

**Minutes of a meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in Village Hall at 7.30pm**

Present:

Cllr M Reilly (Chairman of meeting)  
Cllr G Antosiewicz  
Cllr J Merriman  
Cllr S Morgan

In attendance: Mr M Joy (Clerk) , County Councillor Netta Glover (for item 3)

**1. Apologies**

Cllr H Vale

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were discussed by the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman.

**3. Reports**

**Neighbouring Policing Team**

Reports are posted regularly on the Cublington website.

<http://www.cublington.com/>

**County and District Councillor**

Cllr Reilly thanked Cllr Glover for the £250 award from the Community Leader's Fund towards planters.

With less than 90 days to go, preparations are well underway to create the new Buckinghamshire Council that will launch in April this year.

The new council will deliver the whole range of local services currently delivered by the five current councils as a single organisation.

For most people there will be no change to the day-to-day services they use, like bin collections, social care, libraries and parking. Getting in touch with their local council will be more straightforward because from 1

April residents will only need to contact one council for all of these services.

New from April, residents will be able to access information, advice and support on a range of topics near where they live or work through a network of 17 local Council Access Points (CAPs). These will offer a face-to-face contact point at the heart of the local community – usually in a library or a council office in one of the county's main towns. The current council main offices located in Aylesbury, High Wycombe, Amersham and Denham will become 'access plus' points, geared up to handle more complex enquiries.

In addition, 16 Community Boards will be set up across the county to help the new council build strong links with local communities and respond to local needs more effectively.

Buckinghamshire Council councillors will work closely with local people and community organisations to understand the key issues affecting their local area. Each board will be made up of local people, town and parish councils, community groups, police and healthcare organisations who will focus on finding solutions to local issues. These local issues could include improving facilities for young people, tackling social isolation of older people or helping to set up a community bus.

All of the current elected members from the five existing councils will continue serving their communities until the councillors elected to the new Buckinghamshire Council in May take up their posts.

Leader of the Shadow Executive that is paving the way to the new council, Councillor Martin Tett, said: "We are just three months away from the new council and our countdown clock is ticking. We've come a long way in the last few months and the five councils are working hard to create a brand-new council – a council which our residents, councillors and staff can all be proud of. The next few months is all about making sure we are ready for April and residents know how to find out about the new council and where

to go if they need us. As one council from April, our focus will then be on how we can improve services for our residents.”

Deputy Leader of the Shadow Executive, Katrina Wood, said: “We’re looking forward to the future. It’s exciting and a privilege to be part of this historic change for the county. The Council Access Points and Community Boards will keep the new council local, making it easier for people to access face-to-face support and get involved in improving services at a really local level.”

- Find out more about Community Boards
- Find out more about Council Access Points

In the run up to the start of the Buckinghamshire Council there will be regular news and updates, including on Twitter and Facebook and on this website.

### **Council staff, councillors and local people donate thousands of presents for Buckinghamshire’s vulnerable children and families**

Hundreds of vulnerable children and young people across the county received a Christmas present this year thanks to the generosity of Council staff, councillors, residents and community groups.

Now in its fifth year, Buckinghamshire County Council’s Christmas gift appeal aims to ensure that all local disadvantaged children receive a present over the festive period. The donation appeal was launched at the start of December countless presents were collected and distributed to vulnerable children and young people by the Council’s social care teams.

Local residents, community groups and businesses have again supported the appeal this year.

Warren Whyte, Cabinet Member for Children’s Services hopes the appeal will continue to grow: “I am so pleased that the

Christmas present appeal continues to be incredibly successful year on year. Sadly, there are many people who find Christmas to be a really difficult time. With these gifts we are able to help make vulnerable children and young people feel special. The contribution of Council staff, councillors and residents really can’t be understated - without them none of this would be possible.”

## **4. Accounts**

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

Nov Clerk's salary	£176.30
Dec Clerk's salary	£190.50
Nov E-ON	£124.94
Dec E-ON	£120.91
Autela Payroll cost	£47.08
Mainly Mowing	£165.00
KT Hosting website	£123.00
AVDC dog bin	£436.22
PKFLittlejohn audit	£240.00

4.2 Precept - a summary of income and expenditure for 2020/21 was presented to the meeting to determine the precept. It was suggested and agreed the precept should be increased by £350 to £11,200.

## **4.3 Accounts**

Accounts to date and forecast to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 were presented to the meeting. The forecast shows a deficit of £3,216.86. This is after abnormal expenditure of £3,565 Traffic Feasibility Report, estimated legal fees of £1,500 relating to issuing a lease to Orchard Ground/new charity, and support to Orchard Ground of £1,500 concerning planning permission for North Field.

## **5. Orchard Ground Report/ Charity Status and North Field**

**Orchard Ground** No major points to report upon.

### **Charity Status**

OG requested a draft lease to support its application for charitable status. It was agreed CPC will approach its lawyers to draft a lease. Mr Joy is to investigate the vat position concerning the granting of the lease.

### **North Field**

Ms P Cheetham attended this part of the meeting to go through the feedbacks to the North Field plans which had been published in the Crier. Amendments were made to the plans which will be summarised in the next issue of the Crier. Ms Cheetham will liaise with the architects to amend the plans and then submit the planning application on behalf of the Parish Council. Ms Cheetham was thanked for all her hard work on this project.

## **6 Planning Permissions**

### **18/04085/APP Lakeside Business Units**

Formation of new vehicular access onto Reads Lane . There has still been no decision made on this application .The due date was in September 2019 .

**19/04419/APP** 12 Whitchurch Road Cublington Buckinghamshire - Single storey front and two storey side extensions and alterations – no objection

**19/04435/ACL** -Wing PC – Wing Caravan Site – application for certificate of lawfulness for existing caravan site. This application was to establish AVDC/BCC retained the planning permission to use the site for eight residential plots ,car parking , work area , amenity block and additional landscaping. The current owner does not have the benefit of this planning permission. CPC is concerned that if the

application is successful the owner may site caravans and build on the site. When challenged they might rely on any statutory or European Court of Human Rights obligations upon BCC to provide for travellers in the area and perhaps suggest BCC leases back the land etc. CPC will write to the CEO of AVDC and BCC to seek assurances they are not aware of such intention and would oppose it. CPC has formally opposed the application as will Wing PC.

## **7. Village Matters**

**7.1 Traffic Calming:** We should consider acquiring some moveable speed signs. Cllr Morgan is in contact with Simon Garwood concerning signs and awaiting quotations in connection with speed watch.

**7.2 Street Lighting:** The light at the Knob had been replaced by LCD light. We still have about 7 mercury bulbs which will need replacing in the foreseeable future. Cllr Morgan will consider replacing all the old bulbs at the next review of our maintenance contract which will be in April.

### **7.3 Speed watch**

As above under Traffic Calming. The speed equipment has many restrictions on its usage which makes it almost impossible to use it in winter. It was agreed to use the equipment again in Spring

### **7.4 General Matters**

A resident had enquired to see if there were any plans arranged to celebrate 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day which will be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May . Cllr Morgan volunteered to investigate whether there any suggested guidelines from any Government or charitable bodies.

Mr Colin Higgs from Aston Abbots had been awarded the British Empire Medal for his services to the village. Colin had represented Cublington PC for many years on the transport committee and it was felt the PC should send a congratulatory letter.

CPC received £250 from the Community Leaders Fund towards planters which will be placed by the gates ,and it was suggested there maybe people in the village who would like to sponsor the plants.

Cllr H Vale is unable to attend the next meetings scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> March and it was agreed to bring forward the meeting to 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

Signed: .....

Dated: .....