

Minutes of a meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 3rd July 2023 at Biggs Pavilion at 7.30pm

Present:

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

Cllr D Blamires (Bucks Council) for item 4
Cllr A Bond (Bucks Council) for item 4
Cllr P Cooper (Bucks Council) for item 4

In attendance: Mr M Joy (Clerk)

1. Apologies

None

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 9th May 2023 were discussed by the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.

3. Declaration of Interest

Cllr Antosiewicz declared an interest concerning agenda item 7.3.

4. Reports

Bucks Council Councillors

The meeting went through the points requiring assistance from our county councillors.

1. The claim with Bucks Council concerning the gate and fence at Orchard Ground. The councillors will take this up with Steve Broadbent who is the Cabinet Member Bucks Council responsible for Transport.
2. It was felt the quality of resurfacing of the Stewkley Road was poor. The councillors explained rural roads do not have edgings, and this road resurfacing was experimental as it was made up of recycled material from replacement

surface. It was a mystery why the resurfacing was not started at the crossroads rather than the village gates. This will be taken up with the LAT managers and the urgency to repair the potholes between the village gates and the crossroads.

3. A pothole was repaired outside Orchard Ground entrance. It was the size of a laptop computer whilst there were numerous potholes at the entrance to Silver Street ignored. This will be taken up with the LAT managers. It was explained to the councillors that these potholes were getting worse and the lorries going to the Red Brick Recycling Centre at 6.15am created a lot of noise when the lorries are empty. It is causing a lot of disturbance for residents.
4. Repair work should have been completed on Church Path. This was first raised in July 2022. Councillors will raise with LAT managers.
5. The kerb posts have been taken out near New Dairy Farm to stop the encroachment of council land. However, this will cause an issue when Doherty lorries start parking again on this verge waiting for the Red Brick Recycling Centre to open at 7.00am. The Enforcement Officers do not seem interested in doing anything about this problem. It was put to the councillors that BC should consider building laybys for the lorries or the site should open early to allow the lorries to be off the roads/verges. Lorries are still coming through the village just after 6.00am. It was suggested the enforcement officer should ask to look at the tachograph records of these vehicles. It was pointed out this matter is outside of our authority as it sits within Stewkley parish. The councillors will speak to Cllr Gomm about the matter.
6. Roadworks near Acorn Farm took over a week. Why did this work take so long? It is highly probable this work was conducted by a utility company which the Council has

little control over as to when road closures and/or traffic control is conducted.

Lockharts

The appeal on the planning application was upheld by the Inspectorate with an award of costs to the applicant. We must monitor the site to ensure the conditions of planning are adhered to. Lorries are parked on the site which move at times that are not allowed in the planning conditions. The storage of lorries is under the control of The Highways Commissioners rather than the Council. We should review the position to see if rules are being contravened.

5. Accounts

5.1 To approve payments since last meeting

The following invoices were passed for payment from 1st May to 30th June 2023:

22/5 SSE £99.91 Electricity
5/6 Information Commissioner £40.00 data protection registration
5/6 PCD Home Inspectors £250.00 OG energy performance certificate
5/6 PlaySafely Ltd £106.80 playground audit
27/5 Clerk salary £180.58 May
19/6 SSE £103.06 electricity
19/6 M Joy expenses £59.50
19/6 Mainly Mowing £263.75 grass cutting etc.
26/6 Clerk salary £180.57 June

5.2 To review the accounting statements to 30th June 2023

There was a surplus of £2,890 for the period to 30th June 2023 with closing cash balances of £24,594. The forecast to 31st March 2024 is a deficit of £6,010 and cash reserves of £15,693. There were committed costs of legal fees estimated at £2,500 and £7,500 for the replacement of street lighting mercury lamps to LED.

6. Orchard Ground/ North Field Report

A grant application has been made to FCC Community Action Fund (formally Wren) for solar panels in the name of CPC on behalf of Orchard Ground for £23,500. A decision from FCC will be made by the end of August.

A meeting was held with the CEO of the Clare Foundation, a charity which offers support to community organisations. The CEO was impressed with the facilities of OG and North Field and offered a grant of £10,000 towards the costs of a new footpath around North Field.

The Tree Council has offered OG to make another application for £2,000 of trees. OG is looking at developing a website promoting all its facilities. Hemlock has been found near the allotments and has been taped off. It needs to be cut and the flowers taken off.

6.1 Draft Lease Considerations/New Charity

The clerk and Cllr Waters met with the lawyers to discuss the lease, and we are awaiting the final draft.

7. Planning Permissions

7.1 19/04435/ACL Wing Caravan Site – application for certificate of lawfulness for existing caravan site. The Inspectorate held an informal hearing last week – awaiting decision on a complex case.

7.2 P0430/W/22/3300155 Lockharts Farm Waste Recycling Facility – case referred to Inspectorate decided in favour of the applicant and awarded costs. Unfortunately, this means the recycling centre will start up again once the concrete wall has been rebuilt and improved.

7.3 23/01898/APP - 16 Ridings Way Cublington Buckinghamshire LU7 0LW Householder application for single storey rear extension and garage conversion – no objection

8. Village Matters

8.1 Traffic

Cllr Shults reported Speedwatch sessions continue and reported stats as below .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. The 30mph warning sign on Wing Road is not operating due to the overgrown hedges. Clerk to contact the owners.

8.2 Street Lighting

The LED replacement quotation was deficient in detail, so the contractor has been asked to come out and survey the existing lights to enable a comprehensive quotation.

8.3 Trees and lectern

The lectern has been installed and unveiled. A grant for the cost has been awarded by the Community Board. It was suggested lecterns should be installed in North Field setting out nature points of interest etc. It was noted there were hedges and trees that needed cutting throughout the village. The path from the Crossroads towards Chapel Alley was difficult to walk because of overgrown hedges. Mainly Mowing to be asked to cut back the hedges on the High Street. A complaint had been received concerning an overgrown garden in Silver Street. Clerk to contact the landlord of the property.

8.4 Playground Maintenance

The annual safety audit of the playground highlighted the need for the cableway to be dismantled and inspected. A quote for £600 from Wickstead for maintenance of the cableway has been received. The meeting approved this expenditure. A porthole is broken, and a replacement has been ordered. There were other minor deficiencies highlighted which will be looked at.

8.5 Waste Bins

The dog waste bin at the entrance to Orchard Ground is broken and a replacement has been ordered. The general waste bins locking system have

deteriorate over the years and Bucks Council has requested the bins are replaced with ones that have metal locks . Clerk to review.

The next meeting of the Parish Council and will take place on Tuesday 12th September 2023 7.30pm at Orchard Ground.

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