**Minutes of a meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 1st May 2018 in Village Hall at 7.30pm**

Present:

Cllr H Vale (Chairman)

Cllr G Antosiewicz

Cllr J Merriman

Cllr S Morgan

Cllr M Reilly

Cllr N Glover (part)

In attendance: Mr M Joy (Clerk) and two members of the public

1. **Apologies**

None

1. **Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 13th March 2018 were discussed by the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman.

1. **Reports**

***Neighbourhood Policing Team***

Mr M Joy produced a report extracted from Neighbourhood Watch

1. Appeal for witnesses after an attempted burglary – Aston Abbotts

A recent attempted burglary has been reported on Wingrave Road, Aston Abbotts.

At around 7:10pm on Sunday (22/04) the resident heard noises at his rear kitchen door. On checking it he discovered two men attempting to force the door open. On seeing him the men ran from his garden to a red or burgundy hatchback type vehicle, which had been parked at the front of the property. The vehicle left in the direction of the A418.

Detective Constable Gemma Howe, based at Aylesbury Police Station, is investigating this crime. She said “Other local residents might have seen a similar vehicle in the area, on Sunday afternoon / evening.

“Also, if you live locally and have CCTV, please review it, to see if anything relevant has been picked up.

“Please call me if you have any information about this vehicle, or any CCTV images.”

DC Howe can be contacted on the 24 hour non-emergency number 101, quoting reference 43180120674.

1. Friends against Scams – can you prevent scams in your neighbourhood https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/
2. FIFA 2018 World Cup Alert <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/be-on-the-ball-world-cup-2018>
3. Crime prevention advice and equipment marking event 12 May 2018 at The Boot Car Park, Soulbury between 2pm and 4pm. Bring your hand held tools to be security marked. If unable to attend please call PCSO Tina Hobson on 101 and she can arrange for your tools to be security marked.
4. The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) have noticed an increase in Action Fraud reports where fraudsters are offering a discount on Television service provider subscriptions. Fraudsters are cold-calling victims, purporting to be from a Television (TV) provider offering a discount on their monthly subscription. Victims have been told the following: their subscription needs to be renewed; that part or all, of the TV equipment has expired and they are due an upgrade on the equipment/subscription. In order to falsely process the discount, the fraudster asks victims to confirm or provide bank account details . The scammers may also request the victim’s identification documents, such as scanned copies of passports.  The fraudsters are using the following telephone numbers: “08447111444”, “02035190197” and “08001514141”. The fraudster’s voices are reported to sound feminine and have an Asian accent.

 Later victims make enquiries and then discover that their TV service provider did not call them and that the fraudster has made transactions using the victim’s bank account details.

This type of fraud is nationwide. Since the beginning of this year (2018), there have been 300 Action Fraud Reports relating to this fraud. From the reports received, victims aged over 66 seem to be the most targeted.

What you need to do

• Don’t assume a phone call or email is authentic: Just because someone knows your basic details (such as your name and address or even your mother’s maiden name), it doesn’t mean they are genuine. Criminals can exploit the names of well-known companies in order to make their scams appear genuine.

• Don’t be rushed or pressured into making a decision: a genuine company won’t force you to make a financial decisions on the spot. Always be wary if you’re pressured to purchase a product or service quickly, and don’t hesitate to question uninvited approaches in case it’s a scam.

**.**Stay in control: Have confidence to refuse unusual requests for personal or financial information. Always contact the company yourself using a known email or phone number, such as one written on a bank statement or bill.

Visit Take Five (takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/advice/) and Cyber Aware (cyberaware.gov.uk) for more information about how to protect yourself online.

**Aylesbury Vale District Council and Buckinghamshire County Council (Cllr Netta Glover)**

**Highways Update:** Buckinghamshire County Council Councillors have unanimously agreed to use more than £1million from the Council's reserves to boost investment in the county's roads. It goes into a pot that now totals £5m for an immediate highways repairs programme. The money from the reserves has been combined with recent government grants, money earmarked for road repairs, and Member-devolved budgets to make up the £5m fund. The works will start immediately now the spend has been agreed. It means a total of £20m is being invested in the county's roads by the County Council in 2018-19.

A £2.78 million programme to repair the county's worst pothole 'farms' is to be launched by Buckinghamshire County Council.

The County Council has received £1.78m in Department for Transport repair grants.

