

## MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in Campton Village Hall on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024.

Present: Cllr Booton as Chairman, Cllr Longson, Cllr Ash, Cllr Wootton, Central Bedfordshire Councillor Mark Liddiard.

Apologies: Cllr Turton, Cllr Baker, Cllr Sibley

### **138/23 MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

Matters arising:

### **139/23 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:**

### **140/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

A resident requested an update on whether the data from the traffic survey had been obtained. Cllr Liddiard will follow this up. CBC react if the data shows the issues are over the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile.

Parking on Gravenhurst Rd and the corner by the church continues to be an issue. Cllr Liddiard confirmed that residents can apply and purchase a T bar for outside their property.

### **141/23 UPDATE BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS:**

- CBC Cllrs visited Campton school, they questioned the quality of the classrooms, although they do meet the requirements of the trust. Cllrs are welcome to visit the school.
- Cllr Liddiard has spoken to the Planning officer and the Highways Development officer regarding the speed of traffic coming off the A507 in relation to the development on Greenway.
- Item brought forward on the agenda, item Accessible Greenspace Grant  
Cllr Baker and Cllr Booton met with Laura Badham and Lorraine Brown, CBC S106 officers to discuss the S106 funding available as part of the development on Greenway, the PC would like to release some of the money to purchase greenspace within the village. The wording of the S106 indicates that the money can only be used for football, the £70,000 for the hall is also prescriptive on how it can be used. The S106 wording can be reworded if CBC and the developer agree, this is however an expensive process. Cllr Booton will forward more information to Cllr Liddiard to explore further. Cllr Booton has submitted a National Lottery bid for the purchase of land. Cllr Booton thanked Ward Cllrs for setting up the meeting.
- Consultation for the 30mph zone being changed has ended and all submitted comments were positive, it therefore does not need to go to the TMC. Works are being scheduled.
- Handrails on the bridge will be added to the list of works for when funding is available.
- The Lump of metal reported in the plantation is with the countryside team to follow up.
- Pathway along part of the A507 is being discussed.
- Cllr Wootton asked if a Traffic regulatory order could be applied to prevent parking on pathways in the village? Cllr Liddiard would look into this, but Cllrs would need to consider whether they would like traffic and parking restrictions within the village.
- The planning officer is still negotiating with the developer so no indication of timescales as yet.
- Item brought forward on the agenda Closure of Chicksands base.

The PC would like to be involved early on discussions regarding S106 with the planned closure of the Chicksands base. Cllr Booton asked if CBC would consider it being a National Trust property? It's a historical building with walled gardens, old apple trees. Parkland and ample parking and there is a lack of properties in central Bedfordshire.

#### **142/23 FINANCES:**

Payments agreed: February 2024

C Bain payroll £58  
N Power £274.24  
Play Inspection co £98.40.  
Newsletter £158.16  
Pelly's solicitors £1020.00  
CBC CREDIT £1058.79

Community account £14,939.57  
Business account £23,281.46  
As on 30/1/24

Payments agreed, proposed by Cllr Ash, seconded by Cllr Longson

Clerk will set up payments for Cllr Booton to authorise.

#### **143/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

None

#### **144/23 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:**

##### **JOINT BURIAL BOARD:**

Next meeting 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Clerks are looking at the restoration of the Chapel. Works are due to start on the wall in the churchyard end of March/beginning of April. Clerk will write to the neighbouring property to update them.

##### **CAMPTON UNITED CHARITIES:**

No update, meeting 15<sup>th</sup> February.

##### **P3 GROUP:**

No update.

#### **145/23 PROJECTS/ONGOING ISSUES:**

##### **Campton Church yard:**

Cllr Booton has emailed CBC 3 further times since the last meeting; he will chase them again.

#### **Meetings 2024:**

Clerk proposed meetings will continue on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month with the exception of May, which due to elections will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024. The Annual Parish meeting will be on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

**Recreation ground:**

There are some branches that have come down. The Play inspection annual report has been received.

**Wi-fi at the village hall:**

Cllr Sibley is continuing to progress with this, the full fibre packages that were available are no longer available, Openreach are escalating the query internally.

**Additional Accessible green space Grant/Project**

Brought forward.

**Village hall parking/land:**

Payment has been made to Pelly's solicitors for the Grand Union fees, Cllr Longson will follow this up for an update, Clerk requested an invoice for the payment. Cllrs thanked Cllr Longson for his work on this.

White vans seem to be parking on the area the PC are looking to purchase, the PC will monitor this until they own the land.

**Hedge trimming:**

Clerk has written to four residents regarding the cutting back of hedges and Cllr Baker and Cllr Booton have spoken with the residents. Some residents have responded to the initial request and have cut the hedges back, others are unable to. Clerk will check if the PC is able to assist or what support is available.

**Public footpath parking:**

Cllr Wootton suggested the PC explore the idea of raising a Traffic Regulatory order for the village to outlaw public footpath parking, Cllr Liddiard will obtain more information, Cllrs would need to discuss the options.

**146/23 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

The following correspondence was received:

- CBC Biodiversity initiatives.
- Play equipment brochure.
- CBC Path accessibility fund.
- There is a new Code of Conduct for Cllrs then Clerk will adjust and send out to Cllrs for agreement. Clerk discussed possible training; all Cllrs agreed that no training was required.
- CBC Local Plan workshop, Cllr Booton is attending a session, clerk will book Cllr Longson onto 13<sup>th</sup> February if there is availability.

**147/23 AOB:**

- Cllr Booton reported a tree on Greenway came down in recent storms, no damage was caused, and CBC have attended.
- Tree on Elm Grove has been passed to the Rights of way officer, Clerk will chase this up.
- There is a concrete bollard damaged on greenway, clerk will report it.
- Cars are jumping lights on the pedestrian crossing on A507, Clerk will raise this with Cllr Liddiard and Cllr Brown.

**148/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be:

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 7pm.