

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in Campton Village Hall on Thursday 1st September 2022

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

Apologies: Central Bedfordshire Councillor Tony Brown, Cllr Longson

74/22 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 2022 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

The dog bin on Mill Lane has been replaced.

75/22 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

Cllr Sibley knows the applicant for planning application CB/22/03288/FULL The White Hart, he will not contribute to the discussion.

76/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A resident who arranged for rosettes to be fitted to lampposts in celebration of the Jubilee has requested rosettes for Christmas, at a cost of £27. All Cllrs agreed, clerk will check that the organisers are happy to fit them again and that Chicksands has been included.

77/22 UPDATE BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR:

- Cllr Liddiard explained that Government has announced there will be a review of all temporary structures erected due to Covid in conservation areas or for listed buildings. Planning application CB/22/03288/FULL The White Hart, has been received as a result of this. Cllr Liddiard urged the PC to communicate with residents to ensure all residents who would like to comment can. The views of residents will vary, some may be in favour so as to retain the village amenity, others will feel the impact on parking and increased noise levels will outweigh the benefits. The landlord has contacted the PC regarding a write up in the newsletter, Cllr Liddiard advised the Cllrs to air on the side of caution with this.
- A level results have been publicised and an increase of 4-5%, this includes BTECS.
- GCSEs saw 69% of students receiving a pass with 46% passing with a grade 5 or above.
- The fairness task force has produced potential options. The key areas identified were to support residents, not necessarily financially but in their ability to obtain the relevant benefits and support available. It is estimated that 10% of residents will be in energy poverty by the end of the year and this could be potentially higher.
- The Chief executive has called for a review of Directorates, and one will be removed.
- Digital interaction will be improved in response to residents' requests, customer service will still be offered face to face but more support will be available online and the systems will be improved. There is less demand on buildings/office space as 1,500 out of the 3,000 of the CBC employees are now homeworkers and have touch in days either weekly or fortnightly. Cllr Booton expressed concerns that local authorities could become isolated.

- Cllr Sibley raised concerns over traffic lights at roadworks not working, Cllr Liddiard recommended any faulty traffic lights or potentially dangerous road restrictions should be reported to streetworks@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk
- Clerk asked who would be the appropriate person at CBC to discuss closed cemeteries with? Cllr Liddiard asked Clerk to email him, and he will assist, may also be worth copying in Clerk to Gravenhurst?
- The Potholes outside Priory house were repaired but the road surface is wearing away, large patches with little or no tarmac, Cllr Liddiard will look into this.

78/22 FINANCES:

Payments:

September 2022

£1502.57 Grangers

£113.04 Campton Academy (Jubilee expenses)

£55 CJ Bain, bookkeeping

Account balances:

Community account £43,221.04

Business account £23,041,96

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

Clerk is still awaiting the external audit.

79/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

CB/22/02759/FULL 15 Gravenhurst rd., 2 storey rear extension.

CB/22/02786/FULL 3 Gravenhurst Rd, loft conversion with dormer windows

CB/22/03373/FULL Lodge farm, extension to tractor shed to create staff well being facility. No concerns.

CB/22/03288/FULL White Hart, installation of marquee to rear, retrospective application. Cllrs discussed the application and agreed on Cllr Liddiard's advice to communicate with residents to allow all to submit opinions, Clerk will request an extension to the deadline so as to enable the Clerk to include the information in the newsletter. Cllr Booton has spoken to some residents and the views are very mixed, some wish to support the pub and retain the village amenity others concerned for the noise and the parking issues. Cllrs discussed whether it would be possible to adjust the location of the marquee so as to provide more parking? Cllrs will agree what to submit to CBC via email or at the next meeting if an extension is granted.

CB/TRE/22/00464. works to trees at Monkey puzzle pre-school. All Cllrs agreed with the tree officer's advice.

80/22 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

JOINT BURIAL BOARD:

The wall at the burial ground in Campton has been surveyed, the Cllrs are awaiting a report, but it is believed that repairs or removal will be required, this will be discussed at the next JBB on 15/9/22.

No Cllrs are able to attend so Clerk will arrange for the meeting to be rescheduled.

CAMPTON UNITED CHARITIES: No update.

P3 GROUP: No update.

81/22 PROJECTS/ONGOING ISSUES:

1. The annual inspection of the play area has been arranged. Cllr Booton has emailed the regular checks to clerk. Cllr Baker has been filing the rabbit holes. There has been an increase in dog fouling.
2. There will be another cemetery open day on 17/7/22 in Shefford, all volunteers welcome to join in and help.
3. Football club contract has been agreed, including an increase in hire costs. It is hoped that 2 managers will attend future games to assist with parking.
4. Social media- an introductory post will be posted and then the page can be advertised to residents.
5. Climbing equipment, Clerk will contact CPM and David Granger for quotes.
6. Draft ACV proposal, Cllr Baker is preparing documents to submit to CBC.

82/22 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Recreation and sports questionnaire has been completed by Cllr Booton.
- On street parking consultation, clerk will attend briefing on 12/9/22 and update Cllrs.

83/22 AOB:

- Document repository, Cllrs will look into this as a way of sharing documents.
- Cllr Baker purchased compost for the rabbit holes at a cost of approximately £30, all agreed to him submitting expenses claim.
- Shefford TC have asked if they can use the Festival of Britain coat of arms on the village sign to make a mould for renovation of their sign? All Cllrs agreed.
- Clerk asked if the November meeting could be delayed by one week to 10/13/22 subject to hall availability? All Cllrs agreed.
- Cllr Ash gave apologies for arriving at the meeting late.
- Cllr Baker will write to the residents who have been looking after the flower beds and watering them over the summer months. It was agreed that they could purchase some new plants for the planters.
- There are 3 new residents on Greenway, the PC will ensure they receive a welcome leaflet.

- Clerk will contact N Power re energy costs and a lack of invoices.

84/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Thursday 6th October 2022 7pm in the Campton Village Hall.