

Minutes of a meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 12th November 2019 in Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

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

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

1. Apologies

None

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 10th September 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/>

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

Waterside Festival was bigger and better than before. Businesses across town were busy. The Exchange is now proving a popular destination with the local independent steak house now open and reporting very good trading. Zizzi's is also now open and the fit out / lighting etc look very good. Hale Leys has responded well to the current retail market.

World class sports engineering hub opens at Silverstone Enterprise Zone

A cutting-edge sports engineering facility, funded by [Bucks LEP](#), for athletes has officially opened at Silverstone. Investment of £2m [Local Growth Funding](#) in the Silverstone Sports Engineering Hub,

situated in our [Silverstone Enterprise Zone](#), has established a research, development and business incubation centre to put Bucks at the forefront of the development of aerodynamic technologies for high-performance sport at the heart of the Oxford-Cambridge Arc. As the Minister of State for Local Growth, the Rt Hon Jake Berry MP, says: "Silverstone is world famous for bringing sporting excellence and technology together through motorsport. The new Silverstone Sports Engineering Hub will boost innovation in other sports including high-performance cycling, support businesses to grow and bring jobs to the local area."

Top of the class for Bucks Careers Hub

[Bucks LEP](#) are delighted by the news that its Buckinghamshire Careers Hub has been recognised as the highest achieving in the country by the Careers and Enterprise Company. The [State of the Nation 2019](#) report, which represents the most comprehensive assessment of careers education in England, placed [Bucks LEP](#) as the top performing area for careers provision by achieving the highest average number of [Gatsby](#) benchmarks of 4.2 (compared to the national average of 3.0). [Bucks LEP](#)'s Skills Hub, and its Enterprise Adviser Network, supported over 150,000 employer-student encounters in Bucks in 2018/19, connecting schools and businesses and organising skills competitions in schools with employers including Bosch, East-West Rail and the National Film & Television School - inspiring and informing young people about different careers and developing their work ready skills.

Loan Sharks: If you or any partners would like to book stop loan sharks training from January/February onwards - free of charge for groups of ten or more - please get in touch. Please feel free to disseminate the training offer and newsletter via your networks.

<http://www.stoploansharks.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Summer-Newsletter-2019-2.pdf>

Consultation on the priorities and 2020 budget for the new Buckinghamshire Council

The new Buckinghamshire Council will launch on 1 April 2020, so we are looking at the priorities and budget for its first financial year. It's important that we take a look at our priorities as a new organisation and that we focus on the needs of Buckinghamshire people as we prepare for the future challenges we face as a county.

Your views are vitally important to help us shape the priorities for the new council. You can find out more about the new Buckinghamshire Council on the Shadow Authority [website](#). There you'll be able to read more about the priorities and budget. This consultation runs from 23rd October - 25th November 2019.

Please be assured that the information you provide will be used only for the purposes of this consultation. It will remain confidential and be stored securely in line with data protection laws.

Over 1400 commercially run school bus places to be created for students

www.buckscc.gov.uk/news/over-1400-commercially-run-school-bus-places-to-be-created-for-students

Over 1400 commercially run school bus places are being created for students across the county as part of the County Council's work to boost the number of school bus services provided by external operators.

The County Council has worked with a number of local commercial bus operators to provide the bus spaces across 31 routes, which will go live from 4 November 2019. Some extra bus place capacity has also been created, meaning some students on waiting lists have been able to secure transport.

The new services mean parents and carers can buy tickets for students directly from

the bus operators. Ticket prices on these routes will be similar or even less than those on previous Council commissioned routes and most operators will offer the same range of payment options as before.

Winter is coming. The Council has made plans to reduce the impact of the season on residents of Buckinghamshire, but what can we do as members of staff to improve our resilience against the challenges of winter? Here's some ideas:

- Research alternate routes to work in case the road is disrupted by snow or accidents. The Council provides information on gritting routes for the winter Gritting Roads

- During the winter you may need to adapt your driving and be prepared for winter conditions. This includes stocking up on de-icer, making sure your tyre pressures are correct and having wiper blades that are in good order. More tips about winter driving can be found on the Council winter driving webpage [Winter Driving](#)

- Get a flu jab, which is a great way to protect yourself and others from a nasty winter ailment. It's free for BCC employees using the staff clinic or voucher booking system. Clinics are getting booked up fast, so extra dates are planned. (Link - BCC Flu clinics) • A cold home can affect your health, especially if you are over 65, have an existing health condition or are less mobile. If you know anyone in any of these groups they should heat their home to a minimum of 18C. Also if you have any older neighbours they need to be prepared for the cold weather. See here for some advice on being a Winter Friend [Be a Winter Friend](#)

Alcohol Awareness Week: BCC has send a link on how to keep track of our drinking.

Luckily, there are lots of apps that can help you keep track of how much you are drinking. We like the NHS One You Drink Free Days app – check it out for yourself at <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/for-your-body/drink-less/>

4. Accounts

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

Sept Clerk's salary	£176.30
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Sept E-ON	£124.94
Oct E-ON	£120.91
Autela Payroll cost	£47.08
Mainly Mowing	£165.00
Forde & McHugh	£310.69
PAYE	£4.80

4.2 Accounts to date and forecast to 31st March 2020 were presented to the meeting. The forecast shows a deficit of £3,183.78. 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 for a draft lease. Councillors were asked to consider what points should be covered in the lease. M Joy will produce a briefing document for the councillors to consider for the lease.

North Field

Cllr Vale stated letters of thanks had been sent to Carolyn Lightfoot and Arthur Read concerning the excellent condition North Field was left in and in cutting the hedges after the land had been passed back to CPC.

Planning Permissions

18/04085/APP Lakeside Business Units

Formation of new vehicular access onto Reads Lane . The planning officer had been contacted for an update, but she had not responded.

19/03458/APP 1 The Cottages Stewkley Road Cublington. Extension to outbuilding to form studio/workshop. No objection .

7. Village Matters

7.1 Traffic Calming:

There had been no feed back from residents concerning the traffic calming feasibility report. It was felt no further action or expenditure was required. There may be some traffic calming measures could be carried out when we meet Matt Whincup. Cllr Reilly commented that the condition of Reads Lane was very poor and could Matt Whincup be made aware of this fact and see the problems when he has a village walk about.

A LAF meeting was recently attended by Cllr Morgan. AVDC have employed a HGV Strategist whose aim is "HGVs on the right road". Difficult policing especially for established businesses, but it was felt encouraging that AVDC were taking this matter seriously.

7.2 Street Lighting: The light at the Knob has been repaired again but the next time it breaks it will have to be replaced by LCD light which will cost approx. £500.

7.3 Speed watch

Dates had been arranged but the equipment could not be used due to the adverse weather conditions on the day. 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. We now qualify as an active speed watch user so we shall be entitled to put up

signs stating that fact. Simon Garwood is obtaining quotes for our consideration.

7.4 Pond

The pond is now full ! Cllr Reilly will be seeding wild flowers , and he commented that the new plants have all taken.

7.5 Dog Waste collection service – AVDC has extended the existing contract with an external supplier for a further 2 months before bringing the service back in house.

7.6 Meeting dates for 2020- dates were agreed as follows ; 14th January, 10th March, 5th May and AGM , 14th July , 15th September and 10th November .

7.7 Luton Airport Expansion – details were published in the Crier, put up on the notice board and website .

7.8 Questionnaire concerning the new Bucks Council – it was agreed councillors should complete in their personal capacity.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 14th January 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Signed:

Dated: