

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in Campton Village Hall on Wednesday 3rd November 2021.

Present: Cllr Baker in the Chair, Cllr Barnard, Cllr Booton, Cllr Longson, Central Bedfordshire Councillor Tony brown

Apologies: Cllr Ash, Central Bedfordshire Councillor Mark Liddiard.

134/21 MINUTES:

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

Matters arising: Cllr Booton and Cllr Baker thanked Cllr Brown for arranging a meeting with the planning officer to discuss the proposed development on Greenway, they felt it was a positive and constructive meeting. There are a number of concerns over the proposed site including the design, footpaths and play area. The deadline for the application has been extended from 5th November to 12th November 2021. The Councillors have visited three developments locally to look at designs and have included this in the appendices that will be submitted to CBC. A representation was discussed and has been prepared, it will be agreed via email, Cllr Booton will hand deliver a copy and Clerk will email it in. The PC will also request that the S106 is as wide as possible to allow for opportunities to benefit the community.

Cllr Booton will be visiting the Archives to look for evidence of how the JBB was originally formed and what advice was provided to them as the founded the new JBB.

A further meeting to discuss the Information boards is planned for 4th November 2021.

Match Day parking was a real issue last week, with cars parking over footpaths. Cllr Baker will discuss this with the FC. A resident did suggest parking by the industrial units but that is private land, this would need to be discussed further with the landowner.

135/21 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

None

136/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

137/21 UPDATE BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR:

- Funding has been agreed for the Clophill Roundabout. A £6.8 million grant has been awarded from the Department of Transport to improve the A6/A507 traffic flow. The total cost will be £7.8 million.
- CBC's Schools for the future programme for the Shefford and Stotfold cluster will be announced by the end of 2021, this will be information not a consultation.
- CBC's car park at Thorn End, the waste facility has been resurfaced with solar panels, they are providing 17,000 kw of energy. 5 probes at a depth of 150m have been inserted and will analyse the heat of the soil at that depth, there will be sufficient heat to melt any ice.

- The Town and Parish Conference was scheduled for 10th November, this is to be rescheduled due to increase in Covid cases.
- A planning application has been submitted for a crematorium at Steppingly on the old hospital site.
- Funding has been approved for works to the Black cat roundabout and dualling of the road.
- Improvements to the footpath in Greenway have been scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.
- Anglian water has requested a road closure 6th-10th December for Priory Rd Campton to enable trial holes to take place safely.

138/21 ZOOM:

Clerk asked Council if they would continue with access to Zoom now that the council were meeting in person? Council discussed the possibility of providing access for residents to attend via Zoom, Cllr Baker will look at Broadway access at the village hall. Cllr Booton will look at broadband funding. All Cllrs agreed to continue with Zoom account.

139/21 CERT:

Clerk has set up the WhatsApp group for the CERT group, Clerk asked Cllrs to consider other useful contacts to be added and to email her.

140/21 PLANNING:

CB/21/04372/OUT Outline application for 66 houses on the land East of Greenway. The application was discussed under 134/21. A representation will be agreed via email and submitted by 12th November. Cllr Booton will look at the street lighting, Cllr Longson will speak to Cllr Martin to retrieve any information he has regarding lighting.

141/21 FINANCES:

Payments:

Grangers £941.11
CPM £1020.00
C J Bain £45
Liz Bishop £9.12 staples

Sheffield Town Council (JBB account) It was agreed that whilst the PC had budgeted £1854 and increase was agreed to cover expenditure, the extra will be taken from the reserves. Clerk will confirm the actual amount, but it should be 19.5% of £15,500, £3022.20

Account balances:

Community account £38,712.39
Business account £23,039.08

Clerk will arrange a Budget meeting prior to the next meeting.

142/21 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Eon, acknowledgement of increase in prices.
- Sunshine Gym flyer

143/21 AOB:

- Cllr Longson requested an update on the land owned by Campton United Charities, Cllr Baker confirmed that he is in the process of having the land valued.
- Cllr Booton has completed the documents for the pension Regulator.
- Liz Bishop has been approached to ask if there could be a business directory in the newsletter, Cllrs discussed this and agreed to not pursue this.
- Clerk will arrange a budget meeting for the JBB.

144/21 DATE of next meeting:

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