

Minutes of a meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 7th March 2023 at Biggs Pavilion at 7.30pm

Present:

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

Cllrs D Blamires, A Bond and P Cooper (Bucks Council) for item 4 and item 8.1

In attendance: Mr M Joy (Clerk) and one member of the public

1. Apologies

None

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 12th January 2023 were discussed by the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Declaration of Interest

Cllr Reilly declared an interest on item 7.3.

4. Reports

Bucks Council Councillors

Bucks Council is investing £100 million over four years in its road network, to fund improvements to the highways.

There was an amendment to this budget to release an extra £5 million from its Reserves to allow the Highways teams to intensify and extend their repairs to the roads from April onwards. Consultations are taking place relating to cycle ways. Cllr Vale reported a problem with a culvert on the Bushmead Road that he had cleared out but it needed remedial action which Bucks Council had not completed. Cllrs Blamires and Cooper to raise with local technician team who they are meeting on Monday 13th March.

5. Accounts

5.1 To approve payments since last meeting

The following invoices were passed for payment from 1st January to 28th February 2023 :

2/1 Nexus £123 annual website hosting
2/1 Autela Payroll £52.31 quarterly payroll charge
19/1 Forde & McHugh £477.60 – replacement lamp
19/1/ Bucks Council £2,333 – traffic calming costs
26/1/ Clerk Salary £164.63 – January salary
23/1 SSE £107.05 – electricity
27/2 Bucks Council £347.26 – annual dog waste collection
27/2 Clerk Salary £164.63 – February salary
27/2 K Shults £50.46 – reimbursement for playground lights
20/2 SSE £94.96 – electricity

5.2 To review accounts to 31st March 2023.

There was a surplus of £1,563.28 to 28th February 2023 and the forecast to 31st March 2023 is a deficit of £2,827 with accumulative cash balances of £17,345.23. There is committed expenditure of approx. £2,750 for legal fees to granting Orchard Ground charity a lease. These fees will not be paid in March, but M Joy wanted to include them in the forecast to ensure the commitment is not overlooked.

6. Orchard Ground/ North Field Report

Cllr Vale was thanked for mowing the grass at North Field. The resurfacing of the car park has started and Cllr Walters and Colin Antosiewicz was liaising with the contractors. A grant for £7,000 has been awarded by the Community Board towards the costs of this work. All hirers of OG have been notified, together users of OG field, that the car park was closed etc.

Saturday 11th Match will be the day for planting trees to commemorate the life and reign of Queen Elizabeth II .It is hoped members from all the groups in the village will plant trees. Refreshments will be available from 9.30 to 12.30 . Three days left for the planting season.The meeting was very grateful to all the North Field volunteers for their hard work .

6.1 Draft Lease Considerations/New Charity

Parrott and Coales had been chased by phone and email to progress the lease. The lawyer dealing with the matter on behalf of the PC had left the practice in January. Nothing has been heard from the lawyers.

7. Planning Permissions

7.1 19/04435/ACL Wing Caravan Site – application for certificate of lawfulness for existing caravan site -. case referred to Inspectorate – awaiting decision on a complex case.

7.2 P0430/W/22/3300155 Lockharts Farm Waste Recycling Facility – case referred to Inspectorate – awaiting decision.

7.3 23/00278/App – The Granary Reads Lane – Conversion and extension of detached garage to provide a separate dwelling . Cllr Reilly did not take part in the discussion . No objection

7.4 23/00208/App – 1 The Cottages Stewkley Road – application for single storey rear extension and conversion/extension of outbuilding to form utility room . No objection

8. Village Matters

8.1 Freight Zone for Cublington and Wing

Cublington Councillors were keen to look at a freight zone for Cublington similar to the one introduced for Ivinghoe. The Ivinghoe freight zone is being highly promoted by Bucks Council . Cllrs Blamires and Cooper had slightly different views about a zone for Cublington . Cllr Blamires had spoken to Cllr Steve Broadbent, who is the Bucks

Cabinet member responsible for Transport, about a zone for Cublington. Cllr Broadbent had stated Cublington and the surrounding areas were too small for a zone.Cllr Blamires thought we should look at having road signs stating unsuitable for HGVs. Cllr Cooper stated he was nurturing an idea that would restrict HGVs movements. Bucks Council will be obtaining and analysing data on HGV traffic in our area as a result the Ivinghoe freight zone. The results of this work will be essential to review what could be done for Cublington and surrounding areas.

8.2 Traffic

Cllr Shults reported Speedwatch sessions continue , and there is a new location on Aston Abbotts Road. It was felt the speed of traffic through the village has reduced significantly as a result of Speedwatch. Cllr Shults and his team were thanked for their excellent work.

8.3 Street Lighting:

Awaiting a formal quotation for replacement of all mercury lamps with LED. Contractor has been chased for this quote.

8.4 Trees and lectern

Cllr Reilly had issued details of the wording for the lectern and design kindly prepared by Gary Brazier. The meeting was pleased with the contents, and Cllr Walters has applied for a grant of £750 from the Community Board towards our costs. It is hoped to have the lectern erected before the King's coronation and officially unveiled on the day of the coronation. Drinks etc to be served on the crossroads.

8.5 Kerb Posts

Bucks Council legal department is in the process of service notice on the landowner to remove the posts near New Dairy Farm.(Notice issued on 8th March).

8.6 Coronation

It was felt the unveiling of the lectern at the Crossroads on the day of the coronation would be sufficient to celebrate the coronation and in keeping with the King's desire to keep the event relatively low key.

8.7 Best Kept Village Competition

It was agreed to enter again this year.

The next meeting of the Parish Council and will take place on Tuesday 9th May 2023 7.30pm at Orchard Ground.

Signed:

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