

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in Campton Village Hall on Thursday 6th October 2022

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

Apologies: Cllr Turton

A one-minute silence was held to reflect upon the passing of Her Majesty The Queen.

85/22 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1st September 2022 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

Matters arising: Cllr Baker wrote to the group of residents who have watered and attended to the flower border over the summer months, thanking them for all of their work.

86/22 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.

87/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

88/22 UPDATE BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR:

- Cllr Brown was able to update the PC on various points. 10 sites have been identified as phase one for electric charging stations, all of which will be dual socket. One site is in Shefford, where there will be four dedicated electric spaces and 4 earmarked to be dedicated as the demand increases. A further 200 sites will be evaluated for next year.
- There is a cost-of-living extension scheme, the Ward Cllrs have the ability to offer support, this is not a match funding scheme, it is to address the current hardship.
- There are now 367 Ukrainian guests in Central Bedfordshire, 240 adults and 127 children, sponsored by 160 households.
- The Community asset grant will be available again, this is for projects up to £25,000, both Shefford and Meppershall have benefitted from this.
- Government are to establish investment zones, CBC are looking to identify 3 sites, one of which will be Henlow.
- The Outline application for Greenway was recently presented and discussed at the CBC Development Management Committee DMC. Quite a few points were made by Parish Cllrs regarding the application plan layout and access and how it should be in keeping with the village. Hayfield are possibly to be the developer? The report prepared by the planning officer was very thorough and conditions reflected all of the key points put forward by the Parish Council, hopefully these will be included in any full application coming forward. The PC will write to the planning officer with reference to any proposed highway tabletops or speed management measures and the heavy vehicles that use Greenway. The PC thanked

both the planning officer and the Ward Cllrs for their contributions and efforts regarding this application. The outline application was approved at the CBC DMC.

89/22 FINANCES:

Payments:

September 2022

£104.40 A Muskett

£29.08 D Baker expenses

£240.00 Mazars

£278.88, £347.49 and £260.75 N Power

£1089.26 Grangers

£55 CJ Bain, payroll

Community account £40,203.99

Business account £23,041.96

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

The budget will be agreed at the December meeting, Cllrs agreed to a meeting via Zoom to discuss possible projects and projections for the future year.

Clerk reported the External audit is now complete, there were lots of questions raised regarding the Joint Burial board accounts and how they were included in the CACS accounts. They also questioned the bank balances and for what purpose the funds were earmarked? The period of exercise of public rights should always commence after the audit has been agreed by full council.

90/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

CB/22/03542/FULL 34 Greenway, no objections

CB/22/03288/FULL White Hart, it was agreed key points would be submitted to CBC for consideration but no objection. Key points at the end of the minutes.

91/22 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

JOINT BURIAL BOARD:

The next JBB meeting date is yet to be agreed and will include a discussion on the budget for next year. Clerk has contacted the Vicar to try and establish responsibility for the remaining part of the Burial ground at Campton church.

CAMPTON UNITED CHARITIES: No update, the Charity Land Registration should hopefully be completed early 2023.

P3 GROUP: The volunteers have been working hard in the village, the PC are very grateful for all the work they carry out.

92/22 PROJECTS/ONGOING ISSUES:

1. Social media- Facebook is now set up and live, Clerk will use this as a method to communicate with residents alongside the website.
2. Climbing equipment, an alternative will need to be chosen as there is an issue with supply, all Cllrs were asked to look for equipment and send their ideas to clerk and Cllr Booton.
3. Village hall parking- Cllr Longson has discussed the handover of the land from the housing association and will now instruct a conveyancer to complete this exchange.

93/22 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk gave an update from the PCC Annual meeting: The Police and Crime Commissioner is committed to invest in Community policing despite significant critical challenges around funding Staffing levels include 60 PCs and 52 PCSOs Retention is an issue with the Met and Hertfordshire paying significantly more 50% PC have 5 years or less Service and 35%PC have less than 2 years' Service Their performance priorities have increased tenfold A Community based policing hub is based in Flitwick to help close the gap between Police and the Community The challenges include £ 20 million pounds of drugs going through Bedfordshire in a month .The Police receive 12,000 calls a month , 60% of calls to the police are dealing with mental health issues not a PC responsibility Bedfordshire Police is ranked 1st in the UK for dealing with persistent offenders

The quarterly annual setting meetings have now been cancelled. Mainly due to lack of attendance. The Community Policing team would still like an update from each Parish on what their priority would be for the next discussion will be 10/10/22. The PC agreed it was Speed through the village and inconsiderate parking were the main issue.

Correspondence from Hedgehogs R Us, in an attempt to help hedgehogs as they are in decline, they have produced hedgehog highways to assist them moving around. They are asking the PC to purchase these highways on behalf of residents. The PC agreed to purchase 50, which will be available to residents on a first com, first served basis. Total cost is £150.

94/22 AOB:

- The Kings Coronation will be on the next agenda.
- Christmas tree on the next agenda.

84/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Thursday 10th November 2022 7pm in the Campton Village Hall.

White Hart (Campton) – Retrospective Application for Installation of a Marquee to Rear and Listed Building Consent.

The Parish Councilors recognise that that the views of parish residents regarding this retrospective planning application are many and varied. On that basis, and following Cllr

discussion, the Parish Council have decided to only to comment on this application. Below we have listed considerations for and against approval and ask that the delegated officer take these considerations into account in making a determination. Thank you.

Considerations for retention

- The Campton & Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan identifies the White Hart as an important community facility and as such **policy CCNP/CIP1: Protection of Local Community Facilities** aims to retain this public house within the parish. Could the retention/removal of the structure have a significant impact on the future of this business/facility?
- The marquee structure clearly supports the activities of this hospitality business and the Neighbourhood Plan policy **CCNP/BEP1: Support for Development of Small Businesses** may be considered to support retention but not at the expense of an impact on landscape and character of area or on car parking.
- The applicants have listed the following reasons supporting retention of the structure:
 - Suited to people with disabilities unlike the main listed building.
 - Supports a range of community events, including private and charity events.
 - Covered area deadens the noise of events for neighbours to some extent.
 - Provides an element of insurance against future waves of covid.

Considerations against retention

- Most likely contrary to Local Plan policy **HE3: Listed Buildings, Conservation Areas, and Built Heritage** in that it may be considered that the structure does not respect the character and appearance of this heritage asset (Grade II listed building).
- Most likely contrary to Neighbourhood Plan policy **CCNP/LHP2: Built Heritage** in that the structure may be considered to have a harmful impact on the setting of this heritage asset (Grade II listed building).
- The position of the structure significantly impacts the availability of on-site patron car parking spaces. Could it be re-positioned / it seems to be semi-permanent?
- A continued loss of parking spaces to the rear of the public house & the impact on safe on-street parking in the centre of the village.
- The structure design and construction materials may be considered not to be “in keeping” with the listed building and its surroundings?
- The structure may extend the season for “outside” events and the related noise.

