

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in Campton Village Hall on Wednesday 3rd July 2024.

Present: Cllr Booton as Chairman, Cllr Ash, Cllr Turton. Cllr Longson, Cllr Wootton, Central, Central Bedfordshire Councillor Tony Brown.

Apologies: Cllr Baker, Cllr Sibley.

198/24 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 2024 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

Matters arising:

The bearings on the roundabout need replacing, Clerk has chased the contractor, and he is ordering the parts required.

Cllrs have received feedback from CBC regarding the UKSPF/REPF Community Grant fund. A more detailed bank statement was required, Cllr Booton has forwarded this. Secondly CBC requested proof that the land can be subject to a Change of use from Agricultural to Recreational. There is a financial implication of £436 for the application, Cllr Booton proposed that the Cllrs proceed with the Change of use, seconded by Cllr Ash, 4 Cllrs for, 1 Cllr against.

199/24 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

None

200/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

201/24 UPDATE BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS:

- Limited information is now available due to the forthcoming election.
- There was a Scrutiny meeting with the Waste Portfolio holder, CBC have reached 90% of their target for total participation in terms of Green waste collections.
- Grass cutting on the verges outside of the 30mph zone will be actioned within the Ward in the next 3 weeks.
- As part of the Green and Blue Infrastructure strategy, 67,500 trees have been planted and 5km of hedgerow has been planted in Central Bedfordshire.
- There is a meeting for Ward Cllrs regarding the new Local plan on 16th July 2024, prior to the launch. This will be followed by a Teams session for Town and Parish Councils in the evening.
- The Parish is now part of the Hitchin Parliamentary Ward.

202/24 FINANCES:

Payments agreed: July 2024

C Bain payroll £62
D Granger £1,176.00
T Medley (IT equipment) £656.24
A Muskett (streetlighting) £104.40
D Baker (Good neighbour flyer printing) £40.96
Talk Talk Wi-Fi
Play Inspection Co £85.20

Community account £31,218.89
Business account £23,455.91
As on 1/7/24

Payments agreed, proposed by Cllr Ash, seconded by Cllr Booton, all agreed. Clerk will set up payments.

The Internal Auditor has sent through a quote for her services for the next three years, it has an increase of £5 per year. Cllr Wooton proposed to continue with the Internal auditor, seconded by Cllr Ash, all agreed.

203/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

CB/24/01580/FULL 22 Gravenhurst Rd. Single storey rear and side extension. No objection.

CB/24/01737/FULL & CB/24/01738/FULL. 6 Rectory Rd. Single storey rear and single storey side extensions. Refurbishment of existing house including removal of mezzanine floor between first floor and attic. Removal of existing derelict garage and construction of new double garage. The surrounding wall appears to be missing from the diagrams, it is most likely to be just an omission, but the PC would like to confirm that the wall is retained as it is a listed wall. The Cllrs are also concerned as to the stability of the wall, so perhaps this can be addressed at the time of the proposed works?

204/24 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

JOINT BURIAL BOARD:

No further update. The Church wall in Campton works have been further delayed due to the weather, works hopefully planned now for July.

CAMPTON UNITED CHARITIES:

A meeting is scheduled for the end of June. Registration ongoing.

P3 GROUP:

Cllr Wootton has spent some mornings at the Campton Plantation cutting back brambles and nettles.

205/24 PROJECTS/ONGOING ISSUES:

Campton Churchyard:

Cllr Booton has been discussing the Churchyard with Roni, The Diocese has requested that the JBB pay for drawings to be sent to the Land Registry, at a cost of approximately £400. When the Church originally registered the land in 2010, they requested that the JBB submit an affidavit to the Land registry and this was not done, resulting the land remained registered with the Diocese. Cllr Ash proposed recommending this to the JBB, seconded by Cllr Booton, all agreed.

Recreation ground:

The bearings on the roundabout need replacing, the contractor is ordering parts. The latest play inspection report highlighted no high-risk faults. The PC will need to budget to replace some wood to the benches. The tree above the climbing frame needs trimming back. A sign at the entrance has been bent over and the swings were wrapped around the frame, Cllrs suspect this was one evening. There is also an old, dumped lawnmower by the Pavilion, Cllr Ash will remove and dispose of it.

Village hall land:

Cllr Booton agreed to provide ID and proof of address for the Solicitors, Clerk copied in Cllr Booton when responding to them, they have now clarified what ID is required and Cllr Booton will submit it.

Football club contract:

A resident has approached the Parish Council enquiring if the cost of hiring the pitch is going to be increased and any works to the Pavilion planned?

Cllrs agreed that improvements need to be made to the Pavilion, in the first instance, repairs to the roof and down pipes and then a repaint of the outside of the building and replacement of doors.

Cllr Booton presented the PC with a comparison of charges at 6 other pitches locally, the pitch at Campton Recreation ground is much cheaper for rental, however, the PC do not have any responsibility for the white lines and preparation of the pitch or the Pavilion facilities. The Football club also do take responsibility for cuts over the summer period, in effect saving the Parish council money. Cllr Ash proposed an increase in fees to £8, seconded by Cllr Turton, all Cllrs agreed.

The club also need to be reminded to remove all litter.

Cllr Booton will arrange a meeting with the Football club to discuss the contract for next year.

206/23 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was received:

- Rural Services Network group.
- Topic session follow up, Libraries.

- Safer Central, Youth survey, clerk has advertised on noticeboards.
- Arts and Culture strategy 21st July
- Local Plan Briefing session 16th July 7.30-8.30pm via Teams, Cllr Booton and Cllr Baker to attend.
- PCSO dates 19th July Campton 3.30-4pm, Chicksands 6th July at Family Day
- A resident in Rectory Rd has asked if the trees that were removed are to be replaced? Cllr Booton will look into this.
- The Churchwarden has reported that works are required to the Church wall and the gates. Cllr Booton will notify CBC.

207/23 AOB:

The IT equipment has now been delivered; it will be set up over the summer with the hope of having Zoom access to meetings from September.

208/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be:

Thursday 5th September 7pm.