

**Minutes of a meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019 in Village Hall at 7.30pm**

Present:

Cllr H Vale (Chairman)  
Cllr G Antosiewicz  
Cllr J Merriman  
Cllr N Glover (part)

In attendance: Mr M Joy (Clerk)

**1. Apologies**

Cllrs Morgan and Reilly

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were discussed by the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman.

**3. 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)**

**Details of the County Council's budget for 2019/20**

For the coming financial year an overall budget of £356.3 million has been set for day-to-day spending, with a budget set for capital spending of £86 million.

Along with the majority of other councils across the country, councillors also approved a council tax increase of 2.99%, the equivalent of just 71p a week extra for an average band D property.

Our budget plans include more funding for children's services and adult social care, as well as £21.5 million for roads, which includes some money for early repairs before the start of the new financial year to

combat the winter damage. In addition, extra money should be generated for both the County Council and the district councils as part of a new pilot scheme to allow them to retain 75% of new business rates across the county, rather than the current 50% level.

**Waste Disposal Sites**

Following the recent consultation cabinet has decided to make changes to the service.

Key changes which start on 1 April 2019, are:

- all sites will introduce charges for non-household waste
- Aylesbury (Rabans Lane), Burnham, and Chesham household recycling centres will close 2 days a week on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- Bledlow Household Recycling Centre will permanently close

The changes will make important cost savings that the council's budget requires. They will also make sure that Buckinghamshire residents, as a whole, experience as little change as possible when using their local recycling centre.

Click on the next line for details of the charges.

**New charges for non-household waste**

From 1 April 2019 you will be charged for disposing of non-household waste items such as, bags of rubble, kitchen units, fence panels etc.

**Home to School Transport:**

The 10 week Home to School Transport consultation closed earlier in the year on 4 January.

As you already know, our current transport offer is not matching unsustainable budget pressures, and our proposals aim to

address this. We need to get to a position where we have a sustainable travel offer that not only supports young people to participate in education, but also supports them in their journey to independence and adulthood.

A summary of the decisions made today are as follows:

### **Transport changes for children with special educational needs or disabilities**

A contribution to the cost of Home to School Transport for children with SEND who are older than 16, will be introduced from September 2019. This will replace the free transport offer currently in place. Costs for SEND transport have increased by over £3m in the last five years.

Eligible children aged between 14 and 19 years old will be offered an increase in provision of independent travel training, which we expect will enable us to reduce transport costs.

### **Mainstream transport changes**

Mainstream school bus routes are being reviewed where there is a viable alternative public bus route, and where there is overlap some will be changed to use the public buses. This rationalisation of bus routes and bus sizes is taking place to reduce duplication and create greater efficiency. Changes will be phased in from September 2019.

School children living in the Iver and Wexham areas (attending the Chalfont Community College) and Ivinghoe (attending the Cottesloe and Tring Schools), who are currently travelling free of charge, will be required to contribute to the cost of transport if they choose not to attend their nearest school. This will bring these arrangements in line with the rest of the County. This will begin from

September 2020, enabling families to plan ahead and make decisions about their child's education in good time.

Changes will be introduced subject to Cabinet agreement, and all changes will be made so as not to disadvantage any group in accessing education. The needs assessment is available. Let me know if you want to see it.

## **4. Accounts**

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

Jan Clerk's salary	£154.85
HMRC Qtrly PAYE	£44.40
C.Brandon–reimbursement	£16.66
E-ON	£101.20
E-ON	£109.62
Feb Clerk's salary	£155.05
Prestige – Orchard Ground	
Kitchen VAT	£3,854.98
3S Northampton VAT	£1,302.76
Liz Smith – reimbursement	£599.00

It was agreed that the PC would pay for the replacement batteries and pads to the defibrillator at a cost of £205.91.

5.2 Accounts to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and forecast to 31 March 2019 were presented to the meeting. The forecast shows a surplus of £4,836.47. The traffic feasibility report of £3,565 has not been completed and will fall in the following year 2019/20.

The Council agreed that surplus funds should be earmarked for traffic calming purposes.

## **5. Orchard Ground Report and North Field Project Update**

The replacement kitchen has been completed and will be officially

opened on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 15.00hrs. OG is reviewing the draft constitution concerning the creation of a charity.

### **Charitable Status and transfer of assets**

It was noted a draft constitution for the proposed charity was being reviewed and agreed by OG before submission to the PC for its consideration. The PC was concerned it would be difficult for assets to be returned to its ownership in the event of the charity ceasing anytime in the future. In order to avoid this situation, it was felt the PC should grant a long lease rather than the gifting of assets and should the charity cease the assets would return to the PC. This process would probably avoid the need for a public consultation, as it is formalising an existing arrangement with OG.

### **Planning Permissions**

18/04085/APP Lakeside Business Units – Formation of new vehicular access onto Reads Lane . The Highways Dept submitted their report on the last day of consultation . The PC complained to the planning office and it was a grant an opportunity to submit another consultation report by 21 March 2019. The PC is concerned that any access on to Reads Lane would be detrimental to the village . It was acknowledged that the units required an access and the existing agricultural access was now suitable for commercial access due to the removal of the hedges and trees. Mr Joy was requested to draft any appropriate objection.

19/00158/APP – single storey front, side and rear extension - Dove Cottage – no objection

19/00332/APP – erection of dwelling and all ancillary works on land adjacent to Dairy Farm – no objection.

## **7. Village Matters**

### **7.1 Traffic Calming:**

A meeting was held with Transport for Bucks concerning traffic calming measures ahead of their feasibility report. A report is expected shortly.

### **7.2 Street Lighting:** nothing to report

### **7.3 Speed watch**

Dates are being arranged

### **7.4 Pond**

Cllr Reilly wrote an article in the Crier setting out the PC approach.

### **7.5 Review of Bucks CC Rights of Way Improvement Plan – Mr Joy went through the questionnaire with the Councillors.**

### **7.6 Local Area Forum – no update.**

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

Signed: .....

Dated: .....

