

Minutes of a meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 24th March 2020 by telephone conference call 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) ,

1. Apologies

Cllr N Glover

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 14th January 2020 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 Glover report was presented to the meeting. Bucks CC is in regular contact with CPC concerning the coronavirus crisis. Very little to report upon .

All our roads need attention. It is the same all over the country. The council has invested a lot of money into repairing potholes over the last few years and we are gradually catching up but not as quickly as we or the public would like.

This year an extra £1m has been put into 'plane and patch' to help our roads recover from the winter rain. This is in addition to the previous £4m already proposed for plane and patch.

To give you an idea of what we are up against the excessive rainfall this year has

caused your council to make hundreds of repairs each week. Despite all this work we are up against the difficulty caused by our clay-based soil which becomes so wet that new fillings are ejected. Clay's very slow draining nature means we must wait longer for the deal conditions to be sure of a lasting repair. Really dangerous holes are given attention. £15 million will be spent on Bucks roads this year plus more on pavements. The government has given us a one-off special grant of £1.2 million for this year.

4. Accounts

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

Jan Clerk's salary	£177.90
Jan E-ON	£124.94
Jan Forde and McHugh	£650.40
LED light replacement	
Feb E-On	£124.94
Feb Clerk's salary	£177.90
Mar M Waters disbursement	£299.38
OG decorating	
Mar K Sletcher cost re OG	£3,775.64

4.2 Accounts

Accounts to 9th March and forecast to 31st March 2020 were presented to the meeting. The forecast shows a small deficit of £57.13 . The deficit is a lot smaller than previous forecasts because costs relating to a lease (estimated at £1,500) with Orchard Ground/new charity and planning costs relating to North Field (£1,500) have not yet been incurred. Reserves stand at approx. £14,000.

5. Orchard Ground Report/ Charity Status and North Field

Orchard Ground : The facility has been decorated and is looking good. There is a concern about the lower income this year in view of the

coronavirus effect. There will be no cricket or tennis for the foreseeable future which might affect the rents. Both clubs will lose income as subscriptions are due this time of year. As and when the playing of sport is allowed there will be pro rata subscription income. Income arising from social events will be dramatically down due to the Government restrictions. The cricket club has intimated it has the funds available to keep the field mown. The meeting was concerned about the finances of OG and felt CPC must be able to financially support this facility so projects planned for next year must be carefully considered and in cases delayed.

Charity Status/North Field

A quote of between £1,500 and £2,500 had been received concerning the drafting of a lease with Orchard Ground/new charity. In view of the financial situation of OG it was felt the Council should delay this work for the foreseeable future.

A revised masterplan for North Field to support the submission for planning permission had been distributed before the meeting. Again, in view of the concern about the finances of OG it was decided to delay this matter for the foreseeable future.

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. The meeting felt the entrance onto Wing Road was working well and asked that we go back again to the agent and planning office to say we would not oppose a revised planning application. The current application is for a new entrance onto Reads Lane.

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 was 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 has written to the CEO of AVDC and BCC to seek assurances they are not aware of such intention and would oppose it.

20/00964/APP 1 Roses Close - Conversion and extension of existing dwelling and attached double garage to form a separate dwelling house and construction of single storey detached double garage/garden store (part retrospective amendment to approved application 19/01176/APP) – no objection as the foot print of the unit has not altered.

7. Village Matters

7.1 Traffic Calming:

Quiet Lanes

A member of the public had sent in details of an initiative where lanes could be classified as 'Quiet Lanes'. It was agreed we should apply for this status on the Dunton Road, Reads Lane and Ridings Way. Cllr Antosiewicz offered to make the application.

Option 1 A from the feasibility report prepared by Transport for Bucks

Cllr Reilly had made an application for funding from the Local Area Forum last year relating to Option 1A this work covered - Edge markings, Signage, coloured surfacing, detailed design and obtaining quotations from Transport for Bucks Supply Chain Partners and

Supervision.

Estimated cost £7,500. LAF have now responded apologising for the delay stating it would consider our application and asked how much could CPC contribute to the improvements . It was agreed to offer 10% contribution. To continue with this application at this stage is not committing CPC to the project. Cllr Reilly offered to respond to LAF.

Speed watch signs and mobile signs were discussed, and in view of the costs deferred to later in the year.

HGV Traffic

It was noted that there has been a significant increase in HGV movements in the village. A lot of these movements were going into Lockharts Farm. The drivers of these vehicles have complete disregard to other road users and drive in an aggressive manner . Cllr Morgan said he would contact the HGV officer at AVDC for assistance. , and following the officer's advice, we would consider other measures .

7.2 Street Lighting: nothing to report

7.3 Speed watch : nothing happening due the Government restrictions on movements.

7.4 Planters : It was agreed to buy four planters at a cost of £40 each to be located at the village gates.

7.5 Elections : These have been delayed for a year in view of the emergency.

7.6 Best Kept Village Competition: cancelled due to the emergency.

7.7 VE Day celebrations : cancelled due to the emergency

7.8 General : The CPC is very grateful to everyone in the village who are assisting residents who are staying at home, not going out or have a long-term condition. Cublington Support Group , led by Charles Toosey , has been set up by volunteers , who are coordinating those in need or who are high risk.

Playground

Cllr Merriman has been reviewing the position of its use during the restriction on movements. (Subsequent to the meeting the playground has been closed due to Government instructions)

Post Crisis

It was agreed there would be a village event once the crisis has passed .

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 5th May 2020 at 7.30pm by telephone conference call . The Annual General Meeting will be deferred, and we are awaiting legislation from the Government to cover this matter.

Signed:

Dated: