

Campton & Chicksands

Parish Council Newsletter

November 2020



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Welcome to the Campton & Chicksands Newsletter
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please contact the Editor, Liz Bishop - details on back page

Campton & Chicksands Neighbourhood Planning Report

**Consultation on the Campton & Chicksands Draft
Neighbourhood Plan started on the 24th September
and closes on the 18th November**



No Internet? No Problem!
Please Call 07782 799561 for Assistance

Every parish household and local business will have received a copy of a leaflet telling you all about this important public consultation in the days leading up to the launch. The leaflet provided information on what's in the draft plan, the draft policies and non-policy actions (community aspirations), and how you can read the plan and supporting documents both online and via access to paper copies for those that don't have, or prefer not to use, the internet.

As previously stated there will be no face to face drop-in sessions as these are currently suspended under COVID-19 guidance, but the Steering Group are committed to using email, post or telephone to answer any questions and assist with ensuring information access for everyone.

The NP Consultation leaflet also provides information on how to comment on the draft plan and what will happen after this consultation is concluded.

If you have not received a copy of the publicity leaflet or have any questions about how to provide your feedback please email camptonandchicksandsnp@gmail.com or call 07782 799561 for assistance.

Clearly the situation regarding the on-going health emergency may impact the schedule of this important consultation, but it is our current expectation it will run for 8 weeks (2 weeks longer than is required) and will end on Wednesday 18th November.

The NP Steering Group would really appreciate your comments on the draft plan, as only then can we consider your views in any amendments to the draft plan going forward to the later stages of consultation that will be run by Central Bedfordshire Council. We expect the finalised plan to go to referendum during 2021.

The Steering Group have already received representations from a number of residents and other stakeholders, including some of the statutory consultees. Thank you.

As with any evolving Neighbourhood Plan it will be shaped by responses received and amendments to the draft plan and policies are to be expected as a result of this consultation. Your feedback is therefore very important.

As consultation proceeds, if we feel there is a general need for updates or clarification on any points, we will endeavour to provide updates on the Neighbourhood Plan page of the Parish Council website and will provide paper copies on request.

<https://camptonandchicksands-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>

Dave Baker, On behalf of the NP Steering Group

**Please remember that this consultation
ends on the 18th November.**

**We look forward to receiving your views -
they are important... Thank you**

Campton Village Hall

Over the last few weeks, we are delighted to welcome back some of our regular hirers and extremely pleased to see some new faces too!

During this challenging time, we continue to be guided by government guidelines and are closely following ACRE's recommendations for the safe use of Village Halls.



**TO HELP US KEEP YOUR VILLAGE HALL OPEN AND COVID-19 SECURE:
WHEN VISITING THE HALL PLEASE READ & ABIDE BY THE GUIDELINES DETAILED
ON THE SIGNAGE DISPLAYED OUTSIDE & AROUND THE HALL – THANK YOU.**

The hall has its own **QR Code Poster** which is located just inside the main door. If you have the NHS COVID-19 APP installed on your mobile phone, you can scan the QR Code to allow contact tracing via venue check-in.

For information regarding hiring the hall, please follow the 'Village Hall' link on the Campton & Chicksands Parish Council's website:-
<https://camptonandchicksands-pc.gov.uk/village-hall>
or contact us on 07950 458940 / email: camptonvh@outlook.com

THE 100 CLUB DRAW IS STILL SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



Parish Christmas Festival

Saturday 12th December &

Sunday 13th December

**A fun and friendly outdoor Christmas
Festival with a difference!**

To take part, enter any of the three categories below. Entries are to be based at your home* and need to be visible from the road.

- **Christmas Tree:** Decorate a tree in your front garden* with a Christmas theme. This could be any tree - growing in your garden, artificial, in a pot or a tree made from anything!
- **Christmas Window:** Decorate a window with a Christmas theme.
- **Christmas Door:** Decorate a door (or gate) with a Christmas theme.

Entry: £5 per category. Closing date for entries: Friday 4th December.

Payment can be made by BACs or cash with the entry form in an envelope.

All entries to 9 Gravenhurst Road, Campton, Shefford, SG17 5NY.

All Saints Church Campton PCC: Sort Code 20-41-12 Account No 40573647

Entry form on opposite page or available from Maggie:

marsh.mam@googlemail.com 07989 082743

A hamper of Christmas Goodies and a children's prize will be awarded to the best entries in each category, as voted for by the public.

Maps and Voting Forms available on 12th & 13th December from
2pm to 5pm at Campton Village Hall, priced £3.

All **proceeds** will be split between **CHUMS Bedfordshire** (a local charity offering Mental, Health and Emotional Wellbeing to children and young people), and **All Saints Church, Campton.**

*If you would like to have a tree for a company or organisation, or your property does not lend itself to the competition, trees can be placed on the grass by the Village Hall and will be taken inside overnight.

News from the Pews

At last we have been able to hold the Annual Parochial Council meeting, which is normally in April. The two Churchwardens appointed are Beth Sullivan -Ash and Linda Garton. I have stepped down as Churchwarden but continue as the Lay Minister (Reader).

