

Minutes of a meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 13th November 2018 in Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

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

In attendance: Mr M Joy (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllr N Glover

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 11th September 2018 were discussed by the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Remembrance weekend

Cllr Vale thanked everyone in the village for their contributions for the centenary anniversary of Armistice Day . It was felt all the events that took place, and the displays throughout the village were a fitting tribute to our fallen heroes.

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)

Bin Collection: The first few weeks of the new collection system have gone well with really no more missed bins than usual; I am well aware how irritating it is if you are one of those affected but I can say without doubt, that the team and I always move

swiftly to rectify and with the various bins that we empty, we are handling over 1 million bins per month so that the percentage is actually tiny. The new bin lorries are now giving us economy of scale with their longer range and will also give us the ability to cope with the many new houses to come.

Contractors are now on site, commencing the refurbishment and revision of the depot hopefully finishing in the summer.

There has been much publicity about Swindon Borough Council's proposal to stop recycling plastic, telling residents to put their plastic material in the refuse bin from now on. Our situation is different because we have a contract to supply mixed recycling to Casepak and it is therefore their responsibility to deal with the material supplied. Furthermore our contract with them is a new and up to date one, having started only last month. We have recently had a meeting with Casepak to review the first month's operation and both parties are pleased with the result.

Bucks Thames Valley LEP. Following the government review we informed the board that AVDC would be opting to stay with SEMLEP and would be leaving BTVLEP. This followed the government's decision not to have Local Authorities overlapping in two or more LEPs

<http://www.growthcorridorcentralarea.org/>
The Oxford-Cambridge Growth Corridor is more than a tale of two cities The Oxford-Cambridge Growth Corridor is high on the national agenda and is recognised by the government as a once-in-a-generation opportunity to create a knowledge-intensive cluster, with the ability for it to compete globally. Already one of the most innovative and economically successful areas in the UK, the Corridor boasts stellar growth projections over the next 30 years. A significant part of this growth will be generated in the Central Area - the large belt of land that forms the Corridor's backbone.

Bucks Healthcare @BucksHealthcare. We are recruiting volunteers with [#4x4](#) winter-ready vehicles. Drivers will be called to support essential health services during snowy & icy conditions. Fuel costs reimbursed. Willing to volunteer this winter? Call 01494 426553 or find out more here <http://bit.ly/2JIMV09>

Budget Consultation: As you may have heard, the County Council is currently running its annual budget consultation. This helps inform the council of what services residents prioritise, and how residents feel money should be spent in the coming financial year. We would greatly appreciate you sharing the below link with your parishes, and encouraging your residents to fill it out, after all, the more people who let us know their thoughts, the more accurately we can judge what's important to people.

The consultation is open until 14 November 2018 and you can find more information, and complete the short online survey here: <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/council-and-democracy/finance/budget/budget-consultation-201920/>

Extortion

Cyber spam. Ignore an email advising you to log onto a site to prove your identity. The message will quote a password you have used and inviting you to pay a large sum of money to avoid publicity. I got one a couple of months ago which I ignored. Nothing happened. It is usually the elderly who get entrapped so make sure your elderly relatives are aware of this nasty scam..

Don't Pay Twice! is a new campaign from TfB to encourage people who witness damage to the highway to report it so that we can catch the people responsible.

As a taxpayer, you pay for the highways already. Repairing damage on the roads - whether to streetlights, signage or bollards

- is expensive. Make sure you don't pay twice!

If you want to find out more information about the campaign, or if you witness someone damaging the highway* and need to report it, visit: www.buckscc.gov.uk/DPT

*Damage to the highway asset does not include road defects such as potholes, which can be reported via Fix My Street

Mr Joy commented that several defects had been reported on 'Fix My Street' website, and these issues had been outstanding for months with no update on when they would be resolved. The meeting asked that Cllr Glover might give this feedback to 'Fix My Street' (Transport for Bucks) to see if their communication process can be improved.

