

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

Present:

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

Cllrs D Blamires and A Bond (Bucks Council) for item 4

In attendance: Mr M Joy (Clerk)

**1. Apologies**

Cllr P Cooper

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were discussed by the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman. The meeting scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> September was cancelled due to the official mourning of Queen Elizabeth 2.

**3. Declaration of Interest**

Cllr Shults declared an interest in item 7.3 of the agenda.

**4. Reports**

**Bucks Council Councillors**

Cllr Bond explained an initiative by the Community Boards called Helping Hand to identify 'warm places' for people to use who are having difficulty in paying energy bills. Small grants were available to supply soup and bread in these warm places. Lockharts Farm was discussed and Cllr Blamires would be making a representation to the Inspectorate.

**5. Accounts**

**5.1 To approve payments since last meeting**

The following invoices were passed for payment from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022:

12/7 Autela Payroll £64.02 payroll services  
12/7 Reimbursed expenses M Joy Majestic Wine £161.82 Wine for Queen's jubilee celebrations  
21/7 Swalec £97.94 Electricity  
24/7 Reimbursed expenses Cllr Shults £63.77 Speed awareness signs  
26/7 Clerk Salary £164.63  
21/8 Swalec £100.93 Electricity  
25/8 Clerk Salary £164.63  
31/8 PKFLittlejohn LLP £240 Audit fee  
23/8 Autela Payroll £51.61 Payroll services  
26/9 Clerk salary £164.83  
23/9 HMRC £123.40 PAYE  
20/9 Reimbursed money to Tricia Bundock £150 bulbs for planting  
20/10 Mainly Mowing £327  
20/10 Forde & McHugh £621.38 Street light maintenance for the year  
25/10 Clerk Salary £164.63  
20/9 Swalec £100.03 - Electricity  
20/10 Swalec £104.08 - Electricity

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

There was a surplus of £6,183.09 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 and the forecast to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 is a deficit of £2,575.91 with accumulative cash balances of £16,033.04. 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 and street lighting .

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

The bookings for the Pavilion were back to pre Covid period . An application for a grant has been made to the Community Board for £7,000 relating to the cost of resurfacing the car park . The resurfacing will go ahead regardless of the grant being awarded. North Field working parties carried out maintenance work in September and October , and November and there will be

some further planting of trees from HS2 funding. Cllr Waters is investigating grants for storage and sit on mower for North Field.

## 6.1 Draft Lease Considerations/New Charity

The lawyers had issued a briefing note for the meeting concerning the lease and setting out the responsibilities of the Parish Council. The comments were noted but it was felt there was a basic misunderstanding by the lawyers on the rationale for issuing a 99 year lease and some of their interpretation of the Local Government Act 1972.

There is a requirement to advertise in the local press setting out the proposed transaction.

## 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. This planning application has been refused by Bucks Council..

### 7.3 22/02625/APP

Application of conversion of remaining roof void over garage and insertion of dormer window into roof slope Maple Cottage High Street Cublington – no objection

### 7.4 APP/P0430/W/22/3300155

Lockharts Farm Waste Recycling Facility – appeal by Bulk Transfer on their application to alter various conditions of their operation. A draft representation to the Inspectorate had been circulated before the meeting and approved for submission.

## 8. Village Matters

### 8.1 Traffic

Cllr Shults gave a summary of the speedwatch for the period 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022 to 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Volunteers have logged almost 80-hours of volunteering . The chairman thanked Cllr Shults for his organisation of Speedwatch and the volunteers who have assisted him in the checks.

Data from 9/6/2022 to 09/11/2022	
Count Speeders 30mph	230
% of All Records	100%
Max Speeder 30mph	57mph
Average Speeder 30mph	37mph
Count All Sessions 30mph	53
Avg Speeders per Session	4
Count Sessions with Passing 30mph	64
Vehicles Passing 30mph	7080
Avg Vehicles Passing per Session	110
Avg % Speeders/Session	3%
Session time at roadside	78.5Hours
Avg Offenders per hour	2.9
Vehicles without MOT	7
Vehicles without TAX	7
Vehicles on SORN	2
Police Actions taken if known	
Reported to Thames Valley Police	230

### 8.2 Street Lighting:

Cllr Antosiewicz had received an estimate of £7,000 to replace all our mercury lamps with LED which is between £300 and £350 per lamp. We already have some LED lamps so the actual cost to replace maybe less than £7,000. Cllr Antosiewicz will obtain a formal quotation before a decision is made. M Joy confirmed there were sufficient reserves for this expenditure.

### 8.3 Trees and Planters

Cllrs Reilly and Vale met a representative of Bucks Housing Trust to discuss the tree at the back of 10 Bell Close. The tree was in a poor condition and diseased which was a potential threat to property and life. CPC made it clear the tree was the

responsibility of the Trust , and the Trust had a duty of care to its tenants and property. The Trust confirmed its responsibility for the tree, and it has been taken down.

Cllr Reilly showed an outline of what would be on the proposed lectern at the crossroads showing the history of Cublington which had been sketched by Gary Brazier. Cllrs Reilly will issue more detail for the next meeting .

**8.4 Thames Water works at Silver Street**

M Joy had further contact with Thames Water and had suggested the company should have a maintenance programme for sewage pipes which keep blocking . The company did not consider the issue to be sufficiently serious enough to require such a programme. It's review of the pipes concluded the blockages were due to miss use but offered to carry out a leaflet drop and door to door calls. CPC has opted for a leaflet drop. The meeting felt there was nothing more it could do on this matter and M Joy was asked to produce a summary of all the work which has been carried out on this subject over the past 5 years.

**8.5 Kerb Posts and condition of Chapel Alley and Church Path**

Bucks Council legal department has contacted the resident who installed the kerb posts near New Dairy Farm to have the posts removed .

The local technician has reviewed the condition of Chapel Alley and Church Path. He is arranging for Church Path to be repaired where it has broken up.

**8.6 Meeting Dates**

This was not discussed at the meeting but the following meeting dates are proposed for 2023.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May and AGM

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November

All meetings to start at 7.30pm at Orchard Ground

**The next meeting of the Parish Council and will take place on Tuesday 10th January 2023 7.30pm at Orchard Ground.**

Signed:

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