

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held via Zoom on Wednesday 2nd December 2020.

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

Apologies Cllr Martin

147/20 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2020 were signed as a true record of the meeting and it was agreed that the Zoom recording could be deleted.

148/20 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

None.

149/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A resident asked if there was any update regarding the village welcome pack? Cllr Ash will email out a draft for approval.

A resident commented on how wonderful it is that the School is now part of the Academy, a thank you to everyone involved.

150/20 UPDATE BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS:

- Covid-19 results for the last week were 2495 tests and 256 positive cases, a reduction of 2%, Shefford Ward had 11 confirmed cases. Total number has reduced from 119.9 per 100,000 to 88.7 per 100,000.
- James Jamieson has stepped down from his position, a new leader will be announced on 14th January 2021.
- A developer is looking at the old Beadlow Golf club as a potential site for a major development.
- There is a new highway reporting system 'Fix my street' it has been trialled by Councillors but will be available generally in the near future.
- Paul Middleton is due to inspect the condition of the resurfaced road in Greenway.
- Homes England are investigating the best use of RAF Henlow, they are forming a masterplan, but this will not include use of the airfield.
- Whilst looking at the new tiers that have been agreed, CBC were in agreement that tier 2 would be most beneficial as otherwise residents from neighbouring areas would visit.
- The Executive met yesterday and agreed Business support grants, grants are available for those who were forced to close under the recent lockdown. Details on the CBC website.
- Government has granted new powers for local authorities when dealing with businesses who are breaking the new tier rules. They can issue a 48 hour improvement notice, an automatic closure and immediate restriction notice.
- Leisure centres have reopened and are offering a range of activities please contact the centre or view details via the website.

- It has been confirmed that the railings to the underpass were removed as a Covid-19 precaution, Cllr Liddiard and Brown have asked that they be reinstalled.
- There have been two big accidents recently on the A507, Cllr Liddiard has requested that the Police visit the area and assess the road in terms of safety.
- A long-term regeneration plan for Shefford Town centre is being looked at.
- The grass verges at the entrance to Campton were recently filled and seeded, unfortunately due to diverted traffic they are once again damaged, Cllr Liddiard will request that they are repaired again with something more permanent. Pc thanked the Ward Councillors for arranging this.
- Planning application for 16 Greenway has been refused and to clarify there were two residents that responded and one telephone call.
- The possible development of Beadlow golf club is a greenfield development and is not a proposed site within the Local Plan, the developer will be looking at sustainability and infrastructure. CBC could review the Local Plan.
- Cllr Booton has not as yet received a response to his questions regarding Planning policy, Cllr Liddiard will chase this up.
- The Councillors were asked if land was being sold whether there could be an alternative access for Hanlon, direct to A507, this has been discussed previously.

151/20 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

The Consultation for the Neighbourhood Plan has now closed. Some approx. baseline stats are:

28% supported the plan with no modifications
 44% supported the plan with modifications
 6% did not support the plan
 22% no response.

Other basic stats were presented including the breakdown of total response numbers between Campton, Chicksands, Landowners etc. Also, respondent age breakdown and response type e.g. on paper, online etc.

The steering group are now working on an extensive spreadsheet of representations and will take several weeks to agree responses and outcomes.

It is vital that the Neighbourhood Plan is supported by the community and two green infrastructure proposals within Chicksands Private did not get community support. The Steering group are therefore recommending that these be withdrawn going forward. This is not definitive at this stage and it is something that will need to be considered by the Councillors and discussed further. The Steering group are hoping to provide an interim update to Chicksands respondents on this. Once all representations on the draft plan have been fully considered by the Steering group there should be a dedicated meeting with the Councillors to review all the consultation feedback and the recommendations from the Steering group.

The PC thanked Cllr Baker for all his work and Angela Baker for all the time she has spent working on the spreadsheet.

The Steering group are pleased with the overall response from the Parish and the responses were not concentrated on one particular area, virtually all parts of the plan received comments. The

Steering group would like to communicate directly with Chicksands Private and a resident has kindly agreed to be a point of contact.

152/20 PLANNING:

No applications

153/20 FINANCES:

Payments for December:

£212.30 Eon

£41.03 Liz (Viking)

£664.04 Bedford Borough

£1854 precept to JBB

£72 Play inspection Co

Credit from CBC £998.86 grass cutting contributions

Audit fee will be due soon, Clerk will agree amount via email.

The Audit has now been completed and the Certificate displayed, the auditors queried the JBB accounts and the inclusion of the precept, this will be altered next year. The Pc also need to include website address.

Account balances:

£54,013.69

£23,036.80

Cllr Baker emailed around a draft budget for Cllrs to consider, this will need to be agreed next meeting as will the precept.

Future projects were discussed including:

- Resurfacing play area, approximately £15,000
- Increase the number of trees.
- Purchase part of the Glebe.
- Historical walks for the community.
- Car parking spaces at the village hall, Cllr Longson researched this before and will look again at costs. The land would need to be discussed with Annington housing.

154/20 Correspondence:

Elan City flyer regarding road signs

155/20 AOB:

- The Clerk suggested an Open meeting as a way of interacting with residents? All Cllrs agreed it was a good idea a meeting will be planned for mid-February.
- Clerk to write to the school to thank for them for the Remembrance poems and poppies.
- PC thanked the Church for the fantastic preparation of the Church services.
- Members of the village have worked incredibly hard at the cemetery; it has been nice to see such a large representative of the village working together to improve an amenity.

- Thank you also to the organisers of the Christmas festival, such a wonderful idea and so far, there have been 40 entries, good to see the villagers getting involved, bringing them all together for Christmas.
- Cllr Booton has been in contact with Anglian water regarding the pipes in the village, they are carrying out a full survey and will update the PC. They did offer to attend the PC meeting in January, Cllr felt a report would be sufficient.
- Cllr Booton has emailed Clerk the latest safety assessments of the play area and he is obtaining quotes for the resurfacing.
- A resident has contacted the PC regarding the noticeboards, offering to revarnish them. Cllrs are grateful to the volunteer and will cover the costs of materials needed.
- A resident received regular Covid-19 updates and asked if they could go on the noticeboards? Cllrs agreed, she will email to Clerk.
- Chairman wished everyone a Happy Christmas and New year.

156/20 DATE of next meeting:

Wednesday 6th January 2021 via Zoom.