

Minutes of a meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 12th March 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 A Bond (Bucks Council) for item 4
Cllr P Cooper (Bucks Council) for item 4

In attendance: Mr M Joy (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllr D Blamires

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 9th January 2024 were discussed by the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.

3. Declaration of Interest

None .

4. Reports

Cllr Bond informed the meeting Bucks Council has agreed its Budget for the forthcoming year. Cllr Cooper spoke about the traffic lights on A418. Traffic lights will be at Rowsham for 6 weeks. Various utility companies had set up lights at the same time which has resulted in the Council issuing fines. There will be traffic management of the lights rather than an automatic system . The link road from Kingsbrook to A41 has not been funded by the developer which will delay the link. Bucks Council is hoping to get the funding, but it will not happen for at least a year. Signs have been put up at A418 stating the roads to Wingrave and Aston Abbots are not suitable for HGV traffic. Cllrs Shults and Waters stated there has been a significant increase in traffic movement through the village including HGVs. The clerk said there

were matters outstanding with the LAT which did not appear to be a priority for Buck Council. Cllrs Bond and Cooper asked the clerk to send through the list of matters so they can raise them at their LAT meetings.

5.1 To approve payments since last meeting.

The following invoices were passed for payment from 1st January to 29th February 2024:

9/1 Autela Payroll £54.58 quarterly charge
19/1 SSE £194.90 Electricity
29/1 Clerk Salary £180.57 January
29/1 Forde and McHugh £192 Light repair
5/2 Mainly Mowing £166.88 clearing fallen tree at the playground.
17/2 SSE £201.41 Electricity
24/2 Clerk Salary £180.57 February

5.2 To review the accounting statements to 29th February 2024

There was a surplus of £3,245.58 for the period to 29th February 2024 and closing cash balances of £24,948.33. The forecast to 31st March 2024 is a deficit of £6,874.19 with closing cash balances of £14,828.56. The major expenditure was replacement LED lighting of £7,820.

6. Orchard Ground/ North Field Report

100 club tickets are being sold ,and there has been an increase in price from £12 to £15 with a corresponding increase in prize money. This is the first increase in ticket price for over twenty years and will generate income of £2,200. The litter pick was well attended and thanks to Bob Paine for organising it . The pavilion continues to be well used , and there will be a 'deep' clean of the floor this month. A grant application has been made for an access path to the playground and path over the gravel to the pavilion. A grant application is being explored for solar panels. North Field - there has been two planting days for the Tree Council trees and four maintenance

days. Two more benches have been donated – one from Bridgette Eadie in memory of her parents Di and John Eadie , and one to commemorate 60th wedding anniversary of Freddie and David Bradbury. New signage had been approved by OG which will be passed to CPC for its approval.

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. Several meetings had been held which had raised several points on the draft lease. Cllr Waters and Clerk to review the points. CPC will have a nominated trustee on the charity.

7. Planning Permissions

7.1 24/00317/APP - The Old Rectory High Street Cublington Buckinghamshire LU7 0LQ Householder application for demolition of potting shed and erection of shed and summer house – no objection.

8. Village Matters

8.1 Traffic

The wet weather over the past two months has restricted Speedwatch activities. There have been two new recruits to the scheme.

8.2 Street Lighting

All the lights have been converted to LED. There had requests for an improvement in the lighting from the Unicorn to Ridings Way. Estimates to be obtain for the new lighting and for the location of the new lights.

8.3 Trees and hedges

It was noted there had been significant tree felling work in Reads Lane which is in the conservation area of the village. Clerk to contact Enforcement and Forestry Commission to ensure proper application and licences had been obtained for this work.

8.4 Playground Maintenance

Maintenance is being carried out , and it is hoped it will be completed by 31st March .

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 Waste Bins

A new bin was suggested for the top of Whitchurch Hill . Clerk to obtain a quotation for installation.

8.7 Kissing Gates rRipple

We had been approached by Ramblers Repairing and Improving Public Paths for Leisure and Exercise to see if we would like to contribute £500 towards the installation of two kissing gates. There is no legal requirement for this contribution. In view of our estimated deficit of £6,874 for the year it was not felt appropriate to make a contribution .

The next meeting of the Parish Council and AGM will take place on Tuesday 21st May 2024 7.30pm at Orchard Ground.

Signed:

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