

Minutes of a meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 10th May 2022 at Biggs Pavilion at 7.30pm

Present:

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

Cllr D Blamires (County) for item 4

In attendance: Mr M Joy (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllr Bond and Cllr Cooper

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 8th March 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

The Chairman thanked all the county councillors for their assistance with the planning applications at Lockharts. CPC felt the quality of reports relating to these applications issued by the Environment and Traffic Departments were deficient, and CPC will consider reporting its concerns to the appropriate person at Bucks Council.

The sewage pipes in Chapel Alley/Silver Street were discussed following Thames Water inspection of its pipes. The TW survey of the pipes concluded they were fit for purpose in normal circumstances.

Bucks Council is responsible for sewage pipes and environmental issues. TW has offered to assist in public education on what can and can't be put down the pipes.

The Chairman stated CPC has applied for Ridings Cottage to be 'listed'. There is a new Heritage Officer at Bucks Council and Cllr Blamires said she would contact the officer to inform her of the application and our concerns for the building. Community Boards are focussing more on events, and not just meetings, to embrace local organisations.

5. Accounts

5.1 To approve payments since last meeting

The following invoices were passed for payment from 1st March to 30th April 2022:

8/3 The Landscape Partnership £270 – design costs North Field
19/3 Swalec £91.8 -electricity
7/3 MW Jenkins Ltd £768 – new path
7/3 T Clubb Ltd £4,782 - new path
21/3 HMRC PAYE £115.80 – quarterly payment
21/3 Autela Payroll £50.40 – quarterly charge
21/3 Bucks Best Kept Village £25 – entry fee
25/3 Clerk Salary £154.46
28/3 DecTek £738 – commemorative mugs
31/3 M Reilly £138.76 – reimbursed expenses planters
21/4 Swalec £100.93 – electricity
28/4 Clerk salary £164.83

5.2 To review accounts to 31st March 2022.

There was a deficit of £83.76 to 31st March 2022 and accumulative cash balances of £18,609.95. There is committed expenditure of approx. £2,500 for legal fees to granting Orchard Ground charity a lease, traffic calming project of approx. of £3,800, and valuation fees of £1,700. The accumulative surplus is earmarked for traffic calming projects .

5.3 To approve the accounting statements by resolution

The meeting approved the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022.

6. Orchard Ground/ North Field Report

The planting of 1,750 trees on North Field had finished at the end of March. There have been 30 volunteers planting the trees. Groups from the village planted the blossom circle where 45 people were in attendance. Arnold Clark grant of £1,000 received and used for standpipes. A grant application has been made for benches. The latest quote for the car park resurfacing has increased to £23,500. Cllr Waters met the Community Board officer to discuss funding for the car park. The Community Board has less money for projects this year, and it was suggested we might get money from landfill funds. Miranda Gregory and Colin Antosiewicz will run children's games on Sunday 5th June. The Chairman thanked Cllr Waters for all his work on North Field, and it was a fantastic effort to plant all the trees from the time permission was granted by Bucks Council in December until the end of the tree planting period of 31st March 2022.

6.1 Draft Lease Considerations/New Charity

M Joy had circulated a briefing note setting out the legal position and requirements to comply with Circular 06/03: Local Government Act 1972 general disposal of land for less than the best consideration that can be obtained. We are awaiting a formal valuation from KirkbyDiamond to ensure the difference between the unrestricted value and the consideration is £2,000,000 or less. Once the valuation has been completed, we shall be able to proceed with finalising the lease with our solicitors.

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)
The North Bucks Planning Committee meeting refused the application on 9th March 2022.

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. CPC has applied for this property to be 'listed'.

7.4 22/00963/AGN – Walnuts 4 Aston Abbotts Road – erection of general-purpose agricultural building for storage of implements and winter food. CPC had commented on the application that there were inaccuracies in the agent's statement. Permission has been refused on the grounds that the application has failed to demonstrate the building is reasonably necessary for the purposes of agriculture.

8. Village Matters

8.1 Traffic

The local speed watch camera has been allocated to us for the next 6 months. We should receive the camera shortly. There were some lorry movements at Lockhart which might not be complying with the operating times.

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. Cllr Water suggested if several people report the fact on FixMyStreet it might get the work prioritised work.

8.3 Trees and Planters

The planters have been put in place by the village gates. Unfortunately, the one on Aston Abbotts Road has been stolen. Cllr Reilly has replaced it and put in a ground lock at his cost. He has cleared ivy from trees on the Stewkley Road. A quotation has been requested for the reduction of a tree at the back of 10 Bell Close. The tree is in a poor condition and diseased which is a potential threat to property and life. As reported in the minutes of 8th March this tree is in 'no man's land' and is not the responsibility of Bucks Council.

8.4 Thames Water works at Silver Street

A camera review of the pipes on 16th March did not reveal any issues. Thames Water stated the pipes are fit for purpose and in normal circumstances suitable. Bucks Council enforcement officer for Housing and Domestic continues to liaise with TW. County Councillors have been made aware of our issue and will see what they can do for the residents.

8.5 Queen's Platinum Anniversary Celebrations

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

Mugs have been bought to commemorate Platinum Jubilee.

Plans were discussed concerning the beacon and the clerk was asked to put a note in the Crier about timings and location, and Cllr Reilly offered to prepare a poster.

A donation has been received from Trisha Bundock in memory of her late husband Ian. Trisha would like some sort of flower display at the Crossroads, Bell Close and the Nob. Penny Allen and Trisha Bundock will let us know of their ideas for the displays.

8.6 Waste Bin

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

8.7 Defibrillator

An update course was recently run at Orchard Ground with about 15 people attending. There was a query raised about whether the machine had been regularly serviced. Orchard Ground has this matter covered.

8.8 Kerb Posts

The installation of posts on the kerbsides near New Dairy Farm has been reported to Bucks Council to have them removed. The Traffic Technician responsible for Cublington, Paul Foot, will contact the owner.

The next meeting of the Parish Council and annual general meeting will take place on Tuesday 12th July 2022 7.30pm at Orchard Ground.

Signed:

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