

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in Campton Village Hall on Thursday 3rd April 2025.

Present: Cllr Booton as Chairman, Cllr Turton, Cllr Baker, Cllr Wootton, Cllr Sibley.

Apologies: Cllr Ash, CBC Ward Cllr Tony Brown.

34/25MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2025 were signed as a true record of the meeting, proposed by Cllr Booton, seconded by Cllr Wootton, all agreed.

Matters arising:

There will be a booking system at the tidy tip.

Clerk wrote to Alastair Strathern, and a response was received which was emailed to Cllrs.

CBC have yet to respond to emails regarding the handover of the cemetery.

35/25 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

None.

36/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

37/25 UPDATE BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS:

None

38/25 FINANCES:

Payments agreed: April 2025

C Bain payroll £62

D Granger £126.00

Talk Talk Wi-Fi £31.14

A Muskett £104.40

SLCC Affiliation fee £66.50

Play inspection Co £93.90

HMRC Credit £645.80

Community account £25,936.11

Business account £23,715.27

As on 01/04/25

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

The PC now pay for Wi-Fi to the village hall in exchange for meetings being held free of charge. The question arose as to whether the PC should pay for additional meetings? Cllr Baker proposed that the PC should pay for hire for additional meetings, seconded by Cllr Sibley, all agreed.

Clerk has approached 3 stone mason companies for quotes to repair the tomb, the Diocese is yet to give permission for the repair to be carried out.

39/25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

None.

40/25 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

JOINT BURIAL BOARD:

No update

CAMPTON UNITED CHARITIES:

No further information regarding the Call for sites.

P3 GROUP:

No update

41/25 REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS:

Cllrs reviewed the following policies:

- Standing orders and Code of conduct
- Risk assessment.
- Councillor co-option
- Complaints procedure
- Equality and diversity
- Financial regulations
- Death of a National figure
- Privacy notice
- Habitual/vexatious complaint
- Social media
- Freedom of information
- Emergency plan
- Assets list.

Proposed by Cllr Wootton, seconded by Cllr Sibley, all agreed.

42/25 PROJECTS/ONGOING ISSUES:

Church yard:

Clerk is awaiting quotes for repair to the tomb. There has been no response to 3 emails to CBC by Cllr Booton. The grass is now not being cut, any residents that complain will be advised to contact CBC.

Footpath closure:

The signs keep being removed, this has been brought to the attention of CBC, who are responsible for it.

Land by the village hall:

Cllr Booton thanked Cllr Wootton for arranging the meeting for Brookside residents. Cllr Booton proposed that the remainder of the village be consulted via the newsletter and the Cllrs can make a definite decision at the June meeting, seconded by Cllr Baker, all agreed. 5 residents from Brookside attended the meeting held and 2 others submitted their views.

Residents offered to pay for a surface suitable for parking and to fit railings that would prevent vehicles obstructing the emergency exit.

Cllr Wootton suggested the PC consider selling the parking spaces to residents.

Recreation Ground:

Latest lay inspection has been received.

A resident commented that the grass needs cutting on the Recreation ground, Cllrs agreed it will need cutting in the coming weeks.

Rubbish in the village.

A resident has complained about rubbish at Top Farm, it appears that logs are being stored in bags. Cllr Wootton will speak to the landowner.

43/25 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received:

- Crime statistics
- Prostate support group poster
- Insurance renewal
- CBC No Mow May
- Priority setting meeting 9/4/25
- Letter from Alastair Strathern
- Anglian water, the road by the cemetery will be closed from 19th May – 11th June.
- PC Forum being held at Priory House, 28th April 6-8pm, Cllr Booton will attend.

44/25 AOB:

- Meet the village has been organised for 1st June, Cllr Booton will attend.

- Bank mandate, Cllr Baker will need to be removed, Cllr Turton will request internet banking.
- Cllr Wootton will inspect the War memorial.
- Cllr Baker attended the Clophill Lakes evening and was impressed with the site and facilities on offer. The official opening is 5th April, but PCs are invited on Friday 4th April.
- Streetlight outside 69 Greenway is still temporary

45/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be:

Thursday 1st May 7pm.