**Cublington Parish Council**

**Minutes – Parish Council Meeting No 4**

**15 November 2016**

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| **Present**  Cllr H Vale (Chairman), Cllr M Reilly, Cllr M Bush, Cllr Netta Glover (part) Mrs Julie Merriman,  In Attendance: Mrs M Mercado Gregory (Clerk), Angela Sarchet (Community Engagement & Development Manager for Bucks CC) | | |
| **Item** |  | **Action By** |
|  | **Pre-meeting with Angela Sarchet – Bucks CC**  **Modernising Local Government in Buckinghamshire**  *Proposal is to abolish all five councils to create a new one, using the best of each Town/ Parish councils key partner to a new Buckinghamshire-wide council*  *Why:*   * *Increases in demand on public services* * *50,000 new homes by 2033/ population over 65/ disability increasing* * *Local government funding - £88m in 2010, zero in 2020* * *County Council already saved £145m - further savings for County/ Districts of £30m by 2020*   *Overall, the single county-wide model performed the best out of all the options.*  *Vision*   * *Local/ empowering communities through:* * *19 Community boards (executive powers, £2million budget plus others)* * *19 Community hubs* * *5 planning committees*   ***Offering*** *more devolved services to towns and parishes, on a case by case negotiation*   * *Single voice with clout* * *Quality, easy to access services* * *Efficient and value for money*   *A single unitary council would not only be able to maximise the resources available to local government but would release efficiencies across county-wide partners, including housing associations and local charities, who allocate considerable resource in navigating their way through the different operating models of five councils.*  *Proposal has been endorsed by the County Council. Being submitted to government*  *DCLG will make a decision whether to support this (or any other) business case. We are expecting a decision on this by January 2017.*  Please visit [www.futurebucks.co.uk](http://www.futurebucks.co.uk/) for updates and a more detailed report. |  |
| **1** | **Apologises**  Apologises from Paula Boston (Thames Valle Police). There were no other apologises |  |
| **2** | **Review Minutes Parish Council Meeting on 20 September 2016**  The minutes of the meetings were reviewed and accepted as a true account and were signed by the Chairman. |  |
| **3** | **New Councillors**  Mrs Julie Merriman was co-opted as a new Councillor for the Parish Council. |  |
| **4** | **Reports: Police, County & District Councillor**  No Police Report was sent.  **District Councillor, Netta Glover’s report:**  ***Have Your Say – How BCC spends its cash***  *BCC is asking residents to help them make spending decisions about next year’s budget in a consultation starting on 14th November and continuing until 8th January. Anyone without access to a computer can use the computers at their local library.*  *The survey is accessible at* [*http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/budget*](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/budget) *and will only take a few minutes to complete.*  ***AVDC Unitary Report:***  *To read the districts’ report please visit* [*www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/mlg*](http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/mlg)  ***A major telephone survey*** *aimed at gathering Aylesbury Vale residents’ views on what they think about living in their local area, and how we are changing will be getting underway later this week.*  *We would like to reassure residents that these calls are part of a genuine community engagement initiative. Responses are totally confidential and residents can check AVDC’s website at* [*www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/consultation*](http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/consultation) *if they wish to confirm the call is legitimate.”*  ***Flu Jab for Carers****: If you are the main carer for someone who is ill, disabled or elderly, they may be put at risk if you fall ill – that's why you are likely to be eligible for a free flu jab, regardless of whether you receive Carer's Allowance.  ​It couldn’t be easier to get your free flu jab, as Carers Bucks now have a discount card for carers with a number of benefits provided by local organisations, which can also be used to claim the free flu jab from a participating pharmacy. ​The list of pharmacies is here:* [*http://www.carersbucks.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Pharmacy-flu-sign-up-201617.pdf*](http://track.vuelio.uk.com/z.z?l=aHR0cDovL3d3dy5jYXJlcnNidWNrcy5vcmcvd3AtY29udGVudC91cGxvYWRzLzIwMTYvMTEvUGhhcm1hY3ktZmx1LXNpZ24tdXAtMjAxNjE3LnBkZg%3d%3d&r=7360168363&d=2948820&p=1&t=h&h=36f06f4211b4a02c79fbef895c0810f8)  *The discount card can be obtained here:* [*http://www.carersbucks.org/services/carers-discount-card/*](http://track.vuelio.uk.com/z.z?l=aHR0cDovL3d3dy5jYXJlcnNidWNrcy5vcmcvc2VydmljZXMvY2FyZXJzLWRpc2NvdW50LWNhcmQv&r=7360168363&d=2948820&p=1&t=h&h=dc5d725d1aa04df55d0b95f63f703d77)  ***Find out if fostering is for you***  *Making the decision to foster a child is not straightforward. There are many questions - what is involved in becoming a foster carer? Are there special qualities or circumstances needed?*  *There are many ways you can find out more about what fostering involves, from picking up the telephone and calling our First Step team or emailing your details to us.*  *One of the best ways to find out more is to speak to someone who is already fostering. They can answer all your questions first hand as they have been through it all themselves and will know exactly what you are going through.*  ***Fly Tipping:*** *more good news on fly tipping. One man was fined £2370: another was fined £1604. A spectacular one was where somebody had abandoned a trailer in a layby which was full of waste he was fined £2250 and the company was ordered pay compensation for the safe removal and disposal of the waste of £16,962 plus prosecution costs in the sum of nearly £1000 so this particular man had to pay a total of £20,284.*  *We’ve made reporting fly-tipping easy: upload details including location and photos online or on your mobile at* [*www.buckscc.gov.uk/fly*](http://track.vuelio.uk.com/z.z?l=aHR0cDovL3d3dy5idWNrc2NjLmdvdi51ay9mbHk%3d&r=6942761990&d=1883122&p=1&t=h&h=8a67e060d95f97bf0e6618e23518ed8f)  *Since the launch of the anti dumping campaign we have secured 535 convictions with an overall saving of £1 million to the tax payer.* |  |
| **5** | **Action Log**  The Action Log was reviewed and updated.   * Trees shading the street lights have been cut back to allow the light through. * Cherry Trees have been pruned and trees in Play Area will be cut back this week. |  |
| **6** | **Accounts**  **6.1** The accounts for the year to date were circulated and approved.  **6.2** The below payments were passed and signed   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | 31-Oct-16 | Andy Muskett Ltd - Street Light Mnt | 86.70 | | 25-Oct-16 | Clerks Salary | 166.67 | | 6-Nov-16 | St Nicholas Church - Lights for Dec | 48.00 | | 9-Nov-16 | Mazars LLP - Annual Audit | 120.00 | | 9-Nov-16 | BALC - Councillor Induct Training | 30.00 | | 15-Nov-16 | Mainly Mowing | 190.00 | | 25-Nov-16 | Clerks Salary | 166.67 | |  | **Total** | **£808.04** |   **6.3 Budget Template**  All reviewed and agreed with the Budget Template | **Cllr Bush** |
| **7** | **Community Speed Watch Plan**  Cllr Bush reported that the machine broke down during the scheme and PC had to make an insurance claim.  The scheme will start again around 25 November. | **Cllr Bush** |
| **8** | **Local Government Finance Settlement**  Consultation document was reviewed and all agreed it was important that a few Councillors attend the Consultation meeting on 12 December**.** | **Cllr Merriman**  **Cllr Vale** |
| **9** | **Village Matters**  **9.1** **Village Gates**  5 months later the Parish Council are still awaiting costs to erect the gates, not through lack of effort by Cllr Reilly  **9.2** **A Nation of Tribute WWW1 Beacon Lighting 2018**  All agree that Cublington village will take part in this event  **9.3** **Street Lighting Maintenance**  3 quotes will be obtained from lighting maintenance companies and will be presented at the next meeting  **9.4 Play Area**  All agreed to clarify what it would entail to apply for match funding to the S106 fund of £16,500.  Final decision on funding at January meeting. | **Clerk**  **Cllr Merriman** |
| **10** | **Standing Orders Index**  All agreed that the model standing order paper distributed by Cllr Bush would be divided between the Councillors. | **Cllr Bush** |
| **11** | **North Field Project**  Facebook followers of the North Field Project have doubled  An article will be written by Martyn Waters and Charles Toosley for the Crier on the community focus plan for villagers to plant their own trees in their gardens to be then used in the North Field when the time comes for planting.  Charles Toosley will write a progress report on the project for the next PC meeting  **Orchard Ground**  OG AGM took place on 10 November, followed by the committee meeting  The meeting reported £8700 surplus.  Ongoing issue is the assets of the Pavilion and its age. A form has been circulated asking users which areas of the Pavillion, they felt needed improvement. From this form the OG Committee will decide on key areas to improve and update.  Cllr Bush reported that two members of the village had submitted a proposal to run the maintenance for the pavilion. They would organise quotes and ensure jobs that were needed were completed and quality checked.  OG reviewing the maintenance plan proposal. |  |
| **12** | **New Councillors**  Another ad will be placed in the Crier advertising councillor vacancies. | **Clerk** |
| **13** | **Allocation of Specific areas for Councillors**  All agreed that by splitting up areas of responsibility to each Councillor, it would ensure that roles and tasks were not been duplicated.  Cllr Bush will use the Councillors Guide as a template for the areas that need to be covered. | **Cllr Bush** |
| **14** | **Meeting dates for 2017**  **10 January 2017** |  |
|  | **Date of the next Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 10 January 2017** |  |

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