

## **Minutes of a meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at the Biggs Pavilion at 7.30pm**

Present:

Cllr G Antosiewicz (Chair)

Cllr H Vale

Cllr M Reilly

Cllr M Waters

Cllr Shults

Cllr Kathy Gibbon (Bucks Unitary Councillor)

In attendance: Ms A Head (Clerk) and two members of the public.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Alison Head as Clerk, and also by sincerely thanking Mike Joy for all he has done to support the Parish Council during his time as Clerk.

### **1. Apologies**

None

### **2. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025 were discussed by the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.

### **3. Declarations of Interest**

None

### **4. Reports**

Government funding to Bucks is to be cut by £44m, leading to increases in council tax of 5% over the next 5 years to maintain services. Proposed measures include a "lane rental" scheme for roadworks to increase income, Council Tax reduction scheme to support those on low incomes. A "Skills Boot Camp" programme is being introduced, open to anyone to attend to enhance their employability.

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

The following invoices were passed for payment from 1<sup>st</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025:

27-Nov-25 Autela Payroll £102.00 - Payroll services

27-Nov-25 PAYE £53.00 – PAYE

27-Nov-25 Clerk Salary £211.55 - Nov salary

1-Dec-25 Mainly Mowing £125.00 - Grass cutting

8-Dec-25 BMKALC £35.00 Training for new clerks – finance

24-Dec-25 Clerk Salary £230.49 - Dec salary

24-Dec-25 PAYE £57.60 - PAYE

#### **5.2 To consider the accounting statement to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

The clerk presented the accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 and the forecast for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026. There was a deficit of -£425.72 for the period to 31<sup>st</sup> December, and the cash balance was £20,926.77. It was noted that the deficit is largely due to disputed charges from SSE for electricity supply, for which we will be credited next year.

A deficit is forecast to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 of £-6921.99. This deficit reflects further expenditure on traffic calming measures proposed in the feasibility study. The estimated cash balance on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 is £14,430.50.

#### **5.3 To approve the precept application for 2026.**

A forecast of income and expenditure for 2026/27 was presented to the meeting which included a further £4000 to fund traffic calming measures. The Council unanimously agreed that the precept should increase by £1,445 to £16,000 (9.93% increase). This represents an increase of 1.7% per household.

#### **6.1 Orchard Ground/ North Field Report**

The visits by various food vendors to Orchard Ground for events in the Biggs Pavilion have been very well supported. The committee are looking into an improved online booking system similar to that used by the Village Hall.

Work continues on the North Field, with further tree planting in the nursery area. Funding is being sought to establish a pond in the bottom corner where drainage is

suitable. The donation of wood chips from hedge cutting around the village are greatly appreciated, and many thanks to Kaiden Gregory, whose collection of Christmas trees around the village has added to the supply.

### **6.1 New charity and Lease**

The draft lease with Cublington Orchard Ground Association is now ready to go to the solicitors for checking. We have still to finalise The Memorandum of Understanding with the Cricket Club has still to be finalised,

## **7. Planning Permissions**

**7.1 PL/25/6106/KA(4/12/2025)** Application type: Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area. Location: Holly Bush Barn, Wing Road, Cublington LU7 0LF

**PL/25/6075/KA(11/12/2025)** Application type: Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area Location: Manor Farm House, Ridings Way, Cublington LU7 0LW

**PL/25/6062 (14/12/2025)** Application type: Full Planning Permission Removal of existing extension and rebuild single storey rear and side extension Location: Orchard Ground Farm, Silver Street, Cublington LU7 0LJ

**PL/25/5277/FA (16/12/2025)** Application Type: Full Planning Permission. Single storey rear extension, dormer loft conversion and front porch Location: 2 Silver Street, Cublington LU7 0LJ

There were no objections to the above applications.

**Reference: PR202512-376533 (19/12/2025)** Application Type: Premises Licence Location: The Unicorn PH, High Street, Cublington LU7 0LQ

The application for renewal of the Unicorn's licence is wholeheartedly welcomed by the Council, and it is also supported by the Save the Unicorn campaign group. It was noted that the renewal of the Unicorn's status as Community Asset will be in place by June.

## **8. Village Matters**

### **8.1 Traffic calming : Feasibility study and 20mph traffic signs**

The feasibility study into possible traffic calming measures commissioned by the PC was discussed. It was noted the costs are estimated at £5k to £50k, to be met by the Parish Council through current funds available and future precept. It was agreed that the recommendations would be placed in The Crier together with estimated costs and comments invited.

It was noted that Buckinghamshire Council did not support a policy of 20 mph zones in rural areas. It was understood that the policy had been agreed some 12 years earlier. Cllr Kathy Gibbon agreed to provide contact details for officers in the Highways Department so that the Parish Council could make enquiries as to whether there was any likelihood of the policy being reviewed, particularly in the light of policies in neighbouring authorities and the sevenfold increase in traffic which the recent survey had revealed.

Depending on the outcome of enquiries, consideration would be given to raising an ePetition, in collaboration with other Parishes, requesting a change in policy.

The "20's Plenty" signs had been ordered. It was noted that we have been advised of restrictions as to where they could be placed. It was agreed that an article would be placed in The Crier with advice on location, and residents with suitable sites to display signs invited to contact the Parish Council.

### **8.2 War Memorial**

There was no progress to report on this occasion.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.**