However, more money is set to be added from its reserves and from Councillors' repair funds for a 'plane and patch' scheme to resurface stretches of road with multiple defects. Plane and patch teams will target the worst-hit roads across the county, using local knowledge from Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) local area technicians, with capacity to repair up to nine miles of road. While this programme is active, Transport for Buckinghamshire repair teams will continue with the County's £2m programme repairing individual potholes, and make more use of their high-velocity Jet Patcher, which speeds repair rates.

**Modernising Local Gov**

Reminder of the Link to BCC’s proposal for a single unitary authority: [www.futurebucks.co.uk](http://www.futurebucks.co.uk).

Residents can make their views known to   
 [james.brokenshire@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:james.brokenshire@communities.gsi.gov.uk). Sajid Javid’s old email account will be maintained and any email sent to him will be forwarded to James Brokenshire.

 AVDC is making a separate response.

There was a very useful meeting on 16th April at the Multicultural Centre in Aylesbury where various parishes debated the pros and cons of going unitary. Once the presentation had been made by the leader of the council the debate seemed to support a single council as opposed to when a similar meeting was held at AVDC where the majority supported two councils.

I have already sent an electronic copy of BCC’s proposal.

**Aylesbury Garden Town**

Buckinghamshire County Council is a joint partner with AVDC, South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP) and Bucks and Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership (BTVLEP) for the Aylesbury Garden Town project which is gaining momentum with key stakeholders towards master-planning a vision for growth in Aylesbury. Aylesbury was awarded Garden Town status in January 2017, which means targeted support from DCLG, DfT and HCA (Homes and Communities Agency) and has attracted a total of £1.4 million to invest in the Garden Town project. An Aylesbury Garden Town website is expected to be launched soon, meanwhile further details on the project can be found at   
<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/environment/planning/aylesbury-garden-town/>

**Expressway**

On behalf of England’s Economic Heartland’s Strategic Transport Forum Martin Tett wrote to the Secretary of State for Transport highlighting his  growing concerns over Highways England’s approach to engagement on the Oxford to Cambridge expressway. There is frustration  over  the  lack  of  evidence  available  to  make  an  informed  response  on the choice of corridor  and  in  particular no  understanding  of  what  the  strategic  objectives are for the expressway. We have not been told what the ‘weightings’ are between the various criteria for the expressway. I am also very concerned at the lack of public consultation about the expressway which will have a big impact on local communities.

Work continues on the scope of our connectivity study, commissioned by Government, which will examine how how communities not ‘on’ the  expressway can still benefit from it; this work is a key input into our emerging Transport Strategy.

Part  of  the  evidence  base  for  the  Transport  Strategy  will  be  a  ground-breaking  policy scenario modelling tool for the transport system in the corridor, which we have recently commissioned. It will enable Heartland partners to look at 'what if' scenarios stretching out to 2050, and to explore their relative impacts.

Wider strategic infrastructure is of

Paramount importance.  Therefore,

 England's Economic Heartland has commissioned Bircham Dyson Bell to identify opportunities to improve the delivery of utility infrastructure.

The Leaders’ Board has also been looking at digital infrastructure across the Heartland area, the need for utilities upfront investment and the need to accelerate the Economic Strategy for the Heartlands to help provide a framework for other decisions.

* ***Unitary Decision – representations:*** Following the announcement for a proposed one unitary authority in South Buckinghamshire you can give your views before 25th May 2018. To do this, contact the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local government by email at [sajid.javid.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:sajid.javid.mp@parliament.uk)
* ***Freight Strategy:*** Consultation is now taking place in which you can take part. See link below.

[www.buckscc.gov.uk/media/4510662/draft-freight-strategy.pdf](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/media/4510662/draft-freight-strategy.pdf)

* ***Aylesbury Crown Court:*** this iconic building has now closed. There are plans for it to be converted into a hotel.
* ***Children’s Services:*** Recently failed an Ofsted report. A new Children’s Services’ Commissioner for Buckinghamshire, John Coughlan CBE has been appointed. He will work closely with the Council and then make a recommendation about the future of Children’s Services in Bucks. There is an open meeting at County Hall on 26th March at 7.00pm.
* ***Link to Expressway:*** Please look at link below for information regarding the proposed Expressway.

[www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/571353/oxford-to-cambridge-expressway-strategic-study-stage-3-report.pdf](http://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/571353/oxford-to-cambridge-expressway-strategic-study-stage-3-report.pdf)

Cllr Reilly expressed his concern to Cllr Glover about the perceived lack of competition when dealing with traffic matters where all work goes to Transport for Bucks.

