**Minutes of a meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 12th September 2017 in Village Hall at 7.30pm**

Present:

Cllr H Vale (Chairman)

Cllr J Merriman

Cllr M Reilly

Mr M Joy (observer)

Mr Joy was welcomed to the meeting as he will commence his duties as Parish Clerk from 1st October 2017.

1. **Apologies**

Cllr Bush, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Glover.

1. **Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 11th July 2017 were discussed by the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman.

1. **Matters Arising**
	1. ***Removal of Cricket Notice***

Although the cricket notice had been removed from the crossroads, there had been some complaints that the vertical posts still in situ were a safety hazard. Cllr Reilly agreed to look into the matter.

* 1. ***Litter Bins***

New litter bins had now been installed around the village. Thanks were expressed to Doug Merriman for carrying out this work. A complaint had been received about the siting of one of the new bins on the nob. Cllr Reilly volunteered to relocate on the opposite site of the road.

* 1. ***Memorial – Valerie Osborn***

Thanks were expressed to Cllr Reilly and Kerry Sletcher for the installation of the new memorial bench at the crossroads. The old bench and been refurbished and placed in the bus shelter for much needed seating.

* 1. ***Play Area***

Work commenced on the new playground during the first week in September and was on track to be completed later this month. The play area would remain closed to allow the grass to grow through the safety matting. It is anticipated that it will be open in time for the October half term and arrangements were in hand for an official opening to take place on Saturday 28th October 2017 to which all would be welcome.

* 1. ***Crossroads***

Cllr Vale reported that he had been in contact with Transport for Buckinghamshire who stated that they would not sanction the installation of a visibility mirror at the village crossroads.

Some years ago, work was carried out to consider the installation of a roundabout at the crossroads. Cllr Reilly had put forward a submission to the Local Area Forum to see if they could assist with funding a feasibility study to see whether such a project was still viable.

1. **Report - *Aylesbury Vale District Council and Buckinghamshire County Council (Cllr Netta Glover – in absence)***
* ***Water -*** Despite recent rainy period, the water in our aquifers (porous rock where groundwater is stored) and rivers has dropped below average. 60% of water comes from this source. It is important to save water during this time and a useful link is [www.affinitywater.co.uk/savewater](http://www.affinitywater.co.uk/savewater).
* ***Fostering –*** Desperate need for new foster parents to look after children in Buckinghamshire so they can stay close to friends and local community. Foster carers can be of any age over 21 years old, homeowners or tenants, employed or unemployed, single or in a relationship. There is no typical foster carer.
* Further information from Council’s fostering team on 01296 382555 or email fostering@buckscc.gov.uk.
* ***Fly Tipping –*** A woman who dumped household waste in a ditch was fined £320 and ordered to pay £648 towards prosecution costs, plus £32 in victim surcharge. The total was £1000. This highly irresponsible act has left her with a conviction and £1000 to pay.

If you see any dumped waste, please report as soon as possible online at <http://old.buckscc.gov.uk/fly>.

* ***Latest Lottery Headline Numbers –*** 169 approved causes and £76,720 annual funds for good causes. Second birthday celebrations in November when it is hoped that Tony Hadley will host event at The Gateway and a bumper prize draw to further stimulate sales for new and existing players.
1. **Accounts**
	1. The following invoices were passed for payment:

Zurich Insurance £1333.09

Swarco Main. Contract £245.86

ESE – litter bins £285.33

Memorial Bench £252.00

Mainly Mowing £180.00

Mazars – ext. audit £150.00

* 1. Mr M Joy confirmed his willingness to be a cheque signatory from 1st October 2017.
1. **Lakeside Business Units – New Access**

The new access referred to in the previous minutes is, in fact, to Lakeside Business Units and not Lakeside Fishery.

The legality of this access has been referred to Aylesbury Vale Planning and it is now on their enforcement list awaiting a decision.

1. **Orchard Ground Report & North Field Project Update, incl. CIO status**

Cllr Reilly informed the meeting of the plans to install a flagpole at Orchard Ground as a memorial to Niall MacKay who was a former president of the Cublington Cricket Club. The Union flag, flag of St George and a customised Cricket Club flag will be flown as appropriate.

The possibility of the Orchard Ground Committee becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) is being investigated, as this would increase opportunities for applying for funding and grants.

1. **Planning Application 17/03004/APP**

**The Bell, 2A Bell Close. Demolition of garage and erection of part single, part two storey side and rear extension**

The Parish Council had no observations or objections to this application.

1. **Village Matters**

***Lying Water, Ridings Way***

Cllr Merriman agreed to contact Bucks County Council to see where the problem lies and who is responsible for addressing this issue.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday, 14th November 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

Signed: …………………………………………..

Dated: ……………………………………………