

Cublington Parish Council

Minutes – Parish Council Meeting No 5 10 January 2017

Present Cllr H Vale (Chairman), Cllr M Reilly, Cllr M Bush, (part) Cllr J Merriman, Cllr Netta Glover (part) In Attendance: Mrs M Mercado Gregory (Clerk)	
Item	Action By
1	
<p>Apologies Apologies from Paula Boston (Thames Valley Police). There were no other apologies.</p>	
2	All
<p>Review Minutes Parish Council Meeting on 15 November 2016 The minutes of the meetings were reviewed and accepted as a true account and were signed by the Chairman. Cllr Bush asked for the expenditure vs income budget table be added to the accounts section in the minutes of the November meeting and ongoing minutes.</p>	
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<p>Reports: Police, County & District Councillor No Police Report was sent. District Councillor, Netta Glover's report:</p> <p><i>Unitary: The proposal is to abolish all five county and district authorities and replace them with two new unitary councils, one in the north alongside the existing unitary of Milton Keynes and one in the south to cover the area of the three southern district councils, saving tax payers almost £58million over a five-year period. Under the new proposals each unitary council would be responsible for the delivery of all council services. A copy of the executive summary and the full report can be accessed from our website. www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/mlg</i></p> <p><i>Speeding in Villages – Community Speed Watch The three chairmen of our local area forum took the opportunity at the last county council meeting to challenge the Police and Crime Commissioner on the lack of activity in prosecuting people speeding in villages. The Chief Constable has given us a two page response. One of the points he makes is that reducing the harm caused on our roads is a priority so they prioritise opportunities to reduce casualties through enforcement, education and engineering opportunities. He claims that our force has one of the highest levels of enforcement activity in the country</i></p> <p><i>Fly Tipping - Huge fines for pair behind massive tyre dumping operation A massive tyre dumping operation taking place across South Bucks was brought to an end when enforcement officers and police pounced on the perpetrator right in the middle of a midnight dumping spree. After a brief car chase, the man abandoned his van and was traced by police dog handlers who found him</i></p>	

	<p><i>hiding up a tree.</i></p> <p><i>. Sentencing duly took place at Aylesbury Crown Court yesterday, when each of them were fined £5,000 and ordered to pay £5,195.50 in costs, on top of which was a victim surcharge. Mr Ahmed was also sentenced to 200 hours' unpaid work and his sister to 110 hours.</i></p> <p>Queens Police Medal for Jason Thelwell – Bucks and MK Fire Chief. <i>Jason has headed up some very innovative work at the Fire Authority – leading the way towards co-locating the blue light services in MK and taking on apprentices. Firemen trained as first responders – sometimes beating the ambulance to a heart attack victim and saving a life.</i></p> <p>Garden Town! BCC statement: <i>“This is great news for Aylesbury and for Buckinghamshire. We are very pleased to be a joint partner in the Aylesbury Garden Town initiative and are delighted that the bid has been successful. “The Garden Town status will help to provide some of the modern, high-quality facilities needed by local people in Aylesbury and surrounding areas, with iconic design, public art and open spaces all delivered through partnerships of councils, organisations and individuals across the public, private, voluntary, community and faith sectors in the town. There will also be a boost for the Bucks economy generally in terms of jobs and cultural and retail growth.</i></p> <p>Survey: Tackling Crime; Protecting People 2017-20 <i>The agencies who work together in Buckinghamshire to tackle crime and protect vulnerable people (e.g. councils, police, probation, voluntary services etc) are looking for your views on what we believe should have extra focus for the next three years (April 2017-March 2020).</i></p> <p>To read the full report visit www.cublington.com</p>																																	
4	<p>Action Log The Action Log was reviewed and updated.</p>	All																																
5	<p>Accounts</p> <p>6.1 The accounts for the year to date were circulated and approved.</p> <p>6.2 The below payments were passed and signed</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="210 1134 1167 1406"> <tr> <td>1-Nov-16</td> <td>E-on</td> <td></td> <td>81.41</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1-Dec-16</td> <td>E-on</td> <td>78.78</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1-Jan-16</td> <td>E-on</td> <td>81.41</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>10-Jan-17</td> <td>Harlequin Press Ltd</td> <td>20.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>10-Jan-17</td> <td>Autela Payroll Service</td> <td>30.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>10-Jan-17</td> <td>Clerks Salary-December</td> <td></td> <td>166.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10-Jan-17</td> <td>Steve Hayward - Tree maintenance</td> <td>500.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>10-Jan-17</td> <td>Clerks Salary -January</td> <td></td> <td>166.67</td> </tr> </table>	1-Nov-16	E-on		81.41	1-Dec-16	E-on	78.78		1-Jan-16	E-on	81.41		10-Jan-17	Harlequin Press Ltd	20.00		10-Jan-17	Autela Payroll Service	30.00		10-Jan-17	Clerks Salary-December		166.67	10-Jan-17	Steve Hayward - Tree maintenance	500.00		10-Jan-17	Clerks Salary -January		166.67	<p>Cllr Bush</p> <p>Clerk / All</p>
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10-Jan-17 Andy Muskett Ltd - Street Light Mnt 86.70
Total Expenditure £1334.64
Bank Balance £5094.84



6.3 Budget Template

All reviewed and agreed with the Budget Template

CUBLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY - As At 31st
 December 2016
 [APRIL - DECEMBER 2016]**

Income

	Nov'16 & Dec'16 Spend	Dec'16 YTD Spend	Dec'16 YTD Budget	Budget Variance @ Dec16	Full year Budget Apr'16- Mar'17
Precept		7,500.00	7,500.00	-	7,500.00
Grants, Donations & Rents		912.00	300.00	612.00	300.00

