## MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023 AT 7PM IN THE PAVILION



#### 126/23 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Present - Cllr A Hollett in the Chair, Cllr D Finch, Cllr K Oastler, Cllr T Daly and Cllr C Fee as the Clerk

Cllr Derek Town – Buckinghamshire Council Cllr Chris Poll - Buckinghamshire Council 1 Member of the Public was in attendance

#### Apologies:-

Roz Roberts, Clerk – Annual Leave Cllr Bevan – Holiday Cllr Richards – Tennis Match Cllr Brazier – Mentmore PC Meeting

#### **127/23 PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no public forum.

#### 128/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 129/23 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council's Monthly meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were approved and signed by the acting Chair.

## 130/23 TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLORS CIIr Poli

Cllr Poll advised that here had been a consultation on the current Buckinghamshire budget. Money was tight. Cllr Poll had been in discussion with Cllr Brazier regarding the potholes. Cllr Brazier had driven around the local roads with the Head of Buckinghamshire Highways and the local Cabinet Member. It was agreed that the road situation was a lot worse than thought.

#### Cllr D Town

Cllr Town had emailed the monthly Members report to the Clerk.

Cllr Fee to ask Clerk to contact Cllr Brazier to see if there had been any update regarding the straw movements through the village and if anything could be done about requesting that the straw must be covered.

#### 131/23 CLERK'S UPDATE PROVIDED BY CLLR FEE

**Football Pitch, Cheddington recreation Ground** – Football Foundation Grant Application has been completed. Clerk to prepare the required Service Level Agreement with Cheddington Football Club which was now affiliated with the Football Association.

**Toilet at Pavilion** – Clerk and Cllr Fee had met with Hugo Hardy (Pavilion architect) to discuss the addition of an outside accessible toilet facility. Mr Hardy had forwarded his fee proposal which was similar to those already received. It was agreed to proceed with Mr Hardy's proposal.

Community Board Micro Grant Application update for 2 x Benches at the Recreation Ground – The community Board had now changed its application criteria and it was decided to withdraw the application.

**Potential future project - MUGA at Recreation Ground** – Clerk had met with Darran Williamson from Wicksteed to discuss. Mr Williamson would quote for a for a 5 aside sized MUGA. Cllr Daly

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pointed out that the PC had been approached by only one resident for a MUGA. Should the PC go to the village to gauge thoughts. This project would be further discussed at the next meeting. **Handyman** – It was noted that Lucy Lawson had now started the 'handyfolk' job share with Keith Malcolm.

**Allotments Update** – Mel Stevens, the Warden had retired and handed over the latest files to the Clerk. Mr Stevens' recommendation was not to introduce the 50p suggested increase but to increase allotment rents in line with previous increases. This will take effect in October 2024, but Clerk to advise in the October 23 invoices as required.

**Village Litter Bins** – Garry Campbell, Vision Build advised that he hoped to start works on 9<sup>th</sup> October.

**Bowls Club** – To note that the bowls club grass cutting contractor had parked on the block paved patio outside the Pavilion on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

#### 132/23 CORRESPONDENCE, CONSULTATIONS AND CIRCULARS

**27.09.23 - Ryan Lloyd, Arboriculture Officer** - Planning, Growth & Sustainability Directorate, Buckinghamshire Council - re. Church Path - Advice (TPO trees) - Overhanging tree branches were becoming dangerous. It was agreed that the Clerk complete the application to get the overhanging TPO branches pruned back.

**02.10.23 - Gemma Curran (parent), Resident** – email - Request for funds for Year 6 leavers party – It was agreed that public money could not be spent on a private party.

**02.10.23 - Carol Lister**, **Resident** – email - Cheddington Pre-School closure – It was noted that this was indeed a loss to the village, but it was hoped someone would take it over.

**02.10.23 - Hugo Hardy** – email - Cheddington Pavilion - Outside Toilet – It was agreed to proceed with Hugo Hardy's Fee Proposal in the sum of £3000.

