

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in Campton Village Hall on Thursday 5th January 2023

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

Apologies: Cllr Baker, Cllr Ash and Cllr Turton.

117/22 MINUTES:

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

Matters arising:

118/22 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

None

119/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

120/22 UPDATE BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR:

- CBC are looking to make a nil increase on the Council tax for the forthcoming financial year. They are planning an additional £5 million for Childcare, SEN provisions and Children's services. £1 million for leisure centres. £475 million will be spent on services, including 315 million on Highways. By increasing efficiency CBC have reduced costs by £9.5 million to allow for nil increase. CBC have started the consultation process, details available online, Clerk has hard copies, which Cllr Booton will place in the church.
- Cllr Longson asked how CBC are dealing with the situation regarding hospitals and moving patients out to community care to free up beds. CBC do not have any hospitals, so cannot specifically address the issues, however, they are increasing provisions for the elderly or those in need of community care, they are also addressing single occupants in multiple bedroom accommodation.
- Cllr Longson asked if CBC are addressing the issues with obtaining GP appointments, Cllr Brown explained that the number of GPs are not available to fill the surgeries or deal with the number of patients.
- A contractor has been appointed for the Steppingly Crematorium; it will be on the old hospital site.
- The Ward Cllrs have granted some of their additional funding to the Shefford warm places scheme, offering residents a warm drink, biscuits and a warm place to go, this is open to residents of Campton and Chicksands. £2000 was awarded to support this scheme and give out comfort bags. (Campton and Chicksands have held two keep warm sessions in the village hall and there will be one more next week.)
- The underpass has recently been flooded, this has been caused by leaves blocking the drains, CBC have now cleared the drains.

- Parking Consultation has now finished, CACS confirmed they have submitted their comments.
- Cllrs asked if the road to Meppershall with the large dip is to be repaired? A warning sign has been put up. Cllr Brown will follow this up with CBC.
- The area by the river has been repaired with a reinforced bank, it is quite steep though for young children.
- Cllr Booton has taken photos of the potholes in Priory Rd and will report them to CBC and forward details to Cllr Brown.

121/22 FINANCES:

Payments: January 2023

CJ Bain Bookkeeping and payroll £55
 David Granger £116.12
 E Bishop (newsletter) £180.56
 Village hall £160.00
 A Muskett £104.40
 Play inspection co £81.60
 D Baker expenses (soil pipe cap) £30.29
 Eyelid £100

HMRC VAT claim £2048.51 (credit)

Community account £32,747.95
 Business account £23,061.91
 As on 03/01/23

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

Precept form has been submitted to CBC.

A response has been received from Mazars, outlining the reserves for the Parish Council.

Clerk has prepared the mandate form for Barclays, and it has been submitted by Cllr Baker.

122/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

CB/22/04709/LDCP 53 Greenway.

No applications for the Cllrs to consider.

123/22 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

JOINT BURIAL BOARD:

It has been established that the wall to the right-hand boundary is the responsibility of the JBB, a planning application will need to be submitted to CBC prior to any work being carried out. A temporary orange netting fence has been erected with signs warning people to stay away as the wall is unstable.

CAMPTON UNITED CHARITIES:

No update. Land registry should confirm early 2023, the committee members are awaiting an update to Knowles Benning no longer practicing.

P3 GROUP:

The P3 group volunteers would like to purchase a new litter picker at approximately £20, all agreed.

