

Minutes of a meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 21st July 2020 by video conference call at 7.30pm

Present:

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

In attendance: Mr M Joy (Clerk) ,
One member of the public for agenda item 6.6

1. Apologies

Cllr Reilly , and Cllr Glover could not access the meeting

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 5th May 2020 were discussed by the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Declaration of Interest.

Cllr Vale declared an interest in agenda item 6.7 planning application 20/02133/APP .

4. Public Comment

A member of the public made a statement to meeting concerning agenda item 6.6 planning application Ridings Cottage ref 20/02133/APP. The person was against the application, set out the reasons for the objection and asked that the PC support the objection.

5. Planning Permissions agenda item 6.6

20/02133/APP Ridings Cottage Ridings Way Cublington Buckinghamshire LU7 0LW - Redevelopment of site with three detached dwellings, additional access to Ridings Way. The councillors expressed their views on the planning application and unanimously agreed to object to the application. It was accepted a development would take place on the site but it was hoped the existing building could be retained and any development would be in keeping with the rural setting. Cllr Vale had

spoken to Historic England which had not been asked to comment on the development by Bucks Council. Historic England will come out and prepare a report to send to the planners. The local MP , Mr Greg Smith , had been contacted via local resident Mr Mike Lee , and Mr Smith will keep track of the application. Ancient Monuments have been contacted and their opinion will be important in the objection process. Mrs Pippa Cheetham had offered to assist the PC in its objection which needs to be lodged by 31st July. Objections by members of the public needed to be in by 27th August 2020. The clerk was asked to put an article in the Crier setting out the position and how members of the public can object ,and to contact Mrs Pippa Cheetham to take up her kind offer of drafting an objection letter. Cllr Antosiewicz asked if the clerk could contact Bucks Council to ask for a formal review of the conservation area of Cublington .

6. Reports

Neighbouring Policing Team

Reports where appropriate were posted on the Cublington website.
<http://www.cublington.com/>

County and District Councillor

First on-Line Full Council Meeting

We agreed to target zero carbon emissions by 2050. UK is responsible for 1% of emissions. We ran into some technical issues which is not surprising given that there were nearly 200 people taking part but we got there – it was a long slog.

Community Boards

We had our first meeting last week and agreed our terms of reference and objectives. Minutes are available on line. The creation of 16 Community Boards will make sure our new council connects with groups, organisations and local people in communities across the county to improve our local areas. With the chairmen and coordinators for each board now appointed, throughout July the boards are holding introductory meetings to start this conversation. Thank you to those of you

who have attended the meetings that have already taken place, which have been very positive and enthusiastic so far. Over the next few weeks lots of people, groups and organisations in the community will be contacted about getting involved in the boards and helping to identify key themes ahead of the official launch of Community Boards in September.

Family Support Services

We are working towards restarting some targeted support services. Can't give a date but information is available on line.

Adult learning – back in the classroom

We are now able to resume safe face-to-face teaching of our adult learning courses, following strict COVID-19 guidance. Adult learning courses have been taking place online for the last few months but with social distancing in place, course venues are opening their doors again.

We have a broad programme of more than 1,500 courses and workshops all being delivered online and from multiple locations across the county. You can find out more at www.adultlearningbc.ac.uk.

Highways

Lots of innovative things going on. When roads are closed during road works we sometimes experience problems with drivers just lifting the barriers and driving over freshly finished work which then has to be re-done. Another problem is where a long stretch of road is being worked on cars can find themselves face to face with nowhere to go. Working collaboratively with Eurovia Specialist Surfacing, we trialed 'Intelicones' the world's first smart safety cone. 'Intelicones' were used to alert the workforce of any traffic entering onto the site through a road closure. The workforce is alerted by flashing red cones if a vehicle enters the site without authority. If an emergency vehicle enters the closure, the beacons flash blue. On long road closures, such as the Wendover Bypass, a gateman is positioned at either end of the closure and will trigger the cones to flash. On shorter sites if a cone is disturbed by a motorist entering the work zone, amber lights are activated.

