

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in Campton Village Hall on Thursday 7th July 2022

Present: Cllr Booton as Chairman, Cllr Ash, Cllr Sibley and Cllr Turton, Central Bedfordshire Councillor Tony Brown.

Apologies: Central Bedfordshire Councillor Mark Liddiard, Cllr Baker and Clerk.

62/22 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2022 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

63/22 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

None

64/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

65/22 UPDATE BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR:

- Cllr Brown was able to confirm that the Planning application CB/21/04372/OUT is still being investigated by the planning officer and is not expected to go to the DMC till at least September 2022. Cllr Brown has requested that consideration be given to include raised tables at both entrances in order to slow traffic. He has also requested the footpath be extended to at least the agricultural entry point to improve safety.
- Cllr Brown has arranged a dog bin to be fitted in Mill Lane, it has disappeared so Cllr Brown will investigate.
- Greenways pathway has been completed but some work is still required to the road to eliminate a major puddling problem.
- Cllr Brown is still trying to get Mill Lane resurfaced.
- There is an Executive meeting on 11/10/22 to seek approval to build the new primary school off Hitchin Rd, which under 'Schools for the future' will replace the existing Campton school.
- The Local plan review outcome will be an Agenda item at the Executive meeting on 6/12/22.
- CBC has 266 Ukraine refugees, including 96 children.
- June figures for Covid in Bedfordshire: 2.3% testing positive
- Latest vaccination update: 1st dose 86.1%, 2nd dose 82.8%, booster 66.9%

2021 Census reveals:

CBC total population 294,200

CBC is amongst the largest growth areas in England, a 15.7% increase has been registered since the last census, which is above England's average of 6.6%. some statistics that may be of interest:

	Shefford Ward	Town Only
Population	9,330	5,880
Households	3,660	2,460
Dwellings	3,850	2,570
No of cars	5,820	3,700
Area	2,020 hectares	350 hectares
Density	4-6 people/hectare	16.8 people/hectare

66/22 FINANCES:

Payments:

July 2022

£1412.30 Grangers
 £1141.28 Gallagher Insurance
 £40 ICO
 £125 Village Hall hire
 £275 leena Bains
 £66 Play inspection co
 £130.14 Newsletters
 £104.40 A Muskett
 £529.20 Clerk JBB hours

Account balances:

Community account £47,023.28
 Business account £23,040.22

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

67/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

CB/22/01082/FULL 11 Truman Place, no objection.

68/22 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

JOINT BURIAL BOARD:

The last JBB meeting took place on 22/6/22, the committee put forward the following recommendations to be agreed by full council:

Staff and volunteers are watering the newly planted yew trees and standard rose, and they are thriving. Approval was sought from the Committee to plant more standard roses in the autumn/winter, either funded by the Joint Burial Board or donations from residents/families. All Cllrs agreed to families to choose to plant a rose, costs need to be agreed for the JBB to plant subsequent roses

Approval was sought from the Committee to purchase and install a fourth litter bin following the Clerks receiving a request for a litter bin to be installed by the Ampthill Road kissing gate entrance. All agreed.

When funding allows, a quotation will be obtained from LEF Paving and Landscaping to replace the red engineering bricks at the main entrance at Campton Road with granite sets, which will marry up with the tarmac and new car park surfacing and be installed at a slightly lower level to allow the right-hand side gate to swing shut. All agreed.

Grass cutting is ongoing. A third cut was carried out in May, and it is expected that a third cut may be required in June and/or July. Approval was sought from the Committee for the Clerks to authorise these additional cuts if required, the Councillors agreed in principle but only if another cut is definitely required.

It was agreed that Clerk would work one day a month for six months in Shefford for the JBB (not August)

It was agreed that Cllrs would represent the JBB at funerals as pro rata to the financial commitment.

Approval was sought from the Committee to instruct FE Surveying Solutions (they surveyed the Cemetery Chapel, wall and gates) to survey the perimeter walls/gate, this will only be in the JBB burial ground area as the Diocese will be responsible for the remainder. All agreed

A provisional date for the next working party has been set for Saturday 17th September 10:012:00hrs.

A resident who pre-purchased a grave space in 2008 has contacted us as he wishes to relinquish his burial rights. The Clerks calculated that he should be reimbursed £87 of the original purchase price – approval was sought from the Committee to refund him this amount. All agreed.

CAMPTON UNITED CHARITIES: No update.

P3 GROUP: No update.

69/22 KEY DOCUMENTS:

The following key documents were reviewed and agreed:

- Co-option Policy

- Equality and Diversity policy
- Privacy Policy
- Standing orders
- Complaints procedure
- Dispensation guidance
- Expression of interest in becoming a Councillor
- Financial regulations
- Death of an official

70/22 PROJECTS/ONGOING ISSUES:

1. An increase in football fees was agreed.
2. Roles and responsibilities were agreed with Cllr Sibley agreeing to become involved with play areas, school liaison communication and Cllr Turton with communication.
3. Cllrs discussed social media as a form of improving communication with residents, it was agreed that a page would be set up and reviewed after six months.
4. Cllr Booton has contacted Hanlon's regarding the intended traffic lights and possible congestion and restricted space in the centre of the village.
5. Cllr Booton summarised the current situation regarding street lighting and will contact CBC to discuss creating a uniformed look.
6. Cllr Booton has contacted Anglian water concerning an outside tap for the communal garden.

71/22 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Clophill roundabout, Cllr Sibley questioned if the pedestrian crossings were factored into the model and Cllr Turton sympathised with the residents concerned by the removal of the bridge. No comments to be submitted to CBC.

72/22 AOB:

None

73/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Thursday 1st September 2022 7pm in the Campton Village Hall.