

Minutes of a meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 7th May 2019 in Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

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

In attendance: Mr M Joy (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllr Morgan

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 12th March 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) A Unitary Council for Buckinghamshire.

Preparatory work proceeds to prepare for the new council.

First Shared Service announced: The county and district councils in Buckinghamshire have started the process of sharing legal resources from the autumn, part of the first steps to joining up support services for the new Buckinghamshire Council.

Under the plans, the legal team at Wycombe District Council and joint legal service at Chiltern and South Bucks District Councils, will provide some key elements of the County Council's legal work such as

property, contracts and employment work from October 1.

An in-house team at Buckinghamshire County Council will provide its children's and adults services legal work, since this is not replicated at district level, until all legal teams transfer to the new unitary council in April 2020.

Officers from all five district and county councils worked together to develop the plans and will put forward proposals for a fully integrated legal service for the new Council in due course.

Expressway: The consultation on route options will go out to public consultation towards the end of 2019, with the choice of route being made in Spring 2020. This will have implications for the Vale,

Scams: Everyone has a part to play in stopping the scourge of scams and fraud. The more frequently we can share anti scam messages and remind people of scams the more likely we are to help them not to fall victim. If you use social media, there are a number of accounts on Twitter that regularly tweet anti-scam messages which you can use or simply re-tweet, including our own:

https://twitter.com/Bucks_Surreys/ and
<https://twitter.com/AgainstScams>

Weed Spraying: A sum of £500,000 has been identified to be targeted at weed treatment across the county in 2019. This will be spent on

Routine weed spraying - A programme of three cycles of routine weed spraying on selected sites will be undertaken by an

approved and certified supply chain partner.

Activities will take place across the county. No dates have been set. The programme will be put on the portal.

Armed Forces Day is a national event held every year as a way of saying thank you to our armed forces, including cadets, veterans, reservists and current serving personnel. This year it will be held at a new venue at Wycombe Air Park but will feature the same fun, family-orientated entertainment and attractions as always including air displays, live music, fairground rides, craft stalls and much more. The event is open to all – not just the armed forces.

To book your free tickets visit: www.buckscc.gov.uk/armedforcesday;

Keep up to date on all our Armed Forces Day news on Facebook and Twitter by following us on @BucksMKAFD Website: www.buckscc.gov.uk/armedforces

Thames Water: Keep up to date by visiting this site:

<file:///D:/Downloads/Thames%20Water%20-%20Spring%202019%20Update.pdf>

HS2. Both AVDC and Bucks CC debated HS2 at their last meetings. Unanimous support to request leaders to write to Secretary of State to ask him to delay work on the project. What started this was the netting of hedges and the destruction of wildlife habitats. Both debates are webcast.

“Whilst supporters of HS2 pretend construction has started, the DfT has confirmed that only the highly destructive enabling works are taking place, years behind schedule. Construction and the

release of full funds cannot happen until HS2 Ltd gets notice to proceed, by passing “Management Capability, Affordability of Contracts & Robustness of Revised Business Case” tests. If it is tested impartially on these bases, I believe it will fail all of them and be cancelled, so they should stop causing damage now.”

Sign this petition

For more local HS2 information go to: <https://hs2inbucksandoxfordshire.com/monplace.is/>

Be a Better Biker is back for 2019

The workshops that help bikers take their skills to the next level are back in and around Buckinghamshire this summer.

Be a Better Biker, now in its tenth year, is run jointly by [Thames Vale Advanced Motorcyclists](#) and [Aylesbury Advanced Motorcyclists](#), supported by Buckinghamshire County Council and Bucks Fire and Rescue Service. It aims to improve safety and enjoyment for all bikers.

The workshops cost £20 per biker, and are being held in two venues:

- Thame Fire Station on 12 May, 18 May, 15 June, and 21 September;
- Marlow Fire Station on 8 June and 7 September.

The course is being supported by Buckinghamshire County Council, with a view to reducing the number of bikers killed or injured on the roads. County Councillor Mark Shaw, Cabinet Member for Transportation, says: “With its winding roads and stunning countryside, Buckinghamshire is understandably popular with bikers – particularly when the weather turns nicer and the bikes come out of the garage for the first time in months.

“But in the last three years 119 riders and pillion passengers have been killed or seriously injured in Buckinghamshire. We

want to help everyone stay safe on our roads, which is why the County Council is supporting these workshops.”

Whether you ride a superbike, classic, or tourer – if you have a full licence and live or ride in Buckinghamshire you're welcome at Be a Better Biker.

