

**Minutes of a meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 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) and three members of the public

**1. Apologies**

None

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were discussed by the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.

**3. Declaration of Interest**

None .

**4. Reports**

The meeting was disappointed that the Enforcement Officer did not feel the recent work conducted at Ridings Cottage was in contravention of development regulations. No planning application has been lodged for the property.

Cllr Cooper reported Bucks Council has started its budgeting process for 2024/25. The income arising from council taxes is approx. £1.2billion and the Government has set an allowable increase in rates of no more than 5%. There will be pressure on expenditure which will affect services over the next few years. Expenditure will be prioritised. There will be less money available to local Community Boards.

Cllr Blamires reported Bucks Council has issued a housing strategy for public

consultation concerning affordable housing. The Council is very keen for public feedback. Cllr Bond reported that Bucks Council is now the fifth largest authority in the country by population.

**5.1 To approve payments since last meeting.**

The following invoices were passed for payment from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023:

21/9 SSE £201.43 Electricity  
22/9 HMRC £135.40 PAYE  
25/9 Parrott and Coales £618 legal fees relating to draft lease.  
29/9 Clerk Salary £180.57 September  
13/10 Mainly Mowing £180 mowing costs.  
13/10 Autela Payroll £54.58 process cost  
26/10 Clerk Salary £180.57 October  
23/10 PKF Littlejohn £252 – audit fee  
20/10 SSE £201.43 Electricity

**5.2 To review the accounting statements to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**

There was a surplus of £5,384.52 for the period to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 with closing cash balances of £27,087.27 . The forecast to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 is a deficit of £6,210.33 after replacement lighting estimated at £7,500. Estimated cash reserves were £15,492.42.

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

The grant application 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 was not successful.

The grant application to the Tree Council has got through the first stage of the process. The cricket club has secured a grant of £5,000 with the help of Cllr Waters from Heart of Bucks and £5,000 from the English Cricket Board for drainage of the ground which will cost £10,300. This will involve thirty metres of new piping. Cllr

Reilly set out a proposal to improve the entrance to Orchard Ground funded by the new cricket club sponsor, Quartz . Designs will be presented to OG and CPC.

## **6.1 New Charity, lease and New Lawyers**

Contact has been with individuals who had expressed an interest to be trustees of the new charity yet to be formed. An initial meeting to discuss the proposed new charity has been arranged. The new lawyers Kidd Rapinet had written setting out their services and costs to finalise the lease. The clerk has queried the amount of work involved.

## **7. Planning Permissions**

**7.1 23/03067/APP** New Dairy Farm Stewkley Road , Cublington LU7 0LS  
Erection of agricultural building with concrete apron. Two comments had been raised with the clerk concerning this application. Firstly, the size of barn proposed was not in keeping with the commercial venture and secondly there ought to be some commitment to investing in deer fencing prior to planning permission. The applicant was at the meeting and stated the barn was in line with business review by a consultant and needs to be of a size to store material and machinery for the venture, and they would be prepared to make commitments prior to planning permission. It was agreed CPC would make a neutral comment on the application and highlight the points as stated above.

## **8. Village Matters**

### **8.1 Traffic**

The wet weather over the past two months has restricted Speedwatch activities.

Two new recruits have joined the list of volunteers.

Stewkley Parish Council had been contacted about the number of lorry movements into and out of Red Brick Farm and they were going to pass on our concerns to the Enforcement Officer dealing with this recycling centre.

## **8.2 Street Lighting**

A quotation has been received with the existing contractor for approx. £7,500 – clerk to approach a couple of other suppliers for quotations. One light has been reported not working .Cllr Antosiewicz to contact our contractor for replacement.

## **8.3 Trees and hedges**

Thanks was given to homeowners who had cut back hedges since our last meeting which has assisted road users . An article setting out residents' responsibilities will be published in the Crier.

## **8.4 Playground Maintenance**

Awaiting quotation for maintenance work.

## **8.5 Local Area Technician**

The clerk to meet with LAT for update on schedule of works and other matters.

## **8.6 Waste Bins**

The broken poo bin at OG has been replaced but the new one is located on the Stewkley Road. A request was received asking for the bin to be in its original position. Clerk to contact Bucks council. Two general waste bins are broken. Clerk to get quotations for two new bins.

## **8.7 Best Kept Village and Community Award**

Cublington won the community award and was runner up in the best kept village award. There was a formal presentation before the start of the meeting where Cllr Reilly accepted the Best Kept Village Award and Cllr Waters accepted the community award on behalf of the parish council to reflect their hard work in these areas.

**8.8 Dates of meetings for 2024**

This was not discussed at the meeting, but the following meeting dates are proposed for 2024.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024 and AGM

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**The next meeting of the Parish Council and will take place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 7.30pm at Orchard Ground.**

Signed:

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