

Minutes of a meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 12th January 2021 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 10th November 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

Buckinghamshire Council Supports National Tree Week

National Tree Week (28 November – 6 December), was organised by The Tree Council. It is the UK's largest annual tree celebration and trees are definitely high up on Buckinghamshire Council's agenda. Trees feature in our planned work, both in respect of commitment to enhancing biodiversity and also using nature-based solutions to tackle climate change.

Tree planting is a long-term undertaking that needs to be well planned and strategic and we are currently planning where this

will take place on our landholdings to ensure that we plant the right trees in the right places.

For more information about National Tree Week, visit: treecouncil.org.uk

To find out more about the Chiltern Rangers, including how to get involved, visit: chilternrangers.co.uk

Covid: There are mobile testing units in various locations throughout the county. Our walk through site at the Gateway continues to operate for those with symptoms. Book the test at nhs.uk/coronavirus.

These sites are open 7 days a week for use by anyone with coronavirus symptoms, and all tests must be booked first – they are not available on a 'drop-in' basis.

Anyone with even mild symptoms is being encouraged to arrange a test to help stop the spread of the virus. Symptoms include a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste. Anyone with one or more of these symptoms should book a test at nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119. It is also possible to order a home testing kit via the website.

If the mobile testing sites are fully booked, you will be offered testing at the next-closest location.

Gareth Williams, Cabinet Member for Public Health and Community Engagement at Buckinghamshire Council, said: "The situation in Buckinghamshire is extremely serious at the moment and it is vital we all do our bit to stop the spread of the virus. A key way of doing this is by getting tested if you have any coronavirus symptoms – no matter how mild – and isolating unless you get a 'negative' result. Please also isolate if anyone in your household develops symptoms.

For more information about walk-through testing sites, you can watch this video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DcRw92bO8xg&t=50s>.

You can read the full guidance for households with possible coronavirus (COVID-19) infection, and on the latest lockdown measures, on the government website - <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

If you need extra support during the lockdown period, please keep checking www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/ which will continue to be updated with information about the various ways you can get help.

Prolific fly-tipper jailed after joint operation

A prolific fly-tipper has been jailed for 21 months for dumping after a joint prosecution by Buckinghamshire Council and Slough Borough Council. Mohammed Afzal was also banned from driving in a bid to stop him offending and cluttering up streets and the countryside again when he is released from prison.

Mr Afzal was sentenced at Reading Crown Court after he previously admitted nine counts of illegally dumping of waste behind homes, near footpaths and beauty spots, and two further counts of waste licence infringements in both Slough and south Buckinghamshire.

He was sentenced to a 21 month prison sentence, banned from driving for 28 months, and the four vehicles he used to commit the fly-tipping were surrendered to the councils for disposal. No costs order was made due to Mr Afzal's limited income

5. Accounts

5.1 To approve payments since last meeting

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

8 Nov 20 Autela Payroll £64.32
25 Nov 20 Clerk Salary £151.13

30 Nov 20 Swalec electricity £515.16
9 Dec 20 KT Hosting Website £123.00
22 Dec 20 Bucks Council £436.22 (Dog waste collection 12mths)
22 Dec 20 Clerk Salary £151.13
22 Dec 20 Forde and McHugh £310.69 (Light maintenance)
28 Dec -20 PAYE £113.40
30 Dec 20 Swalec - £101.35 (refund overcharge)

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

There was a surplus to 31st December 2020 of £6,692.20 and an estimated deficit of £1,580.80 to 31st March 2021. This is after allowing for legal fees of £3,000 (increased provision of £1,000) 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.

5.3 Precept 2021/22

Precept - a summary of income and expenditure for 2021/22 was presented to the meeting which showed a deficit of £1,300. It was suggested and agreed the precept should be increased by £400 to £11,600.

6. Orchard Ground Report/ Charity Status and North Field

OG committee confirmed it wished to proceed with the process of becoming a charity and taking a lease from the CPC. It was agreed to contact lawyers to draft a lease. Cllr Waters pointed out there was a public footpath going through North Field, and this remains the responsibility of the Parish Council.

A further grant of £1,334 was secured from Bucks Council concerning Covid 19 lockdown 2.

OG financial position was good with approx. £25,000 in funds of which approximately £5,000 was designated funds.

A budget had been set for 2020/21 which assumed another Covid 19 year with no income. Heart of Bucks Foundation had approved a grant of £2,500 with matched funding for the acquisition of 35 British grown trees. £1,400 of match funding has been raised so far. No trees have been bought or planted as planning permission has not been granted. The planning permission for change of use of North Field was still in progress. It is anticipated approval shall be granted shortly.

Cllr Vale was thanked for unblocking the drainage pipe from OG and clearing the ditch near the cricket shed. A lot of water has come off the ground, and it is hoped this will improve its condition.

Cllr Reilly stated the Union flag will be taken down at OG and replaced by a NHS flag showing support from the residents of Cublington. The flag was kindly donated by Lucy Peck.

7. Planning Permissions

Agenda item 7.1 18/04085/APP

Lakeside Business Units A new entrance has been proposed opposite the entrance to The Dene. 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 20/04288/APP 12 Whitchurch Road Cublington Buckinghamshire LU7 0LP Single storey side extension with new rear garden storage and study room installation of new front first floor window. No objection.

7.5 CM/0066/20 Planning Application made under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to vary Condition 1 (Plans), Condition 2 (Operating Hours) and Condition 3

(Lorry Movements) of planning permission 08/20007/AWD at Lockharts Farm Recycling Facility, Wing Road, Cublington, LU6 0LB.

CPC had submitted its objection and had been in contact with Aston Abbots, Wing and Stewkley PCs. To date Wing and Stewkley has submitted objections to the application. There had been approximately 65 public comments objecting to the application. It was noted that the Highways Development Management Dept had lodged its comment recommending the application, and stated there should be no 'condition' concerning direction of traffic into and out of the site. This comment was very disappointing. It was suggested we contact Jean Coultas to see what further actions we could take. Every resident in Cublington was encouraged to lodge their comments especially the people living in the Walled Gardens and Reads Lane due to their proximity to the site.

10. Village Matters

Agenda item 8.1 Traffic Calming:

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. This project will be completed in 2021/22 year, and we are awaiting timings from Transport for Bucks.

Horse Signs and School sign.

Awaiting to hear from Bucks Council concerning the signs.

Agenda item 8.2 Street Lighting: No major issues.

Agenda item 8.3 Playground and maintenance

Initial work has been completed by Howard Gregory. Some trees need to be lopped and Cllr Vale will contact Steve Hayward

for a quotation (to include the tree at the Knob). The zip wire needs to be serviced Clerk to arrange.

Agenda item 8.4 Dog Waste Bin

A new bin had been installed at the alley way opposite the Knob.

Agenda item 8.5 New Councillor

No one had contacted the clerk concerning the vacancy for councillor.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 7.30pm venue to be advised. The Annual General Meeting will be held when appropriate .

Signed:

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