

MEETING OF CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in Campton Church on Thursday 5th March 2026.

Present: Cllr Booton, Cllr Wootton, Cllr Sibley, Cllr Turton, Cllr Longson, Cllr Ash

Apologies: Central Bedfordshire Councillor Tony Brown, Central Bedfordshire Councillor Mark Liddiard.

22/26 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2026 were signed as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Wootton, seconded by Cllr Sibley.

Matters arising:

A typo on page one, the Local Plan runs until 2035 not 2025.

Cllr Sibley looked at alternatives for WIFI, there would be very little savings to be made by switching provider and the PC would incur set up costs. It will be reviewed again next year.

The football club are as yet to confirm their Insurance, Cllr Booton has a meeting with them next week.

A formal letter has been sent to the solicitors for the Registration of the land.

Cllr Booton has spoken to residents regarding the good Neighbour Scheme.

23/26 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION:

None

23/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A resident attended to discuss the Good Neighbour Scheme, she will arrange a group meeting for the volunteers to agree a plan to move the group forward, agreeing what the group will cover and the different roles within the group. Clerk will support her in this if required.

24/26 UPDATE BY CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS:

No update.

25/26 FINANCES:

Payments: March 2026

C Bain payroll £58.00

Talk Talk £33.27

Mazars £378.00

Defib pads £84.00

Clerk expenses £274.66

Mazars £378

JBB contribution £4,560

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

Bank balances:

Community account: £24,003.30

Business account: £9,956.00

A vat claim for £1,782.59 has now been submitted.

The village planting group have requested £100 for manure and £50 for planting, proposed by Cllr Turton, seconded by Cllr Ash, all agreed.

26/26 PLANNING APPLICATION:

CB/25/04030/OUT Land East of Greenway, Campton. Outline Application: The consultation period has now closed (20th February). There were 267 comments submitted 264 against and 3 comments. The Planning Department have also accepted the petition that was submitted. The next stage is that at the start of April (target date 10th) Central Beds will either reject the application or it will go the relevant committee for members to make the final decision. The planners will have made a recommendation to the committee. If it goes to committee I would suggest that we speak at the meeting.

27/26 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

JOINT BURIAL BOARD:

No update

CAMPTON UNITED CHARITIES:

No update, land was put forward in the Call for sites but there has been no further updates.

P3 GROUP:

No update

28/26 PROJECTS/ONGOING ISSUES:

HEALTHY LIVING FIELD:

Since the last meeting a resident has very kindly turned over the soil in most of the inner area to allow for the wild flower seeds to be sown and this has now been completed. The pathway continues to be rolled. During March the benches will be put in place. We now have a small group of residents who are prepared to oversee the area in the future.

RECREATION GROUND/ FOOTBALL CLUB INSURANCE:

The football club have not used the pitch this year, a meeting has been arranged for next week to discuss the pitch and insurance for the Pavillion.

LONG-TERM AIMS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL:

Back in 2022 the Parish Council agreed a long term vision for the Parish which we have been working towards. Cllrs were emailed a copy prior to the meeting. Cllrs reaffirmed this document as still being the aims of the PC. Proposed by Cllr Sibley, seconded by Cllr Turton, all agreed. Cllrs also discussed

the possibility of the PC being in a position to purchase and run the village hall as a long-term project.

29/26 CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was received:

- Crime update, 1X Theft of a motor vehicle and 1x firearms offences
- Town and Parish Council forum update
- Elan city flyer
- A poster to advertise recruitment of On call firefighters for Beds Fire service. Poster will be displayed on the noticeboards.

30/26 AOB:

Cllr Wootton attended the last Village hall Committee meeting and reported back that the Committee are planning to install handrails outside the emergency exit and are also looking at a bike rack, both of these projects will be at the expense of the Committee. Hard standing will also be put in place.

Policies will need to be reviewed at the next meeting along side a new data compliance policy, Clerk will email details to Cllrs in advance eof the meeting.

31/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Thursday 2nd April 2026