

**Minutes of a meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in Village Hall at 7.30pm**

Present:

Cllr H Vale (Chairman)  
Cllr G Antosiewicz  
Cllr S Morgan  
Cllr M Reilly

In attendance: Mr M Joy (Clerk) and one member of the public

**1. Apologies**

Cllr N Glover and Cllr J Merriman

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

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

**3. Remembrance Crier Handout**

The meeting thanked Cllr Reilly for his work on behalf of the Council concerning the Remembrance handout in the Crier, and reiterated its thanks to everyone in the village for their contributions.

**4. Reports**

**Neighbourhood Policing Team**

Reports are posted regularly on the Cublington website .  
<http://www.cublington.com/>

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

**Draft budget**

There will be a three day scrutiny process starting on Tuesday.

The full programme for the three days, together with background papers, can be found using the following links:

Jan8

- <https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=667&MId=12317&Ver=4>

Jan9

- <https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=667&MId=12318&Ver=4>

Jan10

- <https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=667&MId=12319&Ver=4>

Hearings over the three days will also be webcast online. Following the scrutiny process the committee will produce a report listing recommendations which will be presented to Cabinet on February 11. Final budget decisions will be made by the full Council at its meeting on February 21.

**Waste sites:** There has been a consultation on changes to the sites used to dispose of domestic waste. Cabinet discussed the topic on Monday. It is likely that the Rabans Lane site will close on two days a week. No changes to the other sites in our area are proposed. Will report when I see the minutes.

**Unitary:** On 1 November, the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government announced the creation of a brand new, single council for Buckinghamshire. You can read the full statement

here: <https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answersstatements/written-statement/Commons/2018-11-01/HCWS1058/>;

**MicrobitsInLibraries**

The Micro:bit is designed to encourage children to get actively involved in writing software for computers and designing objects, rather than only being consumers of media. The BBC Micro:bit is a pocket-sized codeable computer with motion detection, a built-in compass and Bluetooth technology. It is designed to inspire digital creativity and develop a new generation of

coders to help address a critical skills shortage in the technology sector. Libraries in Buckinghamshire now have 290 BBC Micro:bits to loan out, courtesy of the Micro:bit Foundation. The Micro:bits can be borrowed free for three weeks and can be connected to a PC or laptop via the USB lead supplied in the pack. Coding is done online, supported by the website [www.microbit.org](http://www.microbit.org) which has simple, fun ideas for beginners through to projects for making robots. To date there have been nearly 950 loans of Micro:bits and the libraries teams are currently exploring ways to further develop Coding Clubs using Micro:bits as the starter kit.

**Fly tipping Enforcement.** During August to October there were 13 successful convictions for fly tipping and related offences with fines totalling £12,500 and costs being awarded of £10,000. This brings the total to over 670 successful convictions since proactive enforcement work started in 2003. On average since April 2010, there has been at least one conviction per week for illegal dumping offences in Buckinghamshire. The work of the BCC fly tipping enforcement team was recently shown on BBC Watchdog in relation to addressing the unwelcome new development of mass dumping. Whilst the Environment Agency are the lead in addressing this type of organised waste crime, the BCC enforcement team has been proactively working with Thames Valley Police and the Environment Agency in tackling this issue.

### **Home to School Transport.**

Link to consultation – now closed but just fyi

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/education/school-transport/home-to-school-transport-survey/>

A ten-week consultation on planned revisions to Buckinghamshire County Council's home to school transport arrangements was agreed by Cabinet members on 22 October. There will be no change to arrangements for more than

5,000 pupils who are eligible for free travel. There are a number of proposed revisions, which would apply to children and young people who we currently support with transport, but who are not eligible for free statutory home-to-school transport.

The proposed changes include:

Improving the mix of council-provided and commercial transport to provide more flexible options and save money, and give students the ability to attend after school activities.

Applying statutory requirements to all Buckinghamshire school children, which would include phasing out local free transport arrangements in Ivinghoe and Iver. Parents choosing a place that is not their nearest eligible school would be required to pay for their transport in future. This will bring them in line with all other areas of the county. Requiring parents of post-16 Special Educational Needs students to contribute towards their travel costs. This would bring the application of the transport policy for pupils with SEND more in line with their peers attending mainstream education.

Link to Report Flooding:

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/environment>

With regard to the Oxford to Cambridge corridor the Inspector is satisfied that this should have no effect on our housing figures in VALP.