Remembrance Sunday Service - 8th November at 11am

With the official pandemic restrictions in place, numbers will be limited; should you plan to attend, please register your name or names by calling me on 01462 850001 or email audrey.brand@hotmail.com

Audrey Brand - Reader

Christmas Festival Entry Form

Closing date for entries, Friday 4th December. Entries to 9 Gravenhurst Road or emailed to marsh.mam@googlemail.com

Name:			
Address:			
Email:			
Phone No:			
	Tick for Entry	Children	Paid Cash or BACs?
Christmas Tree			
Decorate Window			
Decorate Door			
If you are a UK Tax Payer and can Gift Aid the entry fee please sign and date below. Thank you.			
Sign:		Date:	

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council held their most recent meeting via Zoom on 7th October 2020 and once again use of this online platform was successful. It was good to have lots of residents attending the meeting. The meeting was also attended by Ward Councillors Tony Brown and Mark Liddiard.

The Ward Councillors reported that there had now been 2585 confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Central Bedfordshire with an increase of 56 last week, a rise of 5 on the previous week. This is low compared to Bedford and Luton. There has been an 89% attendance at school which is above the national average of 75% attendance. Please remember to follow guidance to help keep safe, we will update you with further information as it is published by CBC.

The posts and rails separating the cycle path and footpath on the underpass into Shefford have been temporarily removed due to Covid-19, Cllr Liddiard is concerned for pedestrian safety and will follow this up.

Central Beds Council (CBC) is advertising for Community Champions to relay information from the Council to others e.g. via social media. Volunteers have come forward from Campton and Shefford. Thank you to those residents that have offered to assist with this.

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News from the Tower

Slow progress towards ringing all 8 bells but still only half way there!! Our ringing is governed by government and Church of England decisions. But we do ring regularly on Sundays - and well!

*****Learning to Ring*****

This will happen one day! Ringing is an absorbing skill but also fun, providing great mental and physical stimulation combined with the best fellowship you will find anywhere. That's why 40,000 people nationally are bellringers.

We have been teaching the Francis family to ring handbells. This is about ringing two bells, one in each hand, physically fairly easy but quite challenging mentally, therefore quite different to tower bell ringing. It takes some months to reach level one before starting to climb up the ladder of achievement.

Great progress is being made.

John Loveless, 07803 206161

Parish Council continued...

CALA Homes have withdrawn their interest in the land (HAS08) on Greenway, CBC are not expecting any planning applications for this land in the short term.

There have been some concerns regarding planning applications, it appears that residents are submitting their views, but this is not indicated on the planning portal. A planning officer has confirmed that they could take up to 14 days to appear. Ward Cllrs will investigate this concern and raise the issue at their next meeting with planning.

A new CBC Chief Executive has been appointed, Mr Marcel Coiffait; he has previous knowledge of running the council and will be in position by the end of the year.

The ongoing public consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan was discussed with helpful input from a number of residents. Thank you.

The matting surface in the Recreation Ground play area was identified as needing attention at the last interim inspection. The Parish Council is currently gathering and considering quotes for the replacement of the surface. We are due our annual inspection late November and are hopeful that this will be the only major repair required. Thank you to all users of the play area for abiding by the new restrictions, it is essential for to help keep you all safe.

The Joint Burial Board recently met to discuss the running of the cemetery. Some new rules and regulations have now been agreed and will be implemented; we will be posting these rules on the PC website for residents to view. In previous months we have re-seeded a number of grassed areas, hedges have been reduced and tidied up and wasps' nests have been removed. Neville's Funeral Directors have kindly donated granite chippings to improve the appearance of older graves and a new noticeboard and bin have been fitted; part funded by a CBC Ward Councillors grant. One broken bench has been replaced and an additional one installed both funded by bereaved relatives. We are grateful for their donations. However, funding is currently an issue regarding future projects etc. There has been a drop in the number of funerals in recent months, this is clearly good news.

The next PC meeting via Zoom is to be held at 7pm on Wednesday 5th November 2020. The Agenda will be posted on the website and noticeboards three days in advance. Any resident wishing to join the meeting should contact me by email. I will issue a passcode on the day of the meeting that will enable them to gain access.

Clerk to the Parish Council tammy.medley@btinternet.com

Tel: 01908 505558 / 079555 21174

JOIN OUR SOCIALLY DISTANCED CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

Saturday 14th November 10am to 12noon

Saturday 21st November 10am to 12noon

The trees in the Churchyard are being strangled with ivy and need serious attention urgently. Ivy is also encroaching on graves and walls, and brambles and nettles are joining in with this churchyard weed rampage.

Please contact Maggie Marsh (07989 082743) to confirm your attendance to ensure the "Rule of Six" is covered. Arrive armed with your own garden tools, and (due to Covid restrictions) your own elevenses - and a chair if you would like a comfortable seat. Saws to help with removing low branches and the use of a strimmer would be immensely helpful too.

Gardening knowledge is not needed and the working party will go ahead whatever the weather!

Maggie Marsh, on behalf of All Saints - marsh.mam@googlemail.com

Campton Lower School - School Visits

Was your child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017? If so, they will start school in September 2021, so you need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2021.

You can apply online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

You can also complete a paper application by contacting School Admissions at admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk or telephone 0300 300 8037.

Campton Lower School are holding School Visits from Wednesday 4th November to Friday 6th November.

If you would like to come and see our school, please contact the School office to book a slot - Tel: 01462 813359 or email: office@camptonlower.org
We look forward to seeing you.

Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted to the Editor, Liz Bishop no later than 15th November 2020
Email: elizabethpbishop@gmail.com Tel: 01462 819058