

**Minutes of a meeting of Cublington
Parish Council held on 10th November
2020 by video conference call at 7.30pm**

Present:

Cllr H Vale (Chairman)
Cllr G Antosiewicz
Cllr S Morgan
Cllr M Reilly
Cllr M Waters
Cllr N Glover (County)

In attendance: Mr M Joy (Clerk)

1. Apologies

None

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 15th September 2020 were discussed by the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Declaration of Interest

There were no Declaration of interests .

4. Reports

Neighbouring Policing Team

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

County and District Councillor

Waste Services.

We had an interesting update on Monday. Some snippets fyi:

Aim is to recycle 65% of household waste by 2035. Currently we manage 56%

Buckinghamshire is No. 2 in the country for recycling.

It costs £110 per household to deal with our waste. Residents are complaining about needing to pay for non-household waste – i.e. DIY jobs on kitchen refurbishments etc. I asked what it would

cost a household if it was obliged to deal with a commercial company to take away its household waste – officers did not have that information but as an example Grundon charge £40 to use their site. There is 98% satisfaction with our service. Although Fly-tipping did not go up for about 6 months after we started charging it has gone up over the last year as it has across the Country due to Covid. However, London white van men are tipping in the quiet lanes in South Bucks. All our non-recyclables are handled by UK firms. This is correct but each time rubbish changes contractor we cannot guarantee that the stuff will be dealt with in the UK

Improvements to roads and pavements

This year we are spending over £28m on repairing and improving our roads, particularly after the very wet weather last autumn, which did so much more damage to them. This is the biggest amount we have ever spent. This will still not restore all our roads to the state that many residents reasonably expect. Some roads will be completely resurfaced, some repaired by targeting the sections which have failed (this is called 'plane and patch' in the jargon). Resurfacing teams have been out and about laying new surfaces and doing repairs to roads across the county. Teams will also be improving and repairing sections of pavements. Remember to report road or pavement problems via [Fix My Street](#). Do always be proactive as you cannot assume someone else has already let us know.

Cycling and walking

During lockdown one of the most positive features was the absence of traffic and the ability to walk and cycle safely along most roads. This was fantastic for families, sales of cycles boomed, and more people enjoyed the fresh air. The government has tried to keep some of this going by funding the temporary trials of 'Quietways'. The guidance was to get these into use quickly, whilst areas were still quiet and consult afterwards.

Several schemes have been trialled in different areas of the county. Whilst some have been popular, in other areas they

have been unpopular and seen as an imposition. This is not the way we want to be seen to operate and I have asked that existing schemes are reviewed, and any new trial schemes must have the support of local councillors. For any permanent schemes we would, of course, fully consult residents.

Planning for the Future consultation proposes reforms of the planning system which will have a profound effect on our area.

Buckinghamshire Council believes that there is no evidence to support that the proposed figure of 300,000 houses per year. In its response to the proposal it is asking the government to re-value the number of houses required over the next decade – this would not undermine the commitment to deliver one million houses during this Parliament. It has proposed three specific changes with lengthy evidence-based reasons. Our response has been sent. – consultation ended on 29th October.

E Scooter trials are planned to start in Aylesbury and High Wycombe. Training sessions are proposed. I do not see it affecting our villages. I am assuming you have been sent details via the Community Board.

COVID-19: Martin Tett has sent a message to all residents giving full advice to keep them up to date and informed. Essential that we all follow the by now well-known advice on masks, hand washing and keeping a distance.

Mental Health has come to the fore recently so I thought you might find the link to what is available to help anyone who counsels you: www.bucksmind.org.uk/Buckinghamshire-mind-guide

LGA's First: The latest issue has a comprehensive list of news and guidance which might interest members. www.local.gov.uk/first. You might need to register to read it.

Heritage Portal This is a new portal holding 35,000 records. It has links to historic mapping, monument records,

photos and documents. Fascinating history on our county. <https://heritageportal.buckinghamshire.gov.uk> will reveal all.,

Honours System. Those members who have been involved with Joe Bradshaw will be pleased to hear that he has been awarded the Royal Victoria Order for his services to the Buckinghamshire Lieutenancy. This is quite a high honour.

5. Accounts

5.1 To approve payments since last meeting

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

26-Sep-20	Clerk Salary	£151.13
5-Oct-20	PAYE	£113.40
25-Oct -20	Clerk Salary	£151.13

5.2 To review accounts to 31st October 2020 and forecast to 31st March 2021

There was a surplus to 31st October 2020 of £8,380.62 and an estimated deficit of £341.38 to 31st March 2021. This is after allowing for legal fees of £2,000 relating to granting Orchard Ground charity a lease, playground maintenance of £850 and North Field Planning costs of £1,500. No allowance had been made relating to traffic calming, dog waste bins or road signage.

6. Orchard Ground Report/ Charity Status and North Field

Orchard Ground :

Cllr Waters reported Hearts of Bucks Foundation had approved a grant of £2,500 with match funding, £1,400 of which has been raised so far.

The financial position of OG was 'buoyant' because of all the grants secured by Cllr Waters over the past year. After a financial review to 31st October 2021 OG agreed not to collect fees from the club users of its facilities for the year ended 31st October 2020. (Fees are applied retrospectively).

Cllr Reilly felt the village and all its organisations/clubs had come together during this pandemic period and reflected an excellent community spirit.

Cllr Reilly, as chairman of Cublington Cricket Club, was incredibly grateful for the donation from OG of £2,040 allocated to it from the £10,000 COVID-19 grant obtained from Bucks Council. This would be used for drainage of the outfield. The contractor has agreed to carry out drainage work on the football pitch pro bono.

