

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in Campton Village Hall on Thursday 5th June 2025.

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

Apologies:

59/25 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2025 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

Matters arising:

- The crossing in Chicksands has now been painted, Cllr Booton thanked Cllr Brown for his help with this matter.
- There has been no response re the S106 money, Cllr Booton will chase.
- School transport consultation, Cllr Booton has emailed Cllrs a response, which he will now submit to CBC.
- The grass on Priory Rd, discussed at last meeting, looks as though it is Highways.
- Democratic services have been notified of Dave Baker's resignation.

60/25 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

None

61/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was a number of residents attending for the discussion on the land next to the village hall, it was agreed to bring the item forward on the agenda.

Cllr Booton put forward 4 options:

1. Leave the area as it is- 2 Cllrs voted in favour.
2. Close the whole area, stop parking altogether – 1 Cllr in favour.
3. Allow vehicles to park whilst Cllrs look at funding to provide parking for the village hall users.
4. Look at funding with the Village Hall committee and allow it to be used for village hall users and residents when not being used – 3 Cllrs in favour.

It was agreed therefore that Cllrs will explore funding options and look to create a parking area for village hall users and then residents. Residents can continue to park whilst funding is explored. Cllrs will also look at ways to keep the emergency exit free at all times.

62/25 UPDATE BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS:

- The Chicksands crossings have now been painted.
- Highways have a three-year plan due to be published which will outline set works. Cllr Brown is still pushing for Mill Lane to be resurfaced. He will raise it again at the Annual meeting in September.
- The Rights of way officer has provided a detailed plan of works to be carried out at the bridge off Mill Lane, the works will be completed this financial year. Cllr Wootton raise concerns for the safety of the bridge over the River Flitt.
- There is a new Chairman of the Council, Kevin Collins.

- Call for sites received 617 sites for assessment; 173 sites have so far been rejected the rest are currently being assessed. Cllr Booton commented the Chicksands base has been included but will not be closing until at least 2033, Cllr Brown was unsure how it had been submitted but it must have been by the MOD. Areas surrounding the Parish include Greenway, Golf club, land opposite side of Chicksands. The map also appears to include Priory House, Cllr Brown confirmed this was not the case. Cllr Booton asked for Cllr Brown's support with the call for sites, he feels that although comments are not requested at this stage it is important for the PC to make representation. He will prepare a document to be agreed by Cllrs for submission to CBC. He will also prepare something to update residents. He will ask CBC if they are taking flooding into consideration and if the Neighbourhood Plans are also being considered?

63/25 FINANCES:

Payments: June 2025

C Bain payroll £58
D Granger £1,266.72
Talk Talk £33.27
A Muskett £104.40
ICO £52.00

Community account £38,270.95
Business account £23,715.27
As on 29/5/25

Payments proposed by Cllr Ash, seconded by Cllr Sibley, all agreed.

Due to a delay in the closing down of the Shefford accounts the proportion of the JBB accounts is currently not available, clerk will arrange an interim meeting for the signing of the audit.

There has been an issue with molehills on the recreation ground and the contractor not being able to cut the grass, Cllr Booton and Wootton will meet to inspect the area.

The Recreation ground grass cut was paid for by the PC, Cllr wootton questioned why the football club did not cut it? The contract states that they will cut to the end of the season, which is usually April but this year they finished early, Cllr Booton will address this in the new contract. He will also address some of the other conditions the football club have not met.

64/25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

None

The Greenway development is still being considered, the statement suggests that two houses may flood, but doesn't indicate which ones? They have also included measures for traffic calming which includes narrowing of the road, with priority given to those exiting the village, the Highways officer has requested alternative schemes to consider.

65/25 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

JOINT BURIAL BOARD:

No update

CAMPTON UNITED CHARITIES:

Land has been submitted as part of the Call for sites.

P3 GROUP:

Chopping back of the brambles has commenced.

66/25 PROJECTS/ONGOING ISSUES:**CHURCHYARD:**

CBC have carried out their first cut.

LAND NEXT TO THE VILLAGE HALL:

Discussed under Public participation.

MEET THE VILLAGE/ GOOD NEIGHBOUR:

The meet the village was successful and everyone seemed to enjoy it.

There is now a group of volunteers available, Clerk and Cllr Turton will arrange a meeting for 4th September at 6pm, if the hall is available. If there are sufficient volunteers the group can be set up. Clerk will advertise it in the newsletter again.

MOLEHILLS:

Discussed under finances.

CALL FOR SITES:

Discussed under Ward Cllrs.

67/25 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was received:

- CBC Council Home to School transport consultation
- CBC Local plan update
- Crime statistics
- Letter from the school requesting use of the Recreation ground for sports day 26th June and Summer Fair 5th July. All Cllrs agreed, Clerk will notify the school.
- Beds Police Scrutiny committee seeking volunteers.
- Notice of vacancy from CBC Democratic services

68/25 AOB:

- Cllr Sibley and Clerk will have an online training session for the website, Clerk will arrange.

69/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Thursday 17th July 7pm.

