**Cublington Parish Council**

**Minutes – Parish Council Meeting No 2**

**14 March 2017**

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| **Present**  Cllr H Vale (Chairman), Cllr M Reilly, Cllr M Bush, Cllr J Merriman, Cllr Netta Glover (part), Mr Simon Morgan, Mr Martyn Waters (part)  In Attendance: Mrs M Mercado Gregory (Clerk) | | |
| **Item** |  | **Action By** |
| **1** | **Apologies**  There were no apologies. |  |
| **2** | **Review Minutes Parish Council Meeting on 10 January 2016**  The minutes of the meetings were reviewed and accepted as a true account and were signed by the Chairman.  The Chairman spoke of the sad loss of Mrs Valerie Osborn who had lived in the village for 60 years. The Chairman acknowledged Valerie’s her hard work and commitment to the village. Valerie was a member of the Parish Council for 35 years and Chairlady of the Council for 21 years. She will be missed.  All agreed that the Parish Council would make a donation to one of Valerie’s preferred charities and a tribute would be made for her in the village, perhaps a tree in the new North Field.  **LAF report** from The Chairman: There will be reduction of permanent Police staff by half. Wing have 2 permanent officers and soon they will have 1.  Letter from the Police Constable about the Community Speed Watch | **All**  **Cllr Vale**  **CP49** |
| **3** | **Reports: Police, County & District Councillor**  No Police Report was sent.  **District Councillor, Netta Glover’s report:**  ***Buckinghamshire Freight Strategy:***  *BCC is planning the best way to engage stakeholders in the development of the new Freight Strategy based on the results of this workshop……To shape a strategy which sets out how we can protect local communities from the impacts of freight while balancing the needs of our businesses.*  ***Funding boost for England’s Economic Heartland as region starts shaping future transport priorities***  *Transport Minister Andrew Jones MP has announced £625,000 of government funding for England’s Economic Heartland The Strategic Transport Forum is a partnership established by the partners to provide leadership on strategic transport issues*  *Other partners - including Department for Transport, Highways England, Network Rail, bus operators, Oxfordshire Growth Board and the Civil Engineering Contractors Association.*  ***Business Growth Funding:*** *The government has shown a significant vote of confidence in the Bucks economy by announcing the Local Growth Fund allocation of £20.48 million pounds to Buckinghamshire. It has the potential to recycle over £15m into future programmes and will include supporting three key schemes to develop and grow the Buckinghamshire economy:*  ***Connectivity:*** *the* ***Stoke Mandeville Relief Road****, part of the Aylesbury Ring Road development advanced and part funded by investment by HS2 Ltd, the new route will connect and enable development of major new housing and employment locations to the south of Aylesbury.*  ***Government White Paper on Planning***  *Link to Javid’s speech* [*http://press.conservatives.com/post/151284016515/javid-speech-to-conservative-party-conference*](http://press.conservatives.com/post/151284016515/javid-speech-to-conservative-party-conference)  ***Connected Knowledge:*** *Aylesbury Vale district Council announced its new Connected Knowledge digital. The strategy will pull together integrated data and intelligent systems enabling them to properly integrate and automate transactions for all its customers. Reduce the time staff spend resolving queries. 100% cloud software based.*  *People using the website will be able to ask questions in the way that one can on Amazon's Echo system. To read more detail log on to the Aylesbury Vale website and click on the Council meeting of 22 February. Scroll down to item 10.* |  |
| **4** | **Action Log**  The Action Log was reviewed and updated. | **All** |
| **5** | **Orchard Ground Charitable Status**  Martyn Waters reported that funding had not been secured for refurbishing the kitchen and that OG were researching the possibility of becoming a Registered Charity or a Charity Incorporated Organisation. This would allow the Committee to then apply to Charitable Trusts for funding.  Orchard Ground is an asset of the Parish Council all agreed any funding by the OG would be made through the Parish Council.  The Council would seek advice from the Charity Commissions on whether:   1. The Parish Council could become a CIO 2. Can a CIO be VAT registered 3. Any other issues arising | **Cllr Reilly**  **CP50** |
