

Minutes of a meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 12th January 2023 at Biggs Pavilion at 7.30pm

Present:

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

Cllrs A Bond and P Cooper (Bucks Council) for item 4 and item 7.5

In attendance: Mr M Joy (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllr D Blamires and Cllr M Reilly

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 8th 12th November 2022 were discussed by the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Declaration of Interest

There was no declaration of interests.

4. Reports

Bucks Council Councillors

Bucks Council has set its budget for 23/24 which shows a deficit of £10m which will result in a cut of services. BC is proposing a rise in the base rate of council tax of **2.99% from 1 April 2023**. It also has to fund huge adult social care costs and are acutely aware that relieving pressures in the social care sector will in turn help the NHS during a period of considerable demand. It means taking up the government's proposal for a social care precept of **2%**, meaning an overall rise in bills of **4.99%**. The Community Boards will be running their annual Community Awards to individuals who do a lot for their community. Nominations forms will be sent out shortly.

5. Accounts

5.1 To approve payments since last meeting

The following invoices were passed for payment from 1st November to 31st December 2022 :

21/11 Swalec £94.96 Electricity
19/12 Swalec £97.94 Electricity
25/11 Clerk Salary £164.63
13/12 Reimbursed expenses K Shults £60.12 LED lights for Chapel Alley and Church Lane
13/12 PAYE £123.60 3rd quarter payment
26/12 Clerk Salary £164.63

5.2 To review accounts to 31st March 2023.

There was a surplus of £5,478.18 to 31st December 2022 and the forecast to 31st March 2023 is a deficit of £2,212.82 with accumulative cash balances of £16,396.13. 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 .

5.3 Precept 2023/24

A forecast of income and expenditure for 2023/24 was presented to the meeting which showed a deficit of £3,344 after estimating an increase of £600 in the precept to £12,600. The forecast expenditure related to recurring expenditure plus the installation of LED lighting for all the streetlights. It was suggested and agreed the precept should increase by £600 to £12,600 (5% increase).

6. Orchard Ground/ North Field Report

Film night to come , recent Bingo evening and New Year's Eve gathering , bookings for December were good. Considering solar panels estimated cost £24,000 and looking for WREN grant of 90% , need to

check weight load of panels and requirement for new switch board. OG awarded £7,000 grant for maintenance of car park . Total cost likely to be £23,000 and work is likely to be carried out in 2 -3 weeks before Easter. M Joy to notify insurers and request to see contractors' insurance cover. £1,495 grant obtained from Tree Council to mark Queen Elizabeth 2 reign and life . Suggestion children to plant trees at an event hosted by OG and CPC along with clubs and groups which use OG – dates 11th or 18th March . Saturday 14th January marks 1 year since the start of tree planting and there will be a field walk and tea and cakes to mark the occasion. OG is applying for outline grant from Heart of England for storage facility and mower.

6.1 Draft Lease Considerations/New Charity

CPC responded to the legal advice received from the lawyers and a meeting needs to be arranged to discuss the lease. M Joy felt we should pursue a 7 year lease with an automatic renewal . A 99 year lease would deem to be a disposal of an asset and requires more consultation with the public and costly professional advice without a guarantee of being able to issue a 99 year 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 P0430/W/22/3300155 Lockharts Farm Waste Recycling Facility – case referred to Inspectorate – awaiting decision.

7.3 22/03927/App – Little Acre Ridings Way application for erection of detached garage – no objection

7.4 22/04245/Vrc Land Adj Walnuts 4 Aston Abbots Road – variation to conditions 1 – no objection .

7.5 Ridings Cottage

21/002583/APP

Planning permission for the demolition of this property was refused by Bucks Council. The owners removed all the roof tiles on Sunday 8th January and cleared the grounds to ease access to the site . There was concern that the property will be exposed to the elements which, if left , could cause significant damage to the structure. Enforcement Officers were notified and inspected the site on 9th January , and they will be contacting the owners to establish how they are going to protect the property from further damage. The whole site is of archaeological significance.

8. Village Matters

8.1 Traffic

Two new volunteers for speedwatch – Graham Dunn and Lucy Cluny . There is a new site for Speedwatch which is on Aston Abbots Road . Speedwatch is being carried out on regular basis.

8.2 Street Lighting:

One light is out on the High Street and will be changed with LED lighting. There is one light on all the time which will be dealt with.

Awaiting a formal quotation for replacement of all mercury lamps with LED.

It was agreed that LED lighting similar to Chapel Alley/Church Path should be bought for the playground .

8.3 Trees and Planters

No update as Cllr Reilly was not at the meeting .

8.4 Kerb Posts

With Bucks Council legal department concerning removal of kerb posts near New Dairy Farm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council and will take place on Tuesday 7th March 2023 7.30pm at Orchard Ground.

Signed:

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