Award winning winter driving online workshop

TfB was successful in winning the Chartered Institute of Highways and Transportation award for this online winter training workshop. The workshop is free and takes just 10 minutes to complete. After years of delivering the winter driver workshop sessions at locations across Buckinghamshire, the online workshop tool was created in order to increase the number of people receiving this potentially life-saving training. Within weeks of its launch the e-module has been taken over 1000 times this is a 700% increase on the number of people who had attended the workshops previously. The Network Safety Team presents 'Safe Drive, Stay Alive' show aimed at young people. The programme is well received by those who take part and they tell us that it has directly affected how they would drive in future.

Data Collection using Artificial Intelligence

A project to collect road condition data on the network via a smart phone camera system is being developed by Ringway Jacobs who do our roads for us. The data will be processed and converted to industry standard visual inspection data.

7. Accounts

7.1 To approve payments since last meeting

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

June	
ROSPA Play safety	£99.00
Information Commissioner	£40.00
KT Hosting Website	£180.00
Clerk Salary May	£151.13
Clerk Salary June	£151.13
The landscape partnership	£1,186.80
Planning Portal	£256.00
E-On	£124.94
E-ON	£120.91
BMKALC	£57.43
E-ON	£124.94
HMRC Paye	£113.20

7.2 To review accounts to 30th June 2020 and forecast to 31st March 2021

There was a surplus to 30th June 2020 of £4,756.83 and an estimated surplus of £470.63 to 31st March 2021. This is after allowing for legal fees of £1,500 relating to granting Orchard Ground charity a lease, playground maintenance of £850 and Pubhub repayment of loan of £2,000. Martyn Waters secured Covid 19 grants which have been assumed will be paid out to Orchard Ground and Cublington Volunteers Group. No estimate has been made relating to traffic calming or mobile speed signs.

8. Orchard Ground Report/ Charity Status and North Field

Orchard Ground : OG has secured Sports England Community Covid Support grant of £1,940 , Bucks Council support grant £10,000 and expression of interests have been made to Hearts of Bucks Foundation £3,000 and the Tree Council £1,500.

Charity Status/North Field

The planning application has been made , and it was agreed to proceed with drafting a lease with OG charity (yet to be formed).

9 Planning Permissions

Agenda item 6.1 18/04085/APP

Lakeside Business Units Formation of new vehicular access onto Reads Lane . Awaiting decision from the planning office.

6.2 19/04435/ACL -Wing PC – Wing Caravan Site – application for certificate of lawfulness for existing caravan site. Awaiting decision from the planning office.

6.3 20/01905/APP 4 Whitchurch Road Cublington Buckinghamshire LU7 0LP - Single storey rear extension, window

alterations and insertion of new window on side elevation, including dormer window to side roof slope at first floor. No objection .

6.4 20/01995/APP Orchard Ground Playing Field Stewkley Road Cublington Buckinghamshire -Change of use from grazing to amenity land. No objection .

6.5 20/01491/APP Larkspur House Wing Road Cublington Buckinghamshire - A timber framed car port added to the north of the Nursery Building . No objection .

6.6 20/02133/APP Ridings Cottage Ridings Way Cublington Buckinghamshire LU7 0LW - Redevelopment of site with three detached dwellings, additional access to Ridings Way. Covered earlier in the meeting item 5.

6.7 20/02139/AGN Manor Farm Whitchurch Road Cublington Buckinghamshire LU7 0LP - Agricultural shed for storage. Cllr Vale did not attend this part of the meeting . No objection .

6.8 20/02147/APP -Dairy Farm High Street Cublington Buckinghamshire LU7 0LQ Variation to condition 2 relating to application 19/00332/APP (revision to approved house and tree report) Condition Number(s): 2 - approved plans & documents Conditions(s) Removal:New plans and documents to be approved Revisions made to originally approved house and revisions to Tree Report. Councillors to review the drawings on the planning portal and contact the Clerk if there have any misgivings.

20/00964/APP 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) 1 Roses Close Cublington Buckinghamshire LU7 0LX. A letter was sent to the Parish Council by a resident concerning this development. The resident had objected to the application and wanted to present their points to the PC. The meeting was

sympathetic to the views made and suggested the resident should send the letter to the planning officer. The PC will comment to the planning officer that the development was beyond its expectations.

10. Village Matters

Agenda item 7.1 Traffic Calming:

Quiet Lanes

In progress .

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

In progress with LAF.

Horse signs a member of the public had contacted the PC to ask that it looks at having traffic signs warning road users of horse riders. The meeting asked the clerk to obtain costings for signs, but it was felt that this was not a priority expenditure.