| **6** | **New Councillors**  Mr Simon Morgan was co-opted as a new Councillor for Parish Council and the Declaration of Office was signed. |  |
| **7** | **Accounts**  **7.1** The accounts will be sent by email following the meeting.  **7.2** The below payments were passed and signed  23-Jan-17 Mainly Mowing 137.50  1-Feb-17 E-on DD 81.41  1-Mar-17 AVDC - Dog Bins 311.19  25-Feb-17 Clerks Salary 166.67  1-Mar-17 E-on DD 73.53  9-Mar-17 Autela Payroll Service 30.00  25-Mar-17 Clerks Salary 166.67  16-Mar-17 Bucks Playing Field Ass 20.00  **Total Expenditure £986.97**  **Bank Balance**  current balance as of 22 March 2017 £6201.44  **7.3 Budget Template**  The Budget Template was not presented at this meeting. | **Cllr Bush**  **Clerk / All**  **Cllr Bush** |
| **8** | **Email Correspondence to Councillors**  Paper 3 was reviewed by the Council |  |
| **9** | **Inline Property Consultants – Development on Whitchurch Road**  All agree that a letter from the Council will be sent in response to their email. | **Cllr Bush**  **CP52** |
| **10** | **North Field Project & Orchard Ground Report**  No report was submitted by the North Field Project.  Cllr Reilly to contact Charles Toosey again for the latest report to be submitted for the next PC meeting in May.  **Orchard Ground**  Cllr Bush reported the Orchard Ground report. The recent 1920’s themed Casino Night had been a great success and enjoyed by all. Cllr Bush reported that the final net amount raised was around £ 777.  The major talking point at their last meeting the report given by Martyn Waters, Agenda 5, on possible funding. | **Cllr Reilly**  **CP51** |
| **11** | **Village Matters**  **11.1** **Village Gates**  Cllr Reilly was pleased to report that Cublington Parish Council had received LAF funding towards the erection costs of the gates.  CPC 2016 budget has £2,000 allocated to gates which is our contribution to the erection costs of £6,147. LAF contribution is £4,145.  CPC will now purchase the 4 gates at a cost of £2,359.76 from our 2017 budget.   A contribution to this cost of £300 has been made by the Cublington Village Fete Committee which the CPC gratefully acknowledged  Check with Zurich if our village gates will come under our insurance if they were damaged.  **11.2** **Play Area**  Cllr Merriman submitted the application to WREN. Response by 24 May.  **11.3 Village Spring Clean**  Tom Gadsby is organising a Village Spring Clean on 8 April. Ad to go in Crier.  Easter Weekend April 15th is Ground Force day at the Orchard Ground – all volunteers welcome.  **11.4 Community Speed Watch Plan**  Cllr Bush ran a second speed watch plan in January. Report in Crier.  More volunteers are needed in order for the scheme to continue. | **Clerk**  **CP53** |
| **12** | **Parish Clerk Vacancy**  Cllr Vale to discuss further with The Chairman of Aston Abbotts the possibility of having one Parish Clerk for both villages  The PC vacancy for Cublington to be advertised more widely – via Bucks CC, ads in local publications  A more detailed advert for the position will be placed in the Crier.  The Clerk kindly agreed to remain in the role until the end of April in order to complete the Annual Audit 2016-2017.  The hours of The Parish Clerk will remain at 4 hours per week, Cllr Bush did not agree with believing that the hours need to be increased to provide additional admin support that the Councillors. | **Cllr Vale**  **CP54** |
| **13** | **Standing Orders for the Parish Council**  Deferred to next meeting depending on the outcome of Agenda point 5. |  |
| **14** | **Allocation of Specific areas to Councillors**  **The following areas will be the responsibility of**  LAF meeting attendance- alternative Cllrs  Street Lighting - Cllr Morgan  Grass cutting – Cllr Vale  Budget/Finance – Cllr Bush  Pond Area - Cllr Reilly & Cllr Morgan  Trees – Cllr Reilly | **Cllr Bush** |
| **15** | **Best Kept Village 2017**  All agree to enter the competition this year. |  |
| **16** | **Agenda Items for next meeting**  To report on Charity Incorporated Organisation |  |
|  | **Parish Council Meeting dates for 2017 (Tuesdays)**  **9 May, 11 July, 12 September. 14 November** |  |
|  | **Date of the next Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 9 May 2017 7.30pm** |  |

Signed and approved by The Chairman, Cllr Vale……………………………………………………………………………..