

**Minutes of a meeting of Cublington
Parish Council held on 9th January 2024
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 14th November 2023 were discussed by the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.

3. Declaration of Interest

None .

4. Reports

Cllr Bond informed the meeting the local community board has a new manager called Michelle Parker who will be contacting us. Streetlighting is not being funded by Bucks Council due to the payback period. Cllr Blamires explained there would be no funding from Central Government for the forthcoming budget, there will be shortened hours at Waste Centres , parking charges will increase , minor road repairs would be given low priority ,and there will be less money for community boards. There may be some funds for community boards from Thames Valley Police. Cllr Cooper told the meeting that Bucks Council will set its budget in February at Full Council . Government has restricted increases to 5% . Bucks Council will increase its budget by 4.99% made up of 2.99% increase in Council Tax and 2%

in Adult Social Care . Local Councils are having to pick up the shortfall of National Government .Non statutory services will take the hit, but Bucks Council will try and raise revenue to cover the shortfalls. There will be substantial cuts in 2024/25 and 2025/26. All the councillors stressed this was a national problem . The Council's expenditure is £500m and the cuts will be 20% of which 60% will come from services. The Unitary exercise of reducing five councils to one has saved money . The Amersham office is to be sold , South Bucks lease is terminating shortly and there is the tower block in Aylesbury to be sorted.

Sewage Pipes – agenda item 8.6 . Clerk had produced a summary of all contact with Thames Water , Environment Agency and Bucks Council since 2018. Blockages seem to happen every 18mths. Bucks Council Environmental Health have tried to help us but felt could not assist us anymore. Meeting felt this was a matter for Bucks Council. Cllrs Blamires has suggested we involve our local MP with the issue. Clerk to write to Councillors with background information to be forwarded to Greg Smith. It was suggested we get as many residents as possible to write to TW/MP or a petition that would strengthen our argument with TW. The Clerk was asked to draft an article for the Crier explaining the position. Bucks Councillors felt a lot of the local villages had similar issues to ours, and Cllr Cooper offered to bring this matter to the attention of the Environment Scrutiny Committee.

Caravan Park

The applicant had appealed to the High Court to have the decision overruled . Applicant was successful in his appeal and the Inspectorate now must reconsider its decision. This is a highly unusual situation. No further representation required –it is a review of process and decision. No timescales given.

5.1 To approve payments since last meeting.

The following invoices were passed for payment from 1st November to 31st December 2023:

26/11 Clerk Salary £180.57 November
1/12 Bucks Council £347.52 replacement dog waste bin
2/1 Mainly Mowing £71.25 mowing and strimming costs.
26/12 Clerk Salary £180.77 December
2/1 Nexus Data £123.00 website cost for year.
31/12 PAYE £135.40 Qtr. charge
6/12 SSE £188.41 Electricity charge

5.2 To review the accounting statements to 31st December 2023

There was a surplus of £4,235.92 for the period to 31st December 2023 with closing cash balances of £25,938.67. The forecast to 31st March 2024 is a deficit of £5,705.08 after replacement lighting estimated at £7,500. Estimated cash reserves were £15,997.67.

5.3 Precept calculation 2024/25

A forecast of income and expenditure for 2024/25 was presented to the meeting which showed a surplus of £1,150 after estimating an increase of £630 in the precept to £13,230. It was agreed the precept should increase by £630 to £13,230 (5% increase).

6. Orchard Ground/ North Field Report

Cllr Waters met two people from Slapton Memorial Hall to show them the facilities at OG, and to discuss potential grant applications for their hall. There was a planting day on 6th January with trees bought with the £2,400 grant from the Tree Council, and a community planting day arranged for 13th January. Electricity contract finishes in February.

6.1 New Charity, lease and New Lawyers

Contact has been made 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.

7. Planning Permissions

7.1 23/03067/APP New Dairy Farm Stewkley Road, Cublington LU7 0LS
Erection of agricultural building with concrete apron. No objection but neutral comment to Planners that building appeared larger than required for the commercial operation, and an advance investment in the proposed venture would be advisable before planning granted.

7.2 21/00082/NONDET | Application for Certificate of lawfulness for existing use in order to confirm that eight residential plots, vehicle plot, work area, an amenity block and additional landscaping subject to conditions 2, 5 10 and 16 of planning permission reference 07/01648/ACC at Wing Caravan Park is lawful and only enures for the benefit of Aylesbury Vale District Council. | Wing Caravan Site Wing Road Wing Buckinghamshire LU7 0LB. Covered under 4 of the minutes.

8. Village Matters

8.1 Traffic

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

8.2 Street Lighting

Two quotations were received for the upgrading to LED lighting which were similar in cost. However, one contractor requested a site visit costing £650. It was decided to accept the quote of our existing supplier for £7,820. Clerk to deal with.

8.3 Trees and hedges

No matters.

8.4 Playground Maintenance

Clerk to arrange a site meeting with a contractor to discuss work and to obtain a quotation for maintenance work.

8.5 Moving 30 mph sign on Wing Road

A site meeting was held with our Local Area Technician (LAT) and a request was made to him to start a process of extending out the 30mph limit on Wing Road.

8.6 Sewage Pipes – Silver Street

Matter was discussed under Section 4 of the meeting.

8.7 Dog Waste Bin

The replacement bin has been moved to within Orchard Ground from Stewkley Road. Thanks to Tom Gadsby and Colin Antosiewicz for completing this task.

The next meeting of the Parish Council and will take place on Tuesday 12th March 2024 7.30pm at Orchard Ground.

Signed:

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