Speed watch signs and mobile signs were discussed, and in view of the costs deferred. The Speed watch equipment could not be used at the moment due to the restrictions of Covid 19. Cllr Morgan to circulate the quote for 'This is a speed watch area' signs.

Agenda item 7.2 Street Lighting: The clerk had circulated a quote transferring electricity supplier from E-On to SWALEC on a three year contract saving £280pa based upon current usage. It was agreed to transfer supplier.

Agenda item 7.3 HGV Traffic.

Following the appalling experience of HGV traffic from the recycling unit at Lockharts Farm it was agreed at the last meeting to :

1. Contact the Police to report the incident of gloves being thrown into your garden, the reckless driving of recycling vehicles ,using mobile whilst driving, weight limits and speeding through the village – *reported to Police on 14th May . Acknowledgement received from*

Thames Police reference CDS-58996-20-4300-000. There has been no further contact from Thames Police

2. Contact the HGV officer at Buckinghamshire Council to obtain advice on how to best address the issues - *Cllr Morgan contacted BC and BC response was - a) The speeding trucks, like any other vehicle type, is a police matter and should be reported as such – b) You refer to a new waste site, is this who you believe the increased truck numbers are servicing? If you are able to provide details, I will look up their operator's licence – c)It will be useful to capture more details regarding numbers, timings and identifying livery of the HGVs. Have a look at the Freight Toolkit located in this link, it will help you manage local resources to conduct a survey*

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/tran-sport-and-roads/policies/limits-and-routing-for-heavy-goods-vehicles/>

Points a) and b) had already been addressed. Point c) is a recommendation to carry out a traffic survey , which we would have to complete.

3. Contact the Enforcement Office at Buckinghamshire Council informing them conditions relating to planning permission 08/20007/AWD on the recycling site has been contravened. *Reported to BC . The enforcement office confirmed on 17th July that an officer attended the site today and discussed our concerns regarding vehicle movements. There is concern that the current intensity of the site is above that set out within the relevant permission, however he will need to conduct a full inspection to substantiate the alleged breach .*

Wing Parish Council is conducting a traffic survey to check the movements into the recycling units at Cublington and Dunton and asked

if we would assist them. It is hoped we can assist them.

Agenda item 7.4 PubHub : It has been decided by the Cublington Volunteer Group to close the virtual shop as it had served its purpose. The PC was grateful for the support given to the village by the Unicorn and asked that a letter of thanks is sent.

Agenda item 7.5 Playground and maintenance

The playground is now open and notices about the use of it had been sent to every household in the village and posted on its entrance gates. The annual review of the state of the equipment had been carried out by a third party . The review highlighted areas of maintenance and the clerk was asked to obtain quotes for the work and to enquire into available maintenance contracts.

Agenda item 7.6 MP Visit

Mr Mike Lee (who is a member of the Conservative Party) has brokered a visit to Cublington by Mr Greg Smith MP. The idea would be perhaps a town hall style open air session at the Orchard Ground allowing residents to ask questions on any issues affecting the Cublington community. The clerk was asked contact Mr Smith's office to explore dates and timings subject to Covid 19

Agenda item 7.7 Dog Waste

A member of public had contacted the PC highlighting the issue of dog waste in the fields surrounding the village. It was agreed to put a statement in the Crier setting out the issue . It was agreed to look at the cost of a new dog waste bin to be located at the end of alley way opposite Ridings Way.

Agenda item 7.8 Litter Bins

The locks on the bins are broken and the manufacturer of the bins do not have replacement locks. New bins are required . The clerk had contacted Bucks Council to inform them that the bins were two years old, and replacements should be at their

cost due to the negligence of their contractors collecting the waste.

Agenda item 7.9 Orchard Ground Security

There had been reports of travellers occupying recreation grounds in Bucks. The ground is being locked at 20.00hrs and opened at 7.00hrs .

Resignation

Cllr Merriman notified the meeting she was resigning. The Chairman thanked Cllr Merriman for all her hard work over many years as councillor and clerk especially the work carried out securing a 99 year lease on the playground and obtaining the grants for the new equipment. Her duty to the PC has been second to none. The clerk was asked to put an advert in the Crier for a replacement councillor.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 15th September 2020 at 7.30pm venue to be advised. The Annual General Meeting will be held when appropriate .

Signed:

Dated:

