

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held via Zoom on Wednesday 5th May 2021.

Present: Cllr Ash in the Chair, Cllr Baker, Cllr Martin, Cllr Booton, Cllr Barnard. Central Bedfordshire Councillor Brown.

Apologies: Cllr Longson, Cllr Liddiard.

59/21 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR:

Cllr Charles Ash agreed to carry on the position of Chairman, proposed by Cllr Baker, seconded by Cllr Booton. Cllr Baker agreed to carry on the position of Vice-Chairman, proposed by Cllr Booton and seconded by Cllr Martin.

60/21 ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

All Cllrs accepted their position as Councillor for the coming year, Clerk advised Cllrs to update their Declaration of interest with CBC.

61/21 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 31st March and 7th April 2021 were signed as a true record of the meeting and it was agreed that the Zoom recording be deleted.

62/21 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

Cllr Ash has recently used a resurfacing company for work to his private property, the same company have provided Cllr Longson with a quote for the PC, the company were not aware that Cllr Ash was a Councillor.

63/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A resident had been discussing the Picnic in the park with some residents and the residents commented that 'Campton is amazing' the resident felt the PC would like to know this.

There is a glass topped table at the entrance to the Recreation ground, the resident was unsure if it has blown through the bush? Cllr Booton will look at this and arrange for it to be removed.

There are a number of rabbit holes on the Recreation ground, Clerk will arrange for David Granger to fill these in, there are approximately 6 holes.

64/21 REPORT BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS:

Fix my Street is working extremely well, keep advising residents to report items.

There is a Consultation currently open regarding Electric charging units for vehicles, the consultation runs until end of May 2021, Cllr Booton will look into this.

S106 arrangements have come through, there is £506 available for sport until 28/3/23 and £822 available till 11/11/25 again for sport, these funds are available for projects within the Parish.

Cllr Brown will contact Highways regarding the lorry tracks on Rectory Rd, he will see if a survey would be possible?

There have been a number of water leaks within the village, a resident has forwarded clerk some photographs of damage caused, Cllr Booton will look into this and contact CBC.

65/21 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

The Neighbourhood Plan has now been submitted to CBC, it is anticipated that the plan will go to Regulation 16 starting tomorrow, all documents have been loaded onto the website in preparation. The Cllrs commented on what a remarkable achievement this is and thanked Cllr Baker for all of his work.

66/21 VILLAGE HALL PARKING PROJECT:

This will be deferred to the next meeting as Cllr Longson has sent his apologies to this meeting. There is a community funding conference on 15th May 21 which Cllr Booton will attend.

67/21 VILLAGE WELCOME CARD:

Cllr Ash has agreed to update the current welcome card and it will be agreed via email. All Cllrs agreed to the continuing of the welcome cards.

68/21 CBC HIGHWAYS REPRESENTATIVE:

Cllr Ash agreed to be the Highways representative, liaising with CBC over matters that arise, Clerk will confirm with Ward Cllrs.

69/21 PICNIC IN THE PARK COMMUNITY EVENT:

The PC have agreed to the purchase of the marquee and will hold it at the village hall for subsequent use at events within the Parish, groups wishing to use it should apply to the PC. The pub has now changed the date of their event so as to avoid a clash. Cllr Ash will speak to the organiser regarding Insurance cover for the event.

70/21 PLANNING:

None

71/21 FINANCES:

Outgoing for May 2021:

£1027.34 Grangers

£922.78 Insurance

£207.68 Eon

£37.90 Newsletter

£489.97 Clerk, cost of the marquee and ink.

£12,403.08 Play force

Account balances:

Community account £66,502.83

Business account £23,037.94

72/21 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- A resident has contacted the PC regarding the bench opposite the church, the overgrown hedge is preventing it being used, Cllr Ash will contact the residents in close proximity.
- A resident asked if the tree opposite 12 and 14 Rectory road was to be replaced after the previous one was removed? The PC did request that it was replaced but it was unsuitable due to pipe work below the ground, the PC will be reviewing trees in the autumn and will take further advice then.

73/21 AOB:

- Following the last JBB meeting, Cllr Booton has been researching the history of the Churchyard, it was closed in 1983 and handed back to Mid Beds Council, this was confirmed by letter on 19/5/86, the documents also show an agreement by the PC to maintain the churchyard, the costs being split with the JBB. Cllr Ash will speak to a resident, who was a church warden for further information on the history.
- The Insurance documents have been received and Cllr Booton queried section 11 and 13, Clerk will contact Came and Co to ensure adequate cover is in place for the Recreation ground.
- Recreation ground report has been emailed to Clerk.
- The Community helpline is no longer being used so will be closed down, advertisements in the newsletter will be removed.
- The High Court were expected to extend the ability of the PC to hold virtual Public meetings however the Courts ruled against this. An appeal has commenced but as of 7th May 2021 the PC cannot hold virtual Public meetings and up until 21st June 2021 Public meetings cannot be held in a hall. The PC have therefore decided to cancel the June meeting, the July meeting may be face to face or virtual depending on the appeal. S101 Local Government Act 1972 permits the Cll=councillors to delegate the power of decision making to two members of the Council, this will allow payments to be agreed and decisions to be made outside of a full council meeting. Clerk and Cllr Baker will be delegated these powers, all Cllrs agreed. Any decision will be agreed by via email prior to Cllr Baker or Clerk taking action.

74/21 DATE of next meeting:

Wednesday 7th July 2021, whether it is face to face or via Zoom to be confirmed.