

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in Campton Village Hall on Wednesday 2nd February 2022

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

Apologies: Central Bedfordshire Councillor Tony Brown.

01/22 MINUTES:

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

02/22 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

Cllr Booton declared an interest in relation to planning application CB/22/00034/FULL, he lives in a neighbouring property. Cllr Baker knows the applicant.

03/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

04/22 UPDATE BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR:

- CBC have been awarded money as part of the Levelling up award, this levelling up will be particularly for Child Education attainment. Central Bedfordshire Council has been identified as a high growth area, but child attainment is an area that requires attention.
- CBC has set up an Executive task force aimed at looking at fairness of provisions across the area, the group will aim to ensure there is a fairness to the provisions provided across the area. The provisions for transport, leisure, theatres, childcare etc will be looked at. The team will work alongside the Community Engagement team and a report will be produced in 6/7 months.
- The Outline Planning application for Greenway is still open.
- CBC has paused the schools for the future programme temporarily. Now that CBC has had the Local Plan agreed they are in a position to look at future housing in the area.
- There is an Executive paper about to be discussed setting out the structure of the Education clusters. There is a higher-than-average yield of families moving into the area with school aged children so the demand on school places is difficult to predict. There is a desire of CBC to move the cluster covering this Parish to a two-tier system. There is difficulty in recruiting staff to a three-tier system. It was the original proposal to move children from the Parish to Shefford school, it is difficult to determine the outcome of the consultation which will start this week.

05/22 PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARIES:

Changes to the Parliamentary Boundary are being discussed by CBC. There are currently 3 MPs covering Bedfordshire, they are grouped into North-East, South and Mid Beds. The proposal is to

redefine these boundaries, under the proposal the Parish would be linked with Hitchin, the proposal is still being considered by the Boundary Commission.

06/22 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

As the Neighbourhood Plan has now been accepted by CBC and the process is complete, outstanding grant money is required to be paid back. Clerk will set up payment for £946.65 to Ground Works UK.

There is a requirement to store the Consultation data for 15 years, Cllr Baker has prepared two copies, Clerk will hold one and one will be stored in the fireproof safe.

07/22 JOINT BURIAL BOARD ARCHIVES:

The two Clerks would like to remove the documents concerning the JBB from the Archives, these documents are needed for the inputting of data task and there is adequate room for storage at Shefford House. Both Councils need to agree prior to the Clerks being allowed to remove them. All agreed.

Councillor Booton has been trying to establish the possibility of whether the Churchyard in Campton can be closed on the JBB side? The Ministry of Justice has confirmed that it can in fact be closed but all maintenance and responsibility will remain with the JBB, it cannot be passed to the Local authority.

Topple testing and repairs are being carried out at Shefford cemetery and the Clerks will then look at Campton Churchyard, the JBB side.

08/22 P3 SCHEME:

Clerk has arranged for a P3 meeting to take place in the village hall on Saturday 19th February at 11am. Chris Dorrow, rights of way Officer from CBC will join the meeting. The aim is to establish project areas within the village.

09/22 RURAL MATCH FUNDING:

Clerk has forwarded details of Rural match funding to Councillors for consideration, any questions need to be asked by mid-February and the closing date for applications is 8th April 2022.

10/22 CERT:

Clerk has set up the Emergency CERT group on WhatsApp, Cllr Ash and her are on there for Admin. Clerk asked who else the PC would like to add to the group, key people that would be able to help in an emergency. It was agreed she would contact the Church and the Village Hall and also investigate contacts at Chicksands.

11/22 PLANNING:

CB/22/00034/FULL 12 Greenway, Two storey side and rear extension with a new garage roof. No concerns but subject to neighbourly considerations.

CB/22/00018/FULL Highlands Farm, Gravenhurst Rd, Campton. Erection of Office building to serve plant and machinery hire and maintenance business. This is a renewal application; permission was originally granted 3 years previously. The Councillors once again have concerns for the increase in employees and number of vehicles.

12/22 FINANCES:

Payments:

£946.65 Neighbourhood plan refund

£125.17 N Power 98/1/22)

£150 Village Hall fees (paid 12/1/22)

Credits:

£998.86 CBC grass cutting contribution

£ 4,642.48 vat claim

Account balances:

Community account £34,455.79

Business account £23,039.08

13/22 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Anglian water update works to Priory Road and rectory road will commence April 2022; Anglian water will be replacing the pipes. Any water disruption will be overnight, they will be writing to all residents affected. Clerk will put notices on the noticeboard, website and in the newsletter to update residents with exact details.
- A company has asked if there is any land available in the Parish for flower growing? Cllr Ash will pass the enquiry to two families in the village who own land and the enquiry will also be discussed by Campton United Charities.

14/22 AOB:

- Cllr Longson has been investigating possible additional car parking at the village hall. He is trying to establish ownership of the corner of Brookside prior to progressing any further.
- There have been complaints regarding Football parking, Cllr Baker has asked the club to avoid parking on pathways, he will ask if someone will be responsible for parking on match days?
- Cllr Booton has inspected the Recreation ground and play area. Three posts are now rotten on the back fence, Cllr Booton is happy to replace them and claim back costs, all in agreement. One of the plastic tables has been burnt but doesn't appear to be a hazard. The PC will need to consider a fertiliser for the football pitch next season.
- Cllr Booton was looking for volunteers to assist with planning Jubilee celebrations, no other Councillors are available to help, and 2 residents have come forward but cannot assist. Due to other commitments Cllr Booton can not organise events solely and therefore there will be no events planned for the village.
- Residents have expressed a desire for hybrid PC meetings, Cllr Baker and Cllr Booton are going to look into it.
- The underpass requires attention, it has been reported to CBC Highways on two occasions, but they have responded stating work is not required. Clerk will speak to Cllr Liddiard.

- John Harris from Walk England has asked the Parish to advertise walking, clerk will include this in the newsletter.

15/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday 2ND March 2022 7.30pm in the Campton Village Hall.