

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in Campton Village Hall on Wednesday 1st September 2021.

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

Apologies: Cllr Barnard, Cllr Martin

104/21 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2021 were signed as a true record of the meetings

105/21 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

None

106/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

107/21 UPDATE BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR:

- There is no further update regarding the green waste collections being reinstated.
- the Local Plan has now been agreed, the 5-year housing supply will continue to run alongside.
- Business Grants are now available from 1/9/21 running till end of September, these are available to businesses who have previously not been awarded a grant and those who did not qualify for the Restart Grant.
- £200,000 has been given by CBC as part of the Community Grant Scheme, the same scheme will be running next year, a maximum of £25,000 can be applied for and must be match funded.
- CBC have been supporting the Afghan Relocation scheme, 3 families are being supported within the county.
- There have been no further updates regarding the redevelopment of RAF Henlow, the site is not included within the Local Plan. Homes England sent out an Email to all involved in the RAF Henlow development.
- The Greenwood proposed development has been withdrawn.

108/21 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

The Councillors Congratulated Cllr Baker and the Steering group on reaching this stage and thanked them for all their hard work. The Steering group are now focusing on advertising the Referendum, notes will be delivered with the newsletter offering a summary and key outcome. Information will be provided on the website and on noticeboards. 51% or more of the votes on the day will need to be in favour of the plan for it to be adopted. The PC will need to use the plan and refer to it when considering future planning applications. The Inspector praised the Steering group for continuing with the process during the pandemic and gave praise for the way in which the plan was put together and its presentation.

109/21 WELCOME CARDS

Cllr Baker modified the card following last meeting, to expand on the facilities at the village hall. All Cllrs agreed to this copy and Cllr Baker will now arrange for 50 copies to be printed, the card will be reviewed annually.

110/21 S106 FUNDING:

Cllr Booton and Clerk have been researching possible projects for the S106 available money, 3508.71 is available to draw on till 2023 and £833 is available till 2025. Cllrs agreed to explore the idea of a climbing wall.

111/21 CAMPTON UNITED CHARITIES INSURANCE:

The Charity have formally requested the support of the PC, the PC do currently over see the charity. They would like the PC to include the land owned by the charity for assets covered by the PC Insurance. Cllrs were in favour; however, 3 Cllrs attending are also trustees to the charity. Clerk will take advice on this

112/21 JUBILEE WEEKEND:

The Cllrs agreed that they would like the Parish as a whole to celebrate the Jubilee in June 2022. Cllr Barnard had previously agreed to head up a group of volunteers to make arrangements. The group will be a subcommittee of the PC

113/21 MARQUEE:

The Marquee purchased for a summer event in the village has now been stored in the village hall and is available for community events, Cllr Booton has put together a draft agreement, he will email this out for Cllrs to add to it, to be agreed at the next meeting.

114 JOINT BURIAL BOARD:

Cllr Booton has been investigating the history of both the cemetery in Campton and Shefford. The Diocese has confirmed that the cemetery in Campton is a closed cemetery, Cllr Booton and Clerk will continue to investigate the history and work alongside the Assets team at CBC to establish responsibility regarding maintenance.

115/21 PLANNING:

CB/21/037071/FULL has been received by Clerk but is a Shefford application so not within the Parish.

116/21 FINANCES:

Payments:

£1968.57 Grangers

£66 Play Inspection Co

£185 & £45 CJ Bain, payroll provider.

Account balances:

Community account £43,193.83

Business account £23,038.56

The updated finance sheet will be sent out along with the Minutes from now on.

Cllr Ash will register for online banking.

117/21 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Air Ambulance request for support.
- Police Bobby scheme request for support.
- Eon changes to energy prices
- Elan city information- traffic controls.
- Wonder bus new times, Clerk will display on noticeboards.
- Festival for older people information, Clerk will display on noticeboards.

118/21 AOB:

- Cllr Martin will be stepping down from his role as Cllr, the PC would like to thank him for his commitment and hard work.
- The PC do need to recruit some new Cllrs, there are currently 2 vacancies.
- The PC discussed whether to open the newsletter up to external advertising, it was agreed that it should stay as it currently is, non-commercial.
- Cllr Booton and Cllr Baker have continued to inspect the play areas, Clerk has the updated reports. There is an area of hedging that needs cutting back, Cllr Booton will speak to the landowner. Clerk will chase the invoice to the FC. The boards on the Multiplay need replacing, Clerk will arrange for a quote from CPM Playgrounds.
- Clerk and Cllr Booton have been looking at the grass cutting contributions from CBC, they contribute to a designated number of cuts per year.
- Cllr Longson has been pursuing the landowner regarding additional parking at the village hall but has not been able to gain any further information. He will try once more, if not Clerk will send a formal letter.
- Cllr As agreed to make the Wreath arrangements for Remembrance Sunday.
- The Referendum is organised by CBC, no additional help is required.

119/21 DATE of next meeting:

Wednesday 6th October 2021 7.30pm in the Campton Village Hall.