Charity Status/North Field

The planning permission for change of use of North Field was still in progress. Unfortunately, the case officer dealing with the matter has left the Planning Department so we may experience some delay.

Lawyers had been asked if it was possible for the PC to retain ownership of the building and assets when granting a lease to Orchard Ground Charity, (yet to be formed), so VAT could be claimed on assets acquired in the future. The lawyers have stated it would not be possible. This has implications for the proposed new charity, and Cllrs Reilly and Waters will discuss the matter with OG before we instruct lawyers to prepare a draft lease.

9 Planning Permissions

Agenda item 7.1 18/04085/APP

Lakeside Business Units A new entrance has been proposed opposite the entrance to The Dene. It was noted a member of the public had raised concerns about the amended plans. Awaiting decision from the planning office.

7.2 19/04435/ACL -Wing PC – Wing Caravan Site – application for certificate of lawfulness for existing caravan site. Awaiting decision from the planning office.

7.3 20/02133/APP Ridings Cottage Ridings Way Cublington Buckinghamshire LU7 0LW - Redevelopment of site with three detached dwellings, additional access to Ridings Way. Awaiting decision from the planning office.

7.4 20/03597/ALB - The Old House High Street Cublington Buckinghamshire LU7 0LL Remove 2 decayed modern timber casement windows and install new hardwood timber subframes with flat steel opening casements glazed with traditional leaded lights. Metal openers and latches finished in black, timber subframes and sills painted in pale olive green to match existing decoration. No objection.

10. Village Matters

Agenda item 8.1 Traffic Calming:

Quiet Lanes

The Parish Liaison Officer has confirmed that Bucks Council no longer recognise quiet lanes as a traffic calming option. Cllr Glover stated that Quiet Lanes was not the same as the reference to Quiet Ways in her report. Quiet Ways related to urban conurbations.

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

Wing and District Community Board (replacing Local Area Forum) had passed our proposal for traffic calming with matched funding from CPC. The matching cost will be £3,723. The Community Board has asked our proposal to be linked with a similar proposal from Aston Abbots which may result in some cost savings.

Speed watch - The Speed watch equipment cannot be used with the current restrictions. Cllr Morgan kindly offered to continue to be involved in this matter after he has stepped down as a councillor.

Horse Signs and School sign.

The clerk was in contact with Bucks Council concerning the signs. As yet there has been no indication of costs.

Agenda item 8.2 Street Lighting: No major issues. Cllr Morgan to enquire with our contractor to change one of the old lamps to a LED one.

Agenda item 8.3 HGV Traffic/Lockharts Farm .

The recycling site had been reported to the enforcement officer for two contraventions of its planning permission

1. Exceeding daily limit of 12 movements in and out of the site
2. Installation of a concrete crusher

A report had been made to the Environment Agency concerning the excessive and obnoxious odour at the site.

The Enforcement officer had reported that the operator was in the process of applying for an amendment to its planning permission which should be made by the middle of November.

However, it had been brought to our attention today that there has been an increase in vehicle movements and another concrete crusher moved onto the site. The clerk has contacted the Enforcement Officer with this latest information.

The Environmental Agency has inspected the site, but no feedback has been received. The clerk is chasing for an update.

The clerk was asked to put an article in the Crier setting out the issues surrounding this operator and the likelihood of an amendment to the existing planning permission .

Agenda item 8.4 Playground and maintenance

We are waiting for a quotation from Howard Gregory for the maintenance work.

Agenda item 8.5 Dog Waste

We are awaiting a response from Bucks Council concerning a new dog waste bin,

Agenda item 8.6 Trees

Cllr Reilly has contacted some residents of Reads Lane concerning trees and hedgerows. The PC felt a lot of trees and hedgerows throughout the village required tidying up . It was agreed Cllr Reilly and the clerk would draft a suitable open letter for inclusion in the Crier setting out the issues. The tree at the Knob needs pruning and Cllr Vale agreed to speak to Steve Hayward for a quotation.

Agenda item 8.7 Meeting dates 2021

The following dates were agreed :

Tuesday 12th January

Tuesday 9th March

Tuesday 11th May and AGM

Tuesday 13th July

Tuesday 14th September

Tuesday 9th November

All meetings to start at 19.30hrs at the Village Hall (or via Zoom depending on COVID-19)

Agenda item 8.8 London Luton Airport Survey.

LLA have issued a survey concerning proposed new flight plans. It is a detail survey, but it would appear there would be minimal effect upon Cublington. The survey can be found at https://consultations.airspacechange.co.uk/london-luton-airport/ad6_luton_arrivals/

Agenda item 8.9 New Councillor

The clerk was asked to put an advert in the Crier for a new councillor following Cllr Morgan notice to resign. Cllr Morgan said he would stay on as a councillor until a replacement is found. The Chairman thanked him for this offer .

Agenda item 8.10 Church Clock

St Nicholas Parochial Church Council had approached the PC to see if it would contribute towards the cost of servicing the clock . It was agreed to contribute £150.

Other

Arthur Read contributed £75 to Orchard Ground for the grass taken off North Field. The clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks.

Cllr Reilly reported that there was an attempted break in at the cricket sheds . Security measures for the whole of OG will be discussed at their next meeting.

It was noted that a 30mph sign had disappeared at the entrance to Reads Lane from the Stewkley Road end. The clerk was asked to contact Bucks Council to get it replaced.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 12th January 2021 at 7.30pm venue to be advised. The Annual General Meeting will be held when appropriate .

Signed:

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