

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in Campton Village Hall on Thursday 9th June 2022

Present: Cllr Baker as Chairman, Cllr Ash, Cllr Sibley and Cllr Turton, Central Bedfordshire Councillor Mark Liddiard.

Apologies: Central Bedfordshire Councillor Tony Brown, Cllr Booton and Cllr Longson

49/22 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th May 2022 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

Matters arising:

There was an email from a resident discussed at the last meeting regarding walks for residents. Cllr Baker has spoken to the resident and the book of walks is still available and will continue to be advertised occasionally in the newsletter and on the website.

50/22 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

Cllr Ash declared an interest; his wife had been discussing the pipe work with Anglian water. There was a suggestion that the works should continue within the village rather than have a break and restart. CBC contacted the PC to discuss this suggestion. Cllrs requested that CBC consult with the school to discuss which option would be easiest for the school. The PC were supportive of the school's view. Cllrs have asked CBC to keep them updated so that they can communicate with residents.

51/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

52/22 UPDATE BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR:

- Cllr Liddiard commented that the revised planning application on Greenway showed a more complimentary layout, however he was concerned with the access points for pedestrians and whether an alternative should be factored in? The PC appreciate some of the changes, however they still are concerned with the entrance. The Pond (sustainable urban drainage) at the top end of the site requires more detail. There is some confusion over the land levels? There would need to be some bunding, but this is not clear, it is also not clear whether the site goes uphill? The PC do not want fencing. Cllr Liddiard will arrange a meeting with the PC and the planning officer to clarify points.
- For the last 3-4 years Clophill and Ampthill have been lobbying for traffic safety measures on the A507 between Clophill and Chicksands. In the last four weeks there have been another 2 RTAs and 1 fatality, there has now been 3 fatalities in 3 years. Cllr Liddiard is putting pressure on the portfolio holder to consider traffic controls and possible speed cameras? Cllr Liddiard asked if the PC would be supportive of this? Would the PC be willing to communicate with residents? Cllrs agreed they would support in any way they could. They would like to see any safety measure extended to Priory house.

- Cllr Sibley raised concerns over the crossing by Priory House, some vehicles fail to stop for pedestrians, Cllr Liddiard will raise this with the Highways safety Officers.
- By end of May 2022, CBC had 136 sponsors supporting 342 Ukrainian refugees, 117 of these were under 18, schools have provided places for these young people and CBC have vetted all sponsors.
- 60,500 Energy rebate payments have been made so far; CBC are looking into the £400 scheme.
- Community Asset Grant Scheme is open for applications until 25/7/22.
- CBC are looking at how services are delivered, the Equality and fairness of opportunity, they have commissioned consultants to understand the situation across the area and specifically to look for links with poverty. In Central Bedfordshire 8% of households are in poverty and school pupil premium is 18%, CBC are trying to ascertain what future services could look like. CBC are keen to hear from residents what challenges they are having?
- Eatonbury Academy will be introducing a sixth form providing level 2 and 3 qualifications.
- Cllr Turton asked what provisions were being made for pupils with EHCPs (Education, Health and Care Plan) in place? Cllr Liddiard commented that CBC are working hard to ensure children are not left behind and as part of the Equality and fairness will be looking to identify support e.g., good library services in areas where reading attainment is low.
- There is a big social media campaign for fly tipping in Bedfordshire, fly tipping costs the taxpayer approximately £400,000 a year and CBC are trying to reduce this, they are starting to put hidden cameras in trees to catch the culprits, several people have been prosecuted in the last year.
- A contract has been signed to build a Crematorium at Steppingly/Flitwick.
- CBC are consulting on the works to Clophill roundabout.
- Cllr Turton thanked Cllr Liddiard for arranging for the big pothole in Chicksands to be repaired and asked if the others could be assessed?
- A new dog bin is to be fitted in Mill Lane. Cllr Liddiard enquired as to whether Mill Lane is fully adopted. Cllr Ash will look into this and report back.

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.

53/22 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

JOINT BURIAL BOARD: No update, next JBB meeting is 22/6/22

CAMPTON UNITED CHARITIES: No update.

P3 GROUP: The new P3 group have identified and been working on some projects within the village. Clerk has written a thank you letter to all volunteers on behalf of the PC. Training will be provided in due course.

54/22 FUTURE PROJECTS:

1. Clerk, Cllr Turton and Cllr Sibley will look to set up social media accounts for the PC and advertise them through the website and newsletter.
2. Cllr Baker will look at Assets of Community value in respect of the school.

3. Cllr Booton will look at long term project of a vision of green spaces for the Parish.
4. Cllr Longson is investigating village hall parking.

55/22 STREET AND SPEED WATCH:

The Mayor of Shefford is interested in investigating a joint Speed and Street watch team run in conjunction with other neighbouring Parishes. This would enable volunteers to be involved in their own Parish or choose to help a different Parish. Clerk will include a piece in the newsletter and ask if any residents are interested?

56/22 UNDERPASS:

The Youth team in Shefford have been running some street art projects with young people and the Clerk at Shefford asked for the Cllrs thoughts on running a similar project on the underpass? Cllrs were in favour of this and suggested maybe a bright sky and perhaps aircraft linked to Shuttleworth and Chicksands? They would also like a street scene to be considered for the sides, perhaps rural moving into urban? Clerk suggested something added in recognition of the Jubilee. Clerk will discuss this with the Clerk at Shefford.

57/22 REVIEW OF KEY DOCUMENTS:

Clerk would like to amend one document and email it to Cllrs for agreement, deferred till next meeting.

58/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

CB/21/04372/OUT Land southeast of Greenway, Erection of 66 dwellings, car parking and landscaping. PC have submitted comments and ask that their previous submission be also taken into consideration.

CB/22/01082/FULL 11 Truman Place, this application has only just been received and the documents only just available online, Clerk will ask for an extension to allow all Cllrs to view the documents.

58/22 FINANCES:

Payments:

June 2022

£1267.99 Grangers

Expenses (Jubilee) £315.16 Cllr Booton

£500 additional expenses for the Jubilee were also agreed, Clerk will set up payment once the invoices are received

Account balances:

Community account £50,324.11

Business account £23,040.22

Clerk will set up payments to be approved by Cllr Baker.

The Council agreed the Annual Governance statement section 1 and 2. Clerk will submit the documents to the external auditor. The internal auditor has recommended that the accounts are restated again this year as the percentage of the JBB accounts was not correct last year.

Clerk and Cllr Baker signed the mandate to allow Cllr Booton and Cllr Turton access to banking, they will now complete the documents and once registered will be able to arrange online banking.

59/22 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Clophill roundabout, Clerk will include on the next Agenda to allow Cllrs to review the proposal.
- The Village Hall committee are reviewing fees and asked if the Cllrs would like the differential between resident/non resident fees to be continued? Cllrs agreed in favour of this.

60/22 AOB:

The Annual play area inspection has been received and Clerk has emailed it to Cllrs, it will be on the next Agenda for Cllrs to discuss.

Cllr Booton has forwarded the monthly playground inspections to clerk.

61/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Thursday 7th July 2022 7pm in the Campton Village Hall.