

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in Campton Village Hall on Thursday 2nd January 2025.

Present: Cllr Booton as Chairman, Cllr Baker, Cllr Wooton, Cllr Turton, Cllr Longson, Cllr Ash, Cllr Sibley.

Apologies: None

1/25MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 2024 were signed as a true record of the meeting, proposed by Cllr Baker, seconded by Cllr Turton, all agreed.

Matters arising: None.

2/25 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

None.

3/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

4/25 UPDATE BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS:

No update.

5/25 FINANCES:

Payments agreed: January 2025

C Bain payroll £62

D Granger £120.00

Talk Talk Wi-Fi £31.14

A Muskett £104.40

Eyelid website support £100.00

Community account £33,291.20

Business account £23,543.63

As on 02/01/25

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

Andy Muskett has sent through a quote for lighting maintenance for the next three years. The quote is for £348 +vat and within budget, proposed to continue with A Muskett Cllr Sibley, seconded by Cllr Ash, all agreed.

6/25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

None.

7/25 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:**JOINT BURIAL BOARD:**

No further update, next meeting is scheduled for 9th January 2025.

CAMPTON UNITED CHARITIES:

Next meeting is scheduled for 6th January 2025. Trustees will discuss possibly entering the land as part of the Call for sites.

P3 GROUP:

Two trees were down in the Campton plantation, they have been reported and dealt with. The bridge and rail have been repaired.

8/25 PROJECTS/ONGOING ISSUES:**Christmas tree 2025:**

Deferred until the next meeting.

Good Neighbour Scheme:

Clerk has arranged a meeting for the volunteers for 24th January 2025.

Dignity policy:

Deferred until next meeting.

Civility and respect:

Deferred until next meeting.

Campton Churchyard:

Cllr Booton wrote to the Ministry of Justice; they responded saying that the Parish Council need to make a formal complaint and provided the details of the address. They also offered to contact CBC.

The following day Cllr Booton received an email from Gavin Coombs (Head of Assets Management) at CBC and since then there has been a telephone conversation. This resulted in an agreement that this matter needed to be resolved as soon as possible. The following information was requested.

1. A copy of the original letter we sent in June 2023
2. Copy of the details of the closure (The 1984 closure notice)

3. A copy of the topple tests carried out in the past two years.

4. A copy of the original form (Part B (ii) completed by the diocese in 1984 requesting that the churchyard is handed over to the relevant authority.

1 and 2 have been forwarded. It appears that no topple tests have been carried out on the churchyard. We will need therefore to have this carried out. 4 This has been the most difficult issue with the Diocese to resolve. The Diocese does not have a copy of the complex form, neither does the church, the Parish Council doesn't appear to have one and Central Beds say they have no access to Mid Bedfordshire Records. We are presuming that one was completed. A request was made for the Diocese to complete the form again; they seemed reluctant to do so. It has now been agreed that the PC can complete and sign the document as temporary custodians. CBC have requested a Topple test, Cllr Booton proposed the PC cover the cost of a Topple test, seconded by Cllr Turton, all agreed.

Bid for trees:

Cllr Booton has submitted a bid to CBC for trees to be planted in the new open space.

Survey of Greenway residents:

Following a request by Cllr Brown for recommendations for speed measures in Campton the Parish Council carried out a consultation with residents over their desire for the introduction of traffic calming measures and if so, what type they would like to see implemented?

Of the 61 houses that face onto Greenway 45 (72%) responded either verbally or in response to the questionnaire. Of those households who responded 34 (56%) felt there should be some form of speed calming measures 11 (18%) were against and there were no responses from 16 (26%). Of those who responded "Yes:" the following measures were favoured.

A Chicane 22 (48%)

A Speed indicator sign 16 (36%)

Road narrowing 10 (22%)

Tabletop 3 (6%)

Road Humps 1

* Some people indicated more than one choice of this who said "No" some did show preference for speed reduction measures to be introduced these were.

Chicane 7

Speed indicator sign 2.

Speed camera 1.

Cllr Booton will feed this information back to Cllr Brown in preparation for his meeting with the planning officer. Cllr Booton thanked Cllr Wooton for his help with the survey.

Parking in the village:

Nationally there are issues with parking in villages, they were not designed for each house to own several vehicles. The key areas in Campton that are causing an issue are the Crossroads, Brookside, Rectory Rd, Greenway, near the Church. The PC will need to make a decision on how best to utilise the land to the side of the village hall? There has been some question as to whether CBC own some of the land rather than the Diocese? Cllr Booton and Cllr Longson will meet with CBC Assets team and clarify this next week.

9/25 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was received:

- Safer Central Beds survey.
- Local plan Call for sites.
- BLMK ICB Communication and engagement update.
- Barclays notification of reduction of interest rates.
- VE Day 80 information.
- BATPC Data compliance training.
- Children and young people's consultation 16th January.
- Schools' admission consultation. 29th January.
- S106 Topic session 22nd January 6-7pm via Teams.

10/25 AOB:

- The Cycle path under the underpass has been cleaned, although they didn't clear the weeds.
- There is a streetlight on Greenway that was damaged during the Anglian water repairs, the lighting contractor disconnected it but couldn't gain access to carry out a full repair, now the works are completed he will. Cllr Wooton suggested if the light was damaged beyond repair that perhaps PC\$ could be disconnected and the top used? PC4 is surrounded by CBC lights and not really required.
- Cllr Booton asked Cllrs to look at a Government White paper that has been published, looking at amalgamating areas within local Government, it would mean CBC, Bedford Borough and Milton Keynes becoming one Authority.

11/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be:

Thursday 6th February 7pm.