

**Minutes of a meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at Biggs Pavilion at 7.30pm**

Present:

Cllr H Vale (Chairman)  
Cllr M Reilly  
Cllr K Shults  
Cllr M Waters

Cllr A Bond (County) for item 4  
Cllr P Cooper (County) for item 4

In attendance: Mr M Joy (Clerk)

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Blamires and Cllr Antosiewicz

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were discussed by the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman.

**3. Declaration of Interest**

There were no Declaration of interests.

**4. Reports**

**County Councillors**

Cllr Waters raised the point that the latest report from the Planning Officer, and the Highways Dept, concerning Lockharts Planning Application CM/00066/20 had ignored Policy 17 of BMWLP: Sustainable Transport Proposals for minerals and waste development will require a Transport Assessment.

A cross party committee has been formed to address issues concerning the Ukraine Crisis. Bucks Council leader Cllr Tetts had issued an email setting out the council position that it stands ready to provide help and support to any families that arrive in the UK having been displaced by the conflict and The Disasters Emergency Committee website quotes:

***"The DEC has stressed that monetary donations are needed as opposed to specific items, which are often challenging to transport and not always***

***relevant***". To this end, for anyone wanting to help, we are encouraging them to contribute financially online to the Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal. This can purchase exactly what is required locally in Poland, Romania etc. and get it to where it is needed quickly.

Collections for Ukraine had been received at Vass Tech , Granborough , Sally Parrotts in Olney and Watermead over the weekend and sent to the Ukraine by artic lorry on Sunday evening.

**5. Accounts**

**5.1 To approve payments since last meeting**

The following invoices were passed for payment from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022:

10/1 Mainly Mowing £135 Playground repairs and grass cutting  
24/1 Swalec £110.21 – electricity  
26/1 Clerk Salary £154.46  
14/2 Impact Signs £36.65 – playground signs  
14/2 Reimbursed expenses M Joy £144 relating to planning costs Bucks Council  
25/2 Clerk Salary £154.46  
21/2 Swalec £91.82 – electricity

**5.2 To review accounts to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and forecast to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.**

Surplus for the period to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 was £2,061 and the forecast to 31 March 2022 showed a deficit of £3,399. This is after providing for legal costs of £2,500 and traffic calming project costs of £3,722 It is unlikely these two costs will be expended before 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**6. Orchard Ground/ North Field Report**

Updated quotations were being obtained for the resurfacing of the car park. The estimated cost is £17,000 and OG will apply for a grant from the local community board. An Omicron grant of £2,669 was

obtained from Bucks Council. North Field tree planting was progressing . Blossom circle planting is to take place at the weekend and all past members of OG have been invited together with people who had donated money or trees. All 'interest' parties who use OG will plant a tree.

## **6.1 Draft Lease Considerations/New Charity**

CPC needs to comply with Circular 06/03: Local Government Act 1972 general disposal of land for less than the best consideration that can be reasonably be obtained. M Joy explained that a formal valuation will need to be carried out on OG and North Field to ensure the that the difference between the unrestricted value and the consideration is £2,000,000 or less. M Joy will prepare a briefing note for the councillors setting out the legal position and requirements to comply with the above Act and to instruct an appropriate valuer.

## **7. Planning Permissions**

**7.1 19/04435/ACL** -Wing PC – Wing Caravan Site – application for certificate of lawfulness for existing caravan site. No change – case referred to Inspectorate.

**7.2 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 and additional amendment to conditions 4 (machinery)  
CPC made a further representation following the planning meeting in December. The reconvened North Bucks Planning Committee meeting is due to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> March .

## **7.3 21/002583/APP**

Ridings Cottage Ridings Way Cublington Buckinghamshire LU7 0LW Demolition of the existing cottage. Redevelopment of site with three detached dwellings and additional access to Ridings Way. Awaiting decision by planning office.

**7.4 22/00108/ALB** - Old Manor Farm Reads Lane Cublington Buckinghamshire LU7 0LE Listed building application for external and internal and conversion of swimming pool building into ancillary habitable accommodation to form a granny annex. Removal of garden machinery store and installation of air source heat pump, installation of electric car charging point within car port - No objection

**7.5 22/00110/ALB** - Old Manor Farm Reads Lane Cublington Buckinghamshire LU7 0LE Listed building application for Removal of internal stud partition walls, installation of family bathroom and secondary glazing - No objection

## **8. Village Matters**

### **8.1 Traffic**

The procedures concerning Speedwatch are quite onerous, and we are searching for available equipment to use. There are only two sites in the village suitable for the equipment – The Knob and the entrance to Cublington Growers. The clerk was asked to contact Bucks Council to collect the diversion signs at the Crossroads.

**8.2 Street Lighting:** Nothing to report. The light over the Give Way sign is still out of action and has been reported to Bucks Council – Fixmystreet. Clerk to chase again for replacement .

### **8.3 Playground and path**

The path from Silver Street to the playground has been completed funded by the Community Board.

Playground signs have been received and put up.

### **8.4 Trees and Pond**

The hay bales will be removed from the pond. There is a tree at the back of 10 Bell Close which is causing concern to the residents. The clerk had contacted Bucks Council which stated it was not BC's

responsibility. The tree is in 'no man's land'. Cllr Reilly will look at the tree to review its condition etc and Steve Hayward will be approached for a quotation for the necessary work.

#### **8.5 Thames Water works at Silver Street**

Following further delays from Thames Water the clerk had contacted the CEO to complain about the service received from the company. The CEO office had contacted the clerk and updated him on the recent blockages and the investigation work which had been promised months ago. The TW representative stated the recent blockages had been caused by sewer misuse i.e. wet wipes being put down toilets. There will be a full line clean jet through and camera review on 16<sup>th</sup> March and TW representative will call the clerk on 17<sup>th</sup> March with an update .

#### **8.6 Queen's Platinum Anniversary Celebrations**

CPC will organise a beacon which will be lit on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. This will be the start of the long weekend of celebrations.

The clerk had obtained a quotation for a commemorative mug based upon the design by Gary Brazier. The cost is £2.85 plus vat based on a volume of 200 - 300 mugs. It was agreed to gift one mug per household and order 200 mugs.

#### **8.7 Waste Bin**

It was agreed to look at the costings for a waste bin at the top of Whitchurch Hill by the layby .

#### **8.8 Best Kept Village Award**

It was agreed to enter this year's competition which is the first one since the Covid regulations had been relaxed.

There is a £250 budget allocation to planters brought forward from previous years . Cllr Reilly to organise.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council and annual general meeting will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 7.30pm at Orchard Ground.**

Signed:

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