**Minutes of a meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 11th July 2017 at Village Hall at 7.30pm**

Present:

Cllr H Vale (Chairman)

Cllr M Bush (part)

Cllr J Merriman

Cllr S Morgan

Cllr M Reilly

District & County Cllr N Glover (part)

1. **Apologies**

Paula Boston, Thames Valley Police.

1. **Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 9th May 2017 were discussed by the meeting, agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

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

Cllr Reilly confirmed that the removal of the Cricket Club advertising sign at the crossroads was in hand and that it would not be displayed again until the Spring of 2018.

* 1. ***Village Gates***

The village gates had now been installed and road painting had taken place which it was hoped would help in reducing speeding traffic through the village.

* 1. ***Litter Bins***

Cllr Merriman confirmed that litter bins had been ordered and would be installed as soon as possible after delivery, estimated at six weeks.

* 1. ***Memorial – Valerie Osborn***

Cllr Reilly confirmed that he had placed an order for a bench, as agreed at previous meeting, and was awaiting details of delivery.

* 1. ***Play Area***

Since the last meeting, notification had been received of a successful application for WREN funding to totally refurbish the play area. Cllr Merriman confirmed that work should commence on the site in September on completion of all necessary paperwork and issuing of a funding agreement with WREN.

Thanks were expressed to Chris Brandon for kindly removing the broken seat.

1. **Reports**
   1. ***Thames Valley Police (by email from Paula Boston)***

No crimes of public interest for the village apart from a theft from vehicle on the 4th July.  The vehicle was a VAHT maintenance vehicle parked at a property on the Whitchurch Road.

* 1. ***Aylesbury Vale District Council and Buckinghamshire County Council (Cllr Netta Glover)***
* ***Children Early Help:*** New approach to Early Help services supporting children and families in Buckinghamshire. The idea is to provide services in the early days when a problem starts so that families get the right support at the right time. Changes proposed included a new focus on family workers who would be based in the community where families who most need their support live.
* ***Luton Airport:*** Consultation is taking place on changes to flight paths. Early days, but further information can be found on the internet.
* ***Quarrendon Lost Village:*** Is now open to the public and very interesting place to visit in the summer holidays. Access is off Martin Dalby Way link road between Buckingham Park roundabout and the A41.
* ***Grenfell Tower:*** No Buckinghamshire County Council buildings are affected.
* ***Fly Tipping:*** Further successful convictions have taken place involving fines of £5000 and £10000.
* ***Roofing Scams:*** A roofing scam of elderly resident resulted in prison sentence when relatives reported the matter to Trading Standards. If you are concerned by any possible scamming incidents, please report to: [www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk](http://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk)

1. **Accounts**

The following invoice was passed for payment:

Mainly Mowing £457.50

1. **Annual Insurance Renewal – Zurich**

Cllr Bush said he had looked into insurance renewal and concluded that the Parish Council should continue with Zurich for the coming year. Some valuations need to be updated and these would be considered with the bodies concerned before renewal on 27th July 2017. The meeting agreed to proceed as detailed by Cllr Bush.

1. **Charity Commission Status**

Cllr Reilly confirmed that he had submitted a request to the Charity Commission on clarification of this matter and was awaiting a response. Early indications were that the Orchard Ground Committee could possibly become a Charity Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which would give more funding opportunities. A Parish Council could not become a CIO.

1. **SWARCO – Maintenance Contract on Vehicle Activated Sign**

Cllr Merriman confirmed that she had received quotes from SWARCO for renewal of the maintenance contract on the vehicle activated sign which expires on 31.7.17. The meeting agreed to proceed with the annual quote of £204.88 + VAT rather than the 3 year option which showed no real financial benefit.

1. **Village Matters** 
   1. *Best Kept Village*

The Chairman expressed thanks to all those village residents who had contributed to the overall tidiness of the village for the Best Kept Village Competition. Results not yet known.

* 1. *Cublington Fete*

The Parish Council also wished to thank all those involved in the successful village fete.

* 1. *Visibility Mirror/Roundabout*

Cllr Vale informed the meeting that he had been approached by a local resident with regard to installing a visibility mirror at the crossroads. This would assist when turning right on to the Wing Road from the direction of Aston Abbotts. The Chairman also mentioned provision of a roundabout at the crossroads which had been passed in 2000 but had not been progressed due to lack of support from within the village. Cllr Vale said he would contact Transport for Buckinghamshire to seek their advice on the issue of visibility at the crossroads.

* 1. *New entrance – Wing Road*

Some local residents have raised concerns about a new access being introduced to the Lakeside Fishery site on the Wing Road. It is only just past a bend and there are safety implications. Cllr Reilly agreed to look into the matter.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday, 12th September 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

Signed: …………………………………………..

Dated: ……………………………………………