124/22 PROJECTS/ONGOING ISSUES:

1. Village hall Wi-fi:
Cllr Sibley has been investigating the options, £34+vat per month, proposed by Cllr Sibley, seconded by Cllr Booton, all agreed. Cllr Sibley will now attend the next Village Hall management committee to discuss the option and propose the PC cover the costs but waive their hall fees? Clerk will contact the Chair; next meeting is 9th February 2023.
2. Village hall parking: Knowles Benning were to correspond with Grand union regarding the land transfer, Cllr Longson will look into this as Knowles Benning are no longer practicing.
3. Climbing wall: Clerk has discussed funding with the Ward Cllrs and will submit an application for £1000. Cllr Booton has received a quote which is approximately £270 more than the PC originally agreed for the supply and fitting of the climbing wall. Cllr Booton proposed the PC go ahead, seconded by Cllr Sibley, all agreed. Cllr Booton will forward the quote to Clerk to apply for funding.
4. Street lighting:
Clerk has the quote from Andy Muskett and is awaiting two further quotes.
5. Coronation, request for volunteers went out in the newsletter. The PC will update residents that due to lack of available people there will be no planned celebrations by the PC.
Clerk will also obtain alternative quotes for street lighting

125/22 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Parking Consultation, Cllr Booton prepared a response, which was submitted by Clerk.
- CBC Budget consultation.
- Community priorities have been requested by the Community Policing team. Cllrs agreed parking and speeding were the key issues.
- An expression of potential interest in some land adjacent to the recreation ground has been sent to the landowner.
- PCC survey, Clerk will complete.
- Email outlining pension contributions.

126/22 AOB:

127/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Thursday 2nd February 2023 7pm in the Campton Village Hall.

2022-2024 Project Options	Cllr Notes	Cost to PC (Exc VAT)	Quote or Estimate	Committed Funds	Holding Account
Village Hall Car Park (Full)	Recent quote acquired by Cllr Longson from DJT Surfacing Ltd	16,501.57	Quote (17.11.2022)		Community Account
Village Hall Car Park (3 Sapces Only)	Estimate (DB) based on reducing the parking spaces from Approx. 9 to just 3 spaces	6,000.00	Estimate (DB)	£6,000.00	Community Account
Climbing Wall at Rec	4.5 m double sided climbing wall (NB £1330.71 S106 Monies) - Installation extra ?	3,383.62	Recent Quote	£3,383.62	Community Account
Village Gateway Signs	Proposal from Cllr Baker for 2 no. Gateways + Signs (Greenway & Priory Road)	2,173.76	Quote (Inst Est £1,000)		Community Account
Vehicle Activated Speed Signs	Via CBC costs are £5500 inc. survey, purchase & installation per unit	5,500.00	CBC Highways info.		Community Account
Streetlighting (LED Upgrade)	Quote acquired by T Medley from A Muskett - Upgrade to LED Halothane Lanterns)	7,084.00	Quote (09.11.2022)	£7,084.00	Community Account
Streetlighting (Std Replacement)	Estimate from A Muskett - Standard column & LED Lantern replacement (£1350 each)	32,400.00	Estimate (DB)		Community Account
Streetlighting (Heritage Replacement)	Estimate from A Muskett - Heritage column & LED Lantern replacement (£2000 each)	48,000.00	Estimate (DB)		Community Account
Recreation Gmd Pitch (Feed & Weed)	Partial Quote/Estimate from D Granger	660.00	Quote	£660.00	Community Account
Seed Funding Fund for Projects	Proposal from Cllr Booton in order to seed fund other PC Projects e.g. Picnic Area	10,000.00	Estimate	£10,000.00	Business Account
WiFi & Comms Equip at the Village Ha	Cllrs Sibley & Turton working on a costed proposal		In progress		Community Account
JBB Graveyard Wall Works	Awaiting full JBB consideration of options & quotes	6,000.00	Based on 20% of 30K	£6,000.00	Community Account
Legal Fees - Poor's Field & VH land	Total based on likely max of solicitor fees to cover both actions	2,000.00	Solicitor Estimates	£2,000.00	Community Account
JBB Data Project - Clerks Fees	Fees for Clerk's work on JBB data upload project	1,000.00	Budget Estimate	£1,000.00	Community Account
PC Agreed Reserves	The amount of money PC agree is the bottom line on reserves	15,000.00	To be agreed	£15,000.00	Business Account
			TOTAL (Approx. 50k)	£51,127.62	