5. Accounts

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

Clerk Salary: Sept	£154.85
Oct	£154.85
Littlejohn - audit fee	£360.00
Autela – payroll services	£46.80
-ON Sept	£101.20
Oct	£97.93
Swarco Traffic – maintenance contract for speed warning sign	£264.00
Mainly Mowing -mowing and hedges	£233.00
MW Jenkins – digging out pond	£102.00
S Hayward – pollard trees by pond	£1,200.00

Accounts to 31 August 2018 and forecast to 31 March 2019 were presented to the meeting by Mr Joy. The forecast is showing a small surplus of £180 and reserves of £9,309.

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

Cllr Reilly gave an update on OG. The accounts for the year ended 31st October

2018 recorded a surplus for the year of £4.6k with net cash equivalents of £12.0k. Last year net cash equivalents were £7.4k. Much of the increase is due to fund raising events income is up £3.0k. These numbers do not include the £3.0k interest free loan that the OGA has received.

Martyn Waters and Liz Smith have met with a solicitor recently for a pro-bono consultation about the draft constitution, this was done via Bucks Community Impact who have been a great help. The solicitor is a charity specialist, previously working for the Charity Commission. He has given some feedback on the draft, giving pointers and tips as to what will be acceptable to the Charity Commission, and those areas that needed some amendment. He also gave some advice about North Field being gifted or leased from the parish council.

There is no progress yet on the planning requirements: an arboreal assessment is required by AVDC as to what tree type etc is to be planted and also a flood assessment for the regeneration of the pond and the amphitheatre area.

The car park area has been removed for the proposed plans as otherwise AVDC wanted Bucks transport to do an impact assessment on increased traffic etc along Stewkley Road. Martyn Waters also has an appointment early in the new year with the National Lottery. He has also been given a contact with Heart of Bucks Charity who might fund 'start up costs'

Martyn Waters was working on an application to AVDC for another grant for some kitchen equipment when we got the confirmation of the WREN grant for the kitchen: £28,800. AVDC were quite happy to have another bid from us, in fact we can submit another two bids. Once the kitchen is 'sorted' we'll look to see what else we need: chairs, tables, a roller shutter between the kitchen/hall etc. Liz and Lucy have undertaken some great work for the kitchen. Work should start early Jan 2019. Liz has also sorted out some of the funding/money flow etc with WREN after some queries from the contractors.

Charitable status and possible transfer of assets:

Mr Joy distributed an email from the PC's lawyers which stated there is no stamp duty land tax arising on the transfer of land to a charity. This was the last piece of information required to confirm that the PC could legally gift the land to a charity.

7. Planning Permissions

18/03380/APP – 2 The Cottages Stewkley Road – extend roofline for insertion of dormer to west elevation. No objection

18/02453/APP Lakeside Business Units - formation of new vehicular access (retrospective). This application has now been withdrawn. The PC formally complained to AVDC planning office concerning the clearance work carried out on the site, the metal fencing and the lack of traffic control whilst the work was carried out. The complaint has been referred to the enforcement office, and we are awaiting their response.

7. Village Matters

7.1 Traffic Calming:

Transport for Bucks has started to collate data on traffic movement for the feasibility report for a roundabout, and a meeting will be arranged with the PC to discuss the terms of reference. They anticipate the report being issued in February 2019. A discussion took place about speed limits into and out of the village. This matter will be put to the consultants completing the feasibility report. A meeting with Matt Whincup, Local Area Technician, Transport for Buckinghamshire is being arranged.

7.2 Street Lighting: One broken light should be replaced within the next ten days.

7.3 Speed watch

Cllr Morgan has received training on the equipment. Further training for other users should take place towards the end of November.

7.4 Pond

The trees have been cut back, and water is beginning to fill up in the pond. The storm drain in Stewkley Road is not flowing into the pond, and it was agreed Mike Jenkins will dig the pipe up to see what is happening. This should be carried out shortly. It was agreed to carry out a further reduction on the pond trees at no cost to the PC.

7.5 Village matters

It was agreed to make a contribution of £150 towards the costs of hedge and tree trimming by Church Path

Cllr Reilly was thanked for sorting out the Parish Council notice board.

8. Meeting dates for 2019

9th January 2019

12th March 2019

7th May 2019 and probable AGM

9th July 2019

10th September 2019

12th November 2019.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Signed:

Dated: