

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in Campton Village Hall on Tuesday 13th July 2021.

Present: Cllr Baker in the Chair, Cllr Booton, Cllr Barnard, Central Bedfordshire Councillor Mark Liddiard.

Apologies: Cllr Martin, Cllr Ash, Central Bedfordshire Council Tony Brown

91/21 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2^{8th} June 2021 were not signed due to the Council not being quorate, there were no matters arising.

92/21 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

None

93/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A resident raised concerns over the condition of the footpath in Gravenhurst Rd, Cllr Liddiard agreed to inspect it after the meeting and follow up with Highways if necessary.

94/21 UPDATE BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR:

- Chief Fire Officer Paul Fuller has sadly passed away, a memorial service will be arranged once Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted. His deputy is currently acting as Chief Fire Officer.
- Despite the Government briefing and lifting of Covid-19 restrictions Bedfordshire's number of positive tests for last week had increased by 408, the age range mostly being affected being the under 25's. The public health team are working to ensure people are isolating.
- The Pandemic has had an impact on Council services and CBC are currently prioritising staff to priority services e.g., Waste collection. There is a real shortage of HGV qualified drivers, so maintenance teams are regularly working evenings, weekends and overnight.
- Libraries are now all open, Shefford library are pleased with the number of visitors and the way visitors are adhering to guidelines.
- CBC are not planning to open up Priory House for meetings, all meetings with the exception of the DMC will be hybrid. The DMC will be face-to-face but residents attending will be able to dial in.
- Update on Local Plan, the plan is now with the Inspectorate, and it is due to be transferred to the government minister.
- RAF Henlow, the Inspector has agreed with CBC, more work is required to the site planning.
- CBC will be considering the application for the planned Greenwood development; this was not an area identified for growth within the local plan. CBC have met their 5-year housing target.
- Ward Councillor grants are still available.

95/21 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

There have been 28 Representations made to regulation 16. CBC and the Steering group will address any queries, the Inspector has already asked some questions regarding site information. The Inspector was due to visit the village at the end of last week. The examination should take approximately 9 weeks and then a report will be made public by the examiner. Both the steering group and CBC will be looking to implement any changes required.

96/21 WELCOME CARDS

CLlr Baker and his wife have produced a trifold leaflet as a welcome card, which has been emailed to all Councillors. The idea of it listing activities in the village hall was discussed, decisions will be deferred to the next meeting when the PC are quorate. The Councillors did wish to thank Angela Baker.

97/21 INFORMATION BOARDS:

The Councillors discussed the content of the information boards and appropriate places for them to be positioned. CLlr Barnard will explore whether permission can be granted for one at Chicksands? The decisions will be deferred to next meeting.

98/21 PLANNING:

None

99/21 FINANCES:

Payments:

£1770.21 Grangers
£100.80 Andy Muskett
£30 BATPC, course fees

Account balances:

Community account £47,774.82
Business account £23,038.51

Clerk has submitted the audit to the external auditor. Try and make things easier for next year, she will try and agree the JBB funds at the interim audit.

100/21 S106 FUNDING:

Some S106 funds are available for sports equipment, Clerk and CLlr Booton have been exploring options. The possibility of adult/children's fitness equipment is one option. Clerk has received a quote for £1,175 + vat for 8 cloud fitness signs for children. To be discussed and agreed at the next meeting.

101/21 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Air Ambulance request for support. Deferred to next meeting.
- Police Bobby scheme request for support. Deferred to next meeting.

- A request for Sunday league football to be played on the Recreation ground, deferred to next meeting.

102/21 AOB:

- Clerk has been discussing funding for the Jubilee weekend and possible activities with a resident who raised funds for previous celebrations. It was agreed that a sub-group of event organisers could be arranged to co-ordinate these celebrations, to be agreed at the next meeting, Cllr Barnard expressed an interest in being part of the organising team.
- Recreation ground continues to be checked on a weekly basis, Cllr Baker will carry out the inspections for August.
- There have been 3 complaints received regarding inconsiderate parking at the centre of the village, this may have been due to the recent football. The PC will continue to monitor.
- The JBB met on 21st June 2021. Cllr Booton has been looking into the church yard and who has responsibility for the maintenance? There are two distinct areas within the church yard, one of which has always been known to belong to the JBB. Clerk will look at the grass contributions from CBC to see if they contribute to the upkeep.
- The PC now have a marquee, the Cllrs need to agree rules of usage and insurance, to be agreed at the next meeting.

103/21 DATE of next meeting:

Wednesday 1st September 2021 7.30pm in the Campton Village Hall.