1. **Accounts**
   1. The following invoices were passed for payment since the last meeting:

Clerk Salary: March £166.67

April £166.67

E-on electricity: March £89.04

Balc membership £51.13

Forde & McHugh light maintenance £310.69

Bucks Best Kept Village £25.00

Bucks Playing Fields £20.00

Bucks County Council –Gates £2000.00

Autela payroll costs £46.08

Mainly Mowing £135.50

* 1. **Transparency Grant**: A grant of £2,470 has been awarded to cover IT costs of the PC. To cover hardware, internet, software, website and implementation. Cllr Reilly said he would put some ideas forward concerning internet usage and storage of data for the council. Mr Joy will put forward a proposal for hardware and software for consideration by the councillors.

1. **Lakeside Business Units – New Access**

No update - a decision from Aylesbury Vale Planning Department regarding the legality of the access to Lakeside Business Units is still awaited.

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

Ground force day went ahead which covered several weekends due to the inclement weather. Members of the allotment society, tennis and cricket clubs were involved.

Funding raising will start for the North Field project and funds raised will be held in Orchard Ground designated bank accounts.

Several social events will be taking place – outdoor cinema on 24th July potentially run with Whitchurch School, and a large charitable event next year jointly run by OG, the tennis and cricket clubs.

Priorities for upgrading facilities have been identified being the kitchen, car park and gate entrance. Quotes for the kitchen are being obtained and are in the region of £33,000 . A grant will be applied for by the PC to fund this cost. Heaters have been replaced, and a grant of £900 has been obtained for a plumbed in hot water boiler. Cllr Vale thanked Martyn Waters for his good work with these matters.

* 1. **Change of Use of North Field**: Outline planning permission has been granted but a more detailed proposal will be required for planning permission. This will be dealt with by the North Field committee.
  2. **Charitable status and possible transfer of assets**: The BALC lawyers have requested further information concerning ownership of Orchard Ground and North Field. Mr Joy to supply this information.

1. **Proposed New Council for Buckinghamshire**

A discussion took place concerning the proposed new council. It was felt the level of information for and against the proposal coming from various parties was biased, and as such it was difficult to make any considered opinion. There was not a requirement for the PC to respond as a body, but individuals were encouraged to voice their opinion to various bodies as set out by Cllr Reilly in the latest copy of the Crier.

**8. Village Matters**

**8.1 Pond at Crossroads:** After discussion it was agreed to have the trees around the pond shaped in the autumn, to dredge the pond once it becomes dry, and to review its source of water. It is hoped these actions will revitalise the pond but the results will not be seen until next year.

**8.2 Traffic Calming**:

Cllr Reilly said the feasibility report for possible road about at the crossroads is to be authorised by the Local Area Forum. It is hoped the report will cover other proposals that might be suitable for the village. Cllr Morgan confirmed that he would be organising future traffic speed monitoring through the village using the Sentinel equipment and had recruited some more volunteers.

**8.3 Street Lighting:** Cllr Morgan had reviewed the forthcoming contract for the street light maintenance with the current contractors Forde and McHugh Limited. They have agreed to keep the cost at the current level. Cllr Morgan recommended the PC should renew the contract which was agreed.

**8.4 Notice Board, Playground Sign and Sewage Leaks**

The glass in the notice board had smashed at Mr Joy was dealing with the matter.

The broken playground sign has been reported to Transport for Bucks.

Sewage leak – the Parish Council will write to Thames Water complaining the pipes are not fit for purpose, and there are potential public health issues.

**8.5 Ridings Cottage, Ridings Way**

Cllr Vale explained that the appeal hearing to have this house listed as historical building had been refused. It was felt there was very little the PC could do unless there was an application for planning permission. M Joy to contact Pippa Cheatham to see if she knows of any bodies the PC should being contacting to protect the building.

**9 Sundry matters**

30mph signs on the Whitchurch Road are broken . To be reported to TfB by Mr Joy

Bus Company timetable sign is broken and needs to be reported. Mr Joy to do.

Various road signs need to be cleaned – Cllr Reilly and Morgan volunteered make good

BT Shelter at Bell Close is of no use and should be dismantled. Mr Joy to contact BT.

Cllr Merriman said she would contact AVDC to ask for replacement of road signs that are in a poor state.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday, 10th July 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

Signed: …………………………………………..

Dated: ……………………………………………