

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in Campton Village Hall on Thursday 5th May 2022

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

Apologies: Central Bedfordshire Councillor Tony Brown, Cllr Sibley

32/22 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR.

Cllr Ash proposed Cllr Baker to Chairman, seconded by Cllr Booton, all agreed.

Cllr Ash proposed Cllr Booton to be Vice-Chair, seconded by Cllr Baker, all agreed.

33/22 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2022 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

34/22 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

None

35/22 CO-OPTION OF A NEW COUNCILLOR:

Kate Turton, a resident of Chicksands would like to join the Parish Council as a Councillor, Kate has attended previous meetings. This was proposed by Cllr Booton and seconded by Cllr Baker. Kate will complete the Declaration of interest for CBC.

36/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

37/22 UPDATE BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR:

- Grant schemes are available for inspiring volunteers to support them with training, grants available for £100-£1000 and applications are invited between 20/4/22 and 20/5/22.
- Primary and Middle School offers have now been made. There were 3,500 applications for Primary and 93% of applicants got their first choice, there were 3,200 applications for Middle School and 93/94% got their first choice. 98% of applications were made online.
- Cllr Liddiard and Cllr Brown are trialling postcode checking for refuse collection, the tool provides four weeks of dates for refuse collection in a given area.
- A Director for Children's services has been appointed, Sarah Jane Smegmore has relocated from Dorset. Children's services were rated Good by Ofsted in a recent report.
- The Annual Community Grant scheme is being run once again; the total allocated funds is £200,000 for Community grants to be used for capital repairs etc applications are open from 23/5/22 to 25/7/22.
- The Greensands County festival will run for May and June, look out for events.
- The walking and cycling strategy, making communities more sustainable and linked will follow shortly, the aim will be to link communities without residents having to use a car.

Cllr Booton thanked Cllr Liddiard for the Ward Councillors grant, which paid for display boards for the jubilee, the PC are happy for others within the community to use the boards once they are delivered.

Residents have been asking for further details regarding the solar panels and the links with CBC. CBC have been looking at their overall sustainability. They have joined with BP Pulse to try and provide electric vehicle charge points for vehicles in both car parks and for homes. CBC are also looking to work with a number of suppliers to provide solar PV and batteries for both council owned properties and private residents. 1,000 people have so far expressed an interest. Cllr Liddiard will provide more details as they become available.

The planning officer assigned to the Greenway proposal is still awaiting a revised planning application. Once this has been submitted there will be a new consultation period for residents.

A Cllr asked if anything ever came of the A1 survey of some years ago, Cllr Liddiard confirmed that the A1 is not an area Highways are focusing on. Highways are looking at the A507 and improvements required. They are looking to build a relief road to Arlesey, they propose to build an additional roundabout between Fairfield's and Arlesey. The bend by Beadlow golf course is also an area subject to study, looking at whether to reduce the speed limit to 40mph, a coroner's report from an incident 9 months ago will be considered.

A Cllr raised the condition of the road outside Priory house, this area is not on Highways land however the assets team are looking into it as the land is privately owned by CBC.

38/22 REVIEW KEY DOCUMENTS:

Deferred to next meeting.

Cllrs agreed that the Church burial ground needed to be added to the Assets list along with the new safety surface at the Children's play area.

39/22 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The following roles were agreed:

Cllr Ash: Review newsletter, Campton united charities, School liaison, JBB.

Cllr Longson: Village Hall committee, Campton united charities and JBB

Cllr Baker: Finance, employment, website, FC, bank mandate.

Cllr Booton: Recreation ground and FC, Vision, projects and fundraising, bank mandate

Cllr Turton: Chicksands and social media, bank mandate.

Cllr Sibley to be agreed.

The roles and responsibilities will be discussed and firmly agreed at the next meeting.

40/22 JUNE MEETING:

The next meeting falls on the B/H Thursday for the Jubilee, Cllr agreed to move the meeting to 9th June 2022. Cllr Booton provided his apologies.

41/22 CAMPTON UNITED CHARITIES:

More trustees are required. Things are moving forward in terms of registering the land. An item will be included on the agenda in future for Committees and projects.

42/22 JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS:

The PC thanked the Committee for all of their work so far on the preparations for the Jubilee. The school and nursery are also involved.

Money from the old account will be paid into the PC account, to be used on the event.

Risk assessments have been carried out; Cllr Ash offered to assist with completing these.

Insurance company have confirmed that the hobbies groups are responsible for their own equipment. The event for up to 1,000 people is covered by the insurance.

43/22 PROJECTS MOVING FORWARD:

Clerk asked all Cllrs to consider some projects the PC can focus on over the next few years, including ideas from the NP. At the next meeting some projects will be agreed.

44/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Planning application CB/22/01084/FULL Speeds dairy farm, new agricultural barn. Cllrs wish to take a further look and agree comments via email.

45/22 FINANCES:

Payments:

April

£30 BATPC £30 Training

£55 C J Bain

£1158 Metro signs

£293 BATPC

£100.80 A Muskett

£223.35 E Bishop

£64.53 T Medley (P3)

£1258.39 Grangers

Credits:

£150 Hanlon (Jubilee)

£100 FB Parr (Jubilee)

£350 Ward Cllr grant for bench

£24,459.00 CBC

May

£222 Expocart (payable to T Medley)
£665.43 Grangers
£307.89 P Booton (Jubilee expenditure)
£310.83 Clerk expenses

Credit
£170 Ward Cllr fund for display boards

Account balances:

Community account £53,183.13
Business account £23,040.22

Clerk will set up payments to be approved by Cllr Baker.
Clerk will apply to change the mandate to allow Cllr Booton and Cllr Turton access to banking and he will then set up access online banking.

Clerk will query an under payment to A Muskett of 78p.

46/22 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- A resident reported concerns over match day parking, the PC are monitoring it and are in discussions with the FC.
- A resident produced a book on walks some time ago and is a little upset that these walks have not been included with the new walks of the village. Cllr Baker will discuss this with the resident.
- CBC Consultation on statement of Community involvement.
- Elan city information.

47/22 AOB:

The FC have asked due to a big match being played on this coming Saturday at Shefford that the second team can play at Campton, all agreed.

Resident raised concerns generally in the village regarding parking.

The information board will be fitted in the next few days.

Recreation report has been sent to Clerk. Post on the boundary needs attention, clerk will ask D Granger for a quote. There are quite a few rabbit holes that will need to be filled.

The grass has been cut 2 weeks ago and a Cllr queried if it was required.

A solicitor is required to do the conveyancing for the additional village hall parking and Cllr Longson will speak to the church regarding the triangle of land.

48/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Thursday 9th June 2022 7pm in the Campton Village Hall.