Expenditure

Administrative Costs	(132.50)	(279.82)	(212.91)	(66.91)	(283.88)
Payroll	(333.34)	(1,499.99)	(1,500.03)	0.04	(2,000.04)
Audit	(100.00)	(100.00)	(123.60)	23.60	(123.60)
Insurance		(991.99)	(267.61)	(724.38)	(267.61)
PC Election			-	-	-
Dog Bins			(314.25)	314.25	(314.25)
Street Lighting	(230.09)	(860.33)	(820.35)	(39.98)	(1,093.80)
Village Maintenance	(710.00)	(2,388.00)	(4,387.31)	1,999.31	(2,970.92)
Fees & Subscriptions		-	(51.31)	51.31	(92.50)
Website			-	-	(126.69)
Misc.	(30.00)	(141.79)	-	(141.79)	-
Play Around the Parishes		(310.00)	(206.00)	(104.00)	
White Gates - Supply & Fit x2				-	(2,000.00)
(VAT) / VAT Refund	(52.01)	(198.84)	-	(198.84)	255.13

Surplus/Deficit

	(1,587.94)	1,641.24	(83.38)	1,724.62	(1,218.17)
Opening Cash Balance					4,123.47
Closing Cash Balance					2,905.30

Cllr Bush

6	<p>Email Correspondence to Councillors All felt this was a helpful document to keep track of all emails that are sent to the Parish Clerk.</p>	
7	<p>New Councillors & Parish Clerk Vacancy There had been no response from the advertisement in the Crier</p> <p>The Parish Clerk, Miranda Mercado Gregory, reported that she would be stepping down from her role at the end of March 2017. She kindly agreed to do the annual audit 2016-2017 and would continue to help take minutes for meetings if a replacement was not found in time. An advert will be placed in the Crier for the vacancy.</p>	<p>Clerk CP47</p>
8	<p>Modernising Local Government Event – 12 December 2016 This conference was organised by Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC) and attended by Cllrs Vale and Merriman. BCC propose to develop a new county-wide unitary council amalgamating the five county and district councils in Buckinghamshire, excluding Milton Keynes. The benefits for Parish and Town Councils were stated to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved quality of service: parish and town council take pride in delivering services locally and will likely 'go the extra mile' to deliver a high quality of service • A more responsive agile service: parish and town councils are able to respond quickly to changes in service delivery • Opportunities to generate local employment • Greater local choice and decision making – for example whether to prioritise grass cutting in the centre of a village over the edges, or by raising precept locally to add value to services <p>The proposal for one unitary council, or two unitary councils which is the preferred option by Aylesbury Vale District Council, will be considered by the Secretary of State who will make the final decision as to whether either of these options is viable or to continue with the existing council system.</p>	
9	<p>Community Speed Plan Cllr Bush reported that the speeding kit was ready to run the scheme this month. Although due to the road resurfacing this month and subsequent closure of the road between the 12 and the 20th January that it will be a reduced scheme.</p>	
10	<p>Village Matters 10.1 Village Gates Cllr Reilly is unclear on costs that Transport for Bucks (TfB) have sent regarding the ground work and foundations that are needed for the white gates. Further information needs to clarify what is the status of the LAF application, how much will it likely to be and will it</p>	

	<p>cover the 50% of the cost. Until he has the clarity from TfB on what exactly they will fund Cllr Reilly cannot make any further recommendations to the Council.</p> <p>10.2 Street Lighting Maintenance The Clerk presented 3 quotes from maintenance companies. All agreed on quote from Ford & McHugh A map of the village and location of each street lights will be obtained by the current maintenance man, Andy Muskett This will help obtain which lamps have mercury lighting. These lamps will need to be changed as mercury lamps are no longer produced. The cost for this conversion is estimated to be around £300 per light and all agreed this cost needs to be reflected in the Precept.</p> <p>10.3 Play Area Questionnaire was distributed and results sent on to the designers. The results will go into the Crier Awaiting 3 designs to be agreed by the Council</p> <p>10.4 Village Pond Pippa and Mark Cheetham kindly offered to plant marginal pond plants (water irises) in the village pond. All agreed and thanked the Cheetham's for their kind donation</p>	<p>Clerk CP48</p> <p>Cllr Merriman</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Precept 2017 The precept went up by £500 last year to cover the increase of Clerks Salary All agreed to increase the Precept This will help towards costs to replace the mercury bulbs in the village's street lights and any extra money towards the new village gates. Final decision to be made and agreed by the 20 January 2017 (check)</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>Standing Orders for the Parish Council Deferred to next meeting</p>	<p>Cllr Bush CP43</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>Allocation of Specific areas to Councillors Deferred to next meeting</p>	<p>Cllr Bush CP46</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>North Field Project Deferred to next meeting. Orchard Ground Report Cricket club replaced the entrance gate Doug Merriman, on a voluntary basis has kindly agreed to look after the maintenance of Biggs Pavilion. Doug will</p>	<p>Cllr Reilly CP44</p>

	<p>monitor the work that is done by external maintenance companies ie cleaning company Ground force day is been planned and more social fundraising events.</p> <p>Duncan Mack will kindly continue as acting chair. Several volunteers did a deep clean of the kitchen just before Christmas and the Councillors pass on their thanks for taking the time to do this. Plans and costing for a new kitchen and new tables and chairs are on the OG Agenda. A fundraising Casino Night, to celebrate 20 years of Biggs Pavilion, is planned for the evening of Saturday 4 March 2017.</p>	
15	Agenda Items for next meeting	
16	Parish Council Meeting dates for 2017 (Tuesdays) 14 March, 25 April – (Annual Meeting and Annual Audit sign-off) 9 May, 11 July, 12 September. 14 November	
	Date of the next Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 7 March 2017 7.30pm	

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