About the workshop

The day covers the principles of advanced riding including:

- Manoeuvring
- Overtaking
- Cornering techniques
- On-road assessment with observers, approximately 2 hours
- A review of the on-road sessions, discussing lessons learnt

At the end of the session each candidate will receive a copy of the book *How to Be a Better Rider* published by IAM Roadsmart.

For more information and to book, visit: <https://www.bucksc.gov.uk/beabetterbiker>

4. Accounts

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

Mar Clerk's salary	£154.85
Apr Clerk's salary	£176.48
HMRC Qtrly PAYE	£44.20
BALC membership	£48.92
E-ON	£124.94
IBS Ltd OG kitchen	£115.00
M Cheetham rebursement re defribulator	£205.91
Autela payroll services	£47.00
Bucks Best Kept Village	£25.00
AVDC dog bin repair	£152.59
Mainly Mowing	£150.00

5.2 Accounts to 31st March 2019 were approved. There was a surplus of

£5,219.64. 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 of £14,347.82 should be earmarked for traffic calming purposes.

5. Orchard Ground Report and North Field Project Update

Orchard Ground The committee is reviewing the constitution of the proposed new charity which has been reviewed by Grant Thornton. The playing fields and surrounding areas have been cut and tidied up by the various users. There are surplus funds of approximately £7,000 and there is 'blue ribbon' funding event planned for next year.

Charitable Status and transfer of assets

It was agreed the PC will grant the proposed new charity a long lease of at least 99 years. This is formalising the existing arrangement with OG so it was felt there was no need for a public consultation. The clerk was asked to contact Parrott and Coales solicitors to start preparing the legal paperwork.

Planning Permissions

18/04085/APP Lakeside Business Units – Formation of new vehicular access onto Reads Lane . The PC had complained to the Enforcement Officer about the tree clearance on this site. The Officer concluded there was no breach of planning but there was an on going review of any breaches concerning biodiversity damage.

19/00158/APP amendment to single storey front, side and rear extension installation of rooflights - Dove Cottage – no objection

19/001176/APP – 1 Roses Close Cublington . Conversion and extension of existing dwelling and attached double garage to form a separate dwelling house and construction of single storey detached

double garage (amendment to 17/04787/APP) – no objection.

19/00644/APP – Change of use of land to gypsy/traveller pitches with associated works for personal and extended family. This notice was received just prior to the meeting so there was little information available. Comments were requested by 29th May . The planning application was valid on 3rd May. The clerk was asked to liaise with the Wing PC as this site is within their boundary .

North Field

Pippa Cheetham attended this part of the meeting to present her proposal to prepare a planning application on behalf of the PC. The application is a change of use from agriculture to recreational use. Last year an outline application was made and the proposal should be acceptable in principle but there were concerns about the detail of the amphitheatre and the parking area. The recommendation is to split the proposal into 2 or 3 stages . Stage 1 is to prepare an application for the change of use , woodland planting , creation of a pond , relocation of the five a side pitch and new footpath routes , and Stage 2/3 is to prepare an application for the amphitheatre and new parking area.

If planning permission is forthcoming , this approach will have the effect of securing approval to the principle of the change of use without getting into a debate about more controversial details . Attempts to secure planning permission for the stage 2/3 items could be pursued at a later date.

The estimated cost for stage 1 is £1,439.80 - £6,436(best to worse case) broken down in 9 parts of work. It was agreed that the PC would pay for the initial application which would cost approximately £271 , and it was suggested the cost for the landscape plan should be split 50: 50 with Orchard Ground. The cost to the PC is £495. Pippa had obtained competitive quotes for this work. Once the application had been submitted it would be possible to determine if other work would have to be commissioned. OG may be able to apply for grants for the

further work. The PC is keen to support this application as much as it can . The rents from North Field have amounted to £3,471, and various views were expressed about whether this money should be utilised fully for the planning application . It was felt the PC wished to give financial support but OG was strongly encouraged to continue apply for available grants.

Stage 2/3 would become the specific responsibility of OG , and the PC would not be involved financially.

The PC was asked to write to OG confirming financial support for the stage 1 application.

Cllr Vale said he would speak to Caroline Lightfoot notifying her of the changes.

7. Village Matters

7.1 Traffic Calming:

The recent crash at the crossroads was notified to Transport for Bucks so it can be considered in their forthcoming report which is expected shortly.

7.2 Street Lighting: nothing to report

7.3 Speed watch

Dates are being arranged

7.4 Pond

Cllr Reilly reported that George Ellis , Sarah George and he had donated various flowers for planting, and the PC thanked them for their gifts. There is aquatic life seen in the pond, which is encouraging .

7.5 Local Area Forum – no update.

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

Signed:

Dated:

