIAL BOARD:

Due to lack of income the JBB seek financial assistance from both CACS PC and Shefford TC, the PC agreed in principal to this although actual amounts yet to be proposed.

142/20 PLANNING:

Enforcement case closed at 61 Rectory Rd, Cllr Liddiard looking into this as per 135/20.

143/20 FINANCES:

Payments for November:

£904.92 Grangers

£40 wreath donation

£98.98 Cloud Next

£604.72 Bedford Borough

Pension payments:

£766.40 backdated

£153.46 September

£123.09 October

The Pc will need to start discussing the Annual budget at the next meeting.

Cllr Garton asked if the PC would consider offering some funding for the church to pay a subscription to Zoom to enable them to hold services? They currently use the 40 minutes free sessions and these would not be long enough. Cllr Baker suggested the Church have access to the PC account, Clerk will arrange a meeting with Linda to discuss the logistics of this.

144/20 Correspondence:

NONE

145/20 AOB:

- Cllr Booton will lay the Wreath on behalf of the PC for Remembrance Sunday.
- Bedford Borough will cease their payroll services from April 2021 so an alternative is required, Cllr Ash will look into this.
- Clerk contacted Anglian water to discuss the ongoing leaks within the village and the odour from some of the pipes since the works with Chicksands, unfortunately this has proven difficult as the PC do not have an account with Anglian Water. Clerk will ask the Chairman to approach then using his account details.

146/20 DATE of next meeting:

2nd December 2020 via Zoom.