Let me have ideas for **community leader's** fund

## **5. Accounts**

5.1 The following invoices were passed for payment since the last meeting:

Nov Clerk's salary	£154.85
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Forde & McHugh	£310.69
Lighting maintenance	
St Nicholas tree clearance	£150.00
KT Hosting Website	£123.00
Aylesbury AVDC Dog bin	£318.89
Autela Group Payroll costs	£46.80
Clerk's salary December	£154.85
E-ON electricity	£97.93

5.2 Accounts to 31 December 2018 and forecast to 31 March 2019 were presented to the meeting. The forecast shows a surplus of £77.83 after accounting for a traffic feasibility report of £3,565. It is possible that this cost may fall in the following year 2019/20. The Council agreed that surplus funds should be earmarked for traffic calming purposes.

5.3 A summary of income and expenditure for 2019/20 was presented to the meeting to determine the precept. It was suggested and agreed the precept should be increased by £350 to £10,850.

## 6. Orchard Ground Report and North Field Project Update

The replacement kitchen is in progress and likely to be finished by the end of February. Jason Taylor was thanked for the new gate post at the entrance to OG.

It was noted the new chairman of OG committee is Colin Antosiewicz.

### Charitable Status and transfer of assets

Martyn Waters attended this part of the meeting, as representative of Orchard Ground and North Field, and reported that a charity constitution had been drafted for the proposed new charity which will be presented to firstly Orchard Ground Committee and then to the PC. Provisions would be made to cover the unlikely eventuality of either the charity and/or the PC ceasing to exist. PC will seek covenants on the land gifted to the charity.

A public consultation will take place before any action is taken.

## 7. Planning Permissions

18/04085/APP Lakeside Business Units – Formation of new vehicular access onto Reads Lane and non-compliance with condition 12 of 00/02755/APP to allow the re-use of the original access point to the site (part retrospective) – this is a new application after work had been carried out on the site cutting back the hedgerow and trees, and the erection of a metal fence.

CPC complained to the enforcement office about this work, but the case was closed as the trees weren't protected under a tree prevention order (TPO).

CPC has objected to this application on the same conditions as the previous application 18/02453/APP

1. The Highway Authority submitted a letter dated 31 July 2018 on the previous planning application 18/02453/APP presenting points which concluded the proposed development would be detrimental to highway safety for Wing Road and Reads Lane. We concur with their comments and conclusion. The reduction in hedgerow does not alter our position.
2. The access being used by the business units is for agricultural purposes and not commercial. This would allow for occasional use only. We do not believe that the original decision should be overturned due to the cutting back of the hedgerow. The Wing to Whitchurch road is heavily used with vehicles travelling at the maximum speed of 60mph at the access point to the site.
3. Reads Lane is too narrow to allow two-way flow of traffic, let alone commercial vehicles to enter and depart.
4. The T-junction onto the Wing Road is not safe due to the speed and volume of traffic

It was noted the Highway Authority had not commented on the new application and the determination date for the application is 11 January 2019. Mr Joy was asked to contact the Planning Office to ask why no report had been received from the Highway Authority . Subsequent to the meeting CPC have been notified that the Planning Officer has requested an extension to the determination date to receive a report from the Highway Authority.

18/04257/ALB – installation of two external vents – Old Manor Farm Reads Lane – no objection

## **7. Village Matters**

### **7.1 Traffic Calming:**

A meeting with Transport for Bucks has been arranged for Wednesday 23 January to discuss the Feasibility Report

**7.2 Street Lighting:** nothing to report

### **7.3 Speed watch**

Dates are being arranged

### **7.4 Pond**

Further work to the pond will be carried out in spring. Cllr Reilly will report matters in the Crier. A resident has offered to replace the old duck house.

### **7.5 Electric car recharging Point and reserved parking**

A request was received from a resident who is considering installing a personal recharging point at a house which does not have off street car parking and asked if the CPC would consider a reserved car parking space. The CPC was sympathetic to this request, but it has no jurisdiction to reserve spaces as it is a Highways matter. The CPC will consider the possibility of electric recharging points for cars, but as yet there are no immediate plans to do so. CPC had no objections to the installation of a personal recharging point.

## **7.6 General**

Chris Brandon was thanked for replacing the post and rail fencing adjacent to the play area.

Cllr Reilly suggested we should consider a competition in the village to place a sculpture or equivalent on the base where the BT telephone kiosk used to be. Cllr Reilly to publicise the competition in the Crier.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

Signed: .....

Dated: .....

