

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in Campton Village Hall on Monday 11th October 2021.

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

Apologies: Cllr Barnard, Central Bedfordshire Councillor Tony Brown.

120/21 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1st September 2021 were signed as a true record of the meetings.

Matters arising: Cllr Booton has spoken to the landowner regarding the trees overhanging, he is happy for them to be cut back but at the cost to the PC, Cllrs agreed to leave them for the moment/

121/21 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

Cllr Longson and Cllr Baker both wrote to the Clerk prior to the meeting to request a dispensation to vote, they are both trustees for United Campton Charities and wished to vote in this meeting as Councillors on a charity issue.

122/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

123/21 UPDATE BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR:

- The Garden waste will be collected 18th-30th October, recycling will not be collected during this time, food waste can either be double bagged and kept till after this time or placed in black bin bags.
- CBC will be funding holidays meals for vulnerable children during the two half terms and Christmas holidays, eligibility can be viewed by the website.
- CBC are currently Consulting on parking charges across all of Central Beds.
- FFC Environmental have initiated the Community Grant scheme, funding is available to community groups for projects e.g., Play equipment.
- Planning application for Greenway, to be discussed as a separate item.
- Work to be carried out to Rectory Road was to be rescheduled, Cllr Baker asked if there was any further update? Cllr Brown is following it up.
- Cllr Booton requested an explanation regarding the changes to the Housing Bill, recommendations will be coming out of Government.
- With so much new development in the area the Cllrs asked if there were enough school places available for new residents. There are enough school places, however the children are not always offered their catchment school and then do have to travel.

124/21 PLANNING:

CB/21/04372/OUT Outline application for 66 houses on the land East of Greenway.

Cllrs felt that residents would clearly be disappointed to hear of the application, especially so soon after the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan have been adopted.

The Councillors now need to meet and go through the Neighbourhood Plan and pick up on the applicable parts that reflect on the style of property and layout. Cllr Liddiard has concerns over the landscaping, planned footpaths and isolating the development from the remainder of the village. The PC have the ability to take the design and characteristics from the NP to influence the development. Cllr Liddiard will arrange a meeting between the PC, the planning officer and himself once the PC have collated their views. The PC would also like to see any S106 money being given a wider scope of use. PC views need to be submitted by 5th November 2021.

CB/21/03171/FULL6 The Old Dairy Speeds dairy farm. Installation of 2 sets of bi fold doors, 2 velux windows and a new ground floor window to north and west elevations of the building. This is being called into the DMC, the PC were offered an opportunity to speak, Clerk will decline.

CB/21/04079/FULL 1The Old Dairy, Speedsdairy farm, conversion of existing storage barn into residential annexe.

125/21 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

All councillors will now be aware of the results of the Neighbourhood Plan, the turn out on the day was low but the votes indicated 89% in favour 11% against and the plan has therefore been adopted by CBC. Cllr Baker wished to thank everyone involved for all of their time commitment and enthusiasm to the plan. Cllr Ash also thanked everyone involved particularly Cllr Baker in leading the plan. There will be one more meeting of the steering group to complete the project plan and finances.

126/21 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. Three Councillors were in favour, two of the Councillors are trustees to the Charity and they were able to vote after requesting a dispensation prior to the meeting. The land will now be insured under the PC insurance.

127 JOINT BURIAL BOARD:

The last meeting of the JBB was held in September the following key points were agreed:

- Topple testing will be carried out at the Shefford cemetery, Clerks are in the process of arranging a date.
- The data inputting to the computer system is taking longer than anticipated due to lack of time, all Cllrs agreed that they were happy for this to continue as time was available,
- Charges will be reviewed at the next meeting; they were last reviewed in 2019.
- The railings have now been painted.
- Cllr Booton and both clerks have been looking at the ownership of the churchyard in Campton, the land is registered to the Church, however the PC and JBB are currently maintaining it. One section, the side the PC are maintaining has previously been closed but the JBB side hasn't.

- Clerk has been looking at insurance cover for the churchyard as NALC dictates that those maintaining the Churchyard are responsible. The wall is also to be considered for safety. Clerk will look at topple testing as well.

128/21 P3 SCHEME:

Clerk and a previous Cllr ha set up a meeting to discuss the P3 scheme then due to the pandemic the follow up meeting had to be cancelled. Clerk asked if Cllrs would like her to start this up again? It was agreed by all Cllrs that she would make arrangements for a meeting in January 2022.

129/21 CERT

Clerk has been contacted by CBC regarding an emergency plan for the Parish, she attended a training course recently which highlighted the benefits of the plan, which she explained to all Cllrs. After some discussion the Cllrs agreed it would be worthwhile. A written plan may follow but initially Clerk will set up WhatsApp group with A CBC Emergency manager, Cllr Ash and herself as admin and then after discussion key people from the community can be added, these will include those that could offer assistance in an emergency.

130/21 FINANCES:

Payments:

Grangers £1084.10
Eon £432.62
Mazars £240.00
A Muskett 3100.80
CJ Bain £45
E Bishop, newsletter £111.57
SPC printing £189.06

Account balances:

Community account £41,268.85
Business account £23,038.56

Cllr Ash will register for online banking.

The Pc are over budget on a number of items, this will need to be taken into consideration when agreeing the next budget.

131/21 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Casual Vacancy notice.
- Best academy information.

132/21 AOB:

- There are 4.5 trees by the underpass that have died, Clerk will contact David Granger to arrange for him to fell and treat them.

- Cllr Ash has agreed to check the defibrillator and to record the checks, Clerk will investigate if any maintenance is required?
- Anglia water will be replacing some pipes in the village.
- Cllr Booton and Cllr Baker, along with two residents have been putting together some information boards for walks in the Parish, hopefully they will have a draft to view at the next meeting.
- Cllr Ash will not be able to make the next meeting or Remembrance Day, Cllr Booton will lay the wreath.
- Clerk was contacted by a resident concerned over parking on match days and suggested they use some business parking; this has been investigated but the club have asked all visitors to be considerate when parking and the situation seems to have improved.
- The post cover for the goal posts have now been replaced.
- Parking is causing some concerns when the pub has an event, cars are blocking pathways.
- Cllr Booton has posted leaflets to recruit new Cllrs and Clerk will include this in the newsletter, the PC really does need some new Cllrs.

133/21 DATE of next meeting:

Wednesday 3rd November 2021 7.30pm in the Campton Village Hall.