

**Minutes of a meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at Biggs Pavilion at 7.30pm**

Present:

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

Cllr A Bond (County) for item 4

In attendance: Mr M Joy (Clerk)

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Blamires

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 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 Bond reported he had spoken to the Bucks Council lawyer concerning the decision by the Inspectorate that S106 levy on the development at The Walnuts would not be applied ref APP/J0405/W/21/3285501. The levy would have been £24,000 and had been earmarked for various schemes. The council lawyer stated the Inspectorate was within their rights to make this decision. The meeting was extremely disappointed with the position, and it was agreed the PC would write to the leader of the council complaining about how this planning application had been dealt with by the Council.

The sewage pipes in Chapel Alley/Silver Street were discussed further to the decision of Bucks Council not to continue a dialogue with Thames Water after its

inspection of its pipes concluded the pipes were fit for purpose in normal circumstances. Cllr Blamires is trying to contact the new conservation council lady at Bucks Council. The meeting was unhappy with the situation and stressed Bucks Council must continue to bring Thames Water to account.

The local Community Boards continue to support Ukraine.

**5. Accounts**

**5.1 To approve payments since last meeting**

The following invoices were passed for payment from 1<sup>st</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022:  
4/5 KirkbyDiamond £1,440 – Insurance rebuilding costs  
8/5 Mainly Mowing £291.25  
11/5 Swarco £309 – annual maintenance costs speed sign  
13/5 Rospa Play Safety £100.80 – Playground audit  
21/5 Swalec £104.08 – electricity  
24/5/ Zurich Insurance £1,577.10 – annual charge  
25/5 Clerk salary £164.63  
25/5 Information Commissioner £40 – Data Protection annual fee  
20/6 Swalec £94.96 – electricity  
26/6 Clerk Salary £164.63  
26/6 HMRC Paye £123.40 – quarterly payment  
26/6 Mainly Mowing £225  
26/6 KirkbyDiamond £600 – valuation of Orchard Ground and North Field

**5.2 To review accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.**

There was a surplus of £2,148 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and the forecast to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 is a deficit of £2,996 with accumulative cash balances of £15,612.88. There is committed expenditure of approx. £2,750 for legal fees to granting Orchard Ground charity a lease, and traffic calming project of approx. of £3,800. The accumulative surplus is earmarked for traffic calming projects.

The clerk distributed details of a three-year contract renewal of electricity supply with SSE Swalec starting in August 2023 after the current contract terminates. The estimated figures show the prices almost doubling from £1,181 to £2,284. The current contract is producing substantial savings and to lock in for another 3 years would give us certainty of costs in an extremely volatile market. It was agreed to proceed with a new three contract from August 2023.

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

There have been three working groups clearing Ragwort and weeds from North Field in July . A standpipe has been installed and a hose trolley of 100metres has been acquired . Two grants are in progress for recycled plastic benches. The Art Group is preparing for an exhibition in September and there is a new group, Thai Chi , using OG, and bookings for parties are holding up.

A resident had expressed concern about the timing of mowing at OG . The meeting was only aware of one instance when preparation for the village fete involved a lot of work late into the evening.

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

A valuation of £875,000 has been given on Orchard Ground and North Field by professional valuers KirkbyDiamond LLP. This value means the proposed issue of a 99-year peppercorn lease with a charity complies with Circular 06/03: Local Government Act 1972 general disposal of land for less than the best consideration that can be obtained. Our solicitors are dealing with the finalisation of the lease .

## **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 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. English Heritage has refused the application for listing of the property.

**7.3 22/01610/COUAR** – Rockwell Reads Lane Cublington - Determination as to whether prior approval is required in respect of transport & highway impact, noise, contamination risk , flooding and locational considerations for the conversion of agricultural barn into 2 no dwelling house (Class Q(a) and in relation to design and external appearance of the building (Class Q (b) . – No objection .

## **8. Village Matters**

### **8.1 Traffic**

Cllr Shults reported there have been 12 sessions of Speedwatch volunteers monitored traffic passing through the village between 1<sup>st</sup> June and 12<sup>th</sup> July. There are currently 7 volunteers with 2 more people come on to the scheme. 39 vehicles were reported exceeding the speed limit and the maximum speed recorded was 53mph. Speed awareness signs to be acquired and located at the village gates. The meeting thanked Cllr Shults and the volunteers.

It has been noted there are a lot of lorry movements into and out of Red Brick Farm Recycling Unit at Dunton operated by Doherty, and the movements were starting as early as 6.00 am. There is a condition of planning the movements of vehicles can be between 7.00am and 5.00pm Mondays to Fridays and 8.00am to 1.00pm on Saturdays. CPC will contact the Enforcement Officer after consulting with Stewkley PC and County Councillor Gomm.

A resident had highlighted the fact that the Lakeside Business Units had not closed its illegal entrance and opened its new one, which it was supposed to do as a condition of planning by September 2021. The clerk will review the position, and if necessary, notify the Enforcement Officer.

### **8.2 Street Lighting:**

Nothing to report. The light over the Give Way sign has finally been repaired. Cllr Antosiewicz to review the cost of replacing the remaining mercury lights with LED lamps which may reduce our electricity usage .

### **8.3 Trees and Planters**

The planters have been put in place by the village gates and thanks was given to Caroline Lightfoot for supplying the Jubilee celebrations plants free of charge , and the families looking after the watering of the planters The Allens , Taylors, Joys, Waters, and Antosiewicz.

Cllrs Reilly and Vale met a representative of Bucks Housing Trust to discuss the 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. CPC made it clear the tree was the responsibility of the Trust , and the Trust has a duty of care to its tenants and property. We are awaiting a response from the Trust. The cost to take down the tree is approx. £1,000.

Cllr Reilly had suggested a lectern is erected at the crossroads showing the history of Cublington similar to the ones at Aston Abbots. The meeting felt this was a excellent suggestion , and the Clerk will contact the local technician to see what is involved concerning council procedures etc. Cllr Waters offered to look to see if any grants are available for the installation of the lectern.

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

This matter was covered in item 4 of the minutes.

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

The meeting felt the weekend went well and thanked all parties involved in the events. A letter of thanks from the Chairman has been sent to Brian Knight for making the proclamation and toasting the Queen. Various people had thanked the PC for staging the beacon and issuing the village with commemorative mugs.

### **8.6 Waste Bin**

The clerk to look at the costings for a waste bin at the top of Whitchurch Hill by the layby .

### **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 Local Technician at Bucks Council has contacted the owner.

### **8.9 Flooding**

There had been two instances of flooding on the High Street/Whitchurch Road and the top of Ridings Way. Both instances have been reported to the Local Technician, and we are awaiting his response.

The clerk will arrange a meeting with the Local Technician to review the state of the paths at Chapel Alley and Church Path.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council and will take place on Tuesday 13th September 2022 7.30pm at Orchard Ground.**

Signed:

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