**03.10.23 - Darryl Bonsor** – email re. works at Orchard Manor – Clerk to ask for an explanation of what repairs still need to be done and what have been agreed with the developer. Request a team meeting again. Issue re. pond, trees around pond, ruts in verge, bollards, hole in crossing and signage at zebra crossing.

#### 133/23 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS/MEETINGS ATTENDED

No meetings had been attended.

#### 134/23 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- **a)** The October 2023 payments, in accordance with the financial report, were checked and signed off prior to the meeting by Cllr Fee and countersigned after the meeting by Cllr Bevan.
- b) The Parish Council's Year 23/24 annual contributions as per the budget were agreed: -

Village Hall – £2000 capital contribution

Giles Church – £750 churchyard and £40 lighting costs

Cheddington Methodist Church – £40 lighting cost

School Caretaker IRO Clock Winding – £60

- c) The quote from B & C Landscaping in the sum of £570 plus VAT to clear the overgrown vegetation behind the Pavilion was agreed. Clerk to contact and confirm.
- **d)** The Insurance Premium for 23-24 had been agreed prior to the meeting. It was noted but the Council that the Clerk had made a payment of £3,543.53 on the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023

#### 135/23 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications Received via Buckinghamshire Council: -

No applications had been received.

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**Determinations by Buckinghamshire Council: -**

Ref. No: 23/02268/APP - 9 Church Lane Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0RU -

Householder application for facade alterations – Approved 20.09.23

Ref. No: 23/02094/APP – 20 Mentmore Road Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0SD - Householder application for side and front extensions and loft conversion and dormer window - Approved 04.09.23

Ref. No: 23/02048/APP - 18 Leeches Way Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0SJ -

Householder application for single storey rear extension - Approved 20.09.23

**Ref. No: 23/01794/APP - 3 Town Farm Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0TT -** Householder application for erection of front porch, two storey rear extension, erection of annexe building and swimming pool - Withdrawn/Not Proceeded With.

### Other Planning Matters: -

#### Government Changes to National Planning Policy

Parish Councils have been informed by Buckinghamshire Council that its 5-year supply of deliverable housing sites has dipped below 5 years, now at 4.5 years. The reasons were explained. But as a consequence of this Councils, when determining speculative applications, may find it necessary to approve some of these applications where they otherwise would have been refused, or some sites might be approved on Appeal. This Council is not the only one affected, it is happening all over the Country. The Government is planning to introduce changes to national policy which will remove the need to demonstrate a 5-year supply of housing where the Council has an up-to-date Local Plan. It is hoped that these changes will be made later this year or early next year. Cllr Poll thought that this area was relatively safe as there are Local Plans in place and Greenbelt areas. This village is also in the "Chilterns Beechwood Special Area of Conservation" where developments have to show suitable alternative greenspace. However, Cllr Poll appreciated the Parish Council's concern and will talk to planning officers.

#### 136/23 REPORT ON ANY URGENT MATTERS

- a) Tennis Club request to plant hedges around the top tennis court to protect from winds. Cllr Fee would arrange to meet with Tennis Club on site to discuss.
- b) Grit bin at bottom of Church Hill. Clerk to contact Local Area Technician for information on how to get one installed ASAP.

### 137/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023.

The meeting finished at 8.27pm.

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#### FINANCIAL APPENDIX

#### MONTH 7

#### AS AT 02/10/2023

VCHR	DATE	PAYMENTS - CURRENT ACCOUNT	NE	т	VA	ıτ	TO	DTAL	IN	VILION COME TO
	'	DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS DEBITED								
DD128	19/09/2023	N Power - Street Lights 01.08.23-31.08.23	£	800.24	£	160.05	£	960.29		
DD129	21/09/2023	BT re. wifi - Pavilon September 23	£	36.71	£	7.34	£	44.05		
DD130		Epson - Printer Subscription 18.09-17.10.23	£	10.00	£	1.99	£	11.99		
DD131		Bank Charges to 31 August 2023	£	6.60		-	£	6.60		
DD132		02 - Clerk's Mobile 13.09.23-12.10.23	£	13.10		2.62	£	15.72		
DD133		Nest - Clerk Pension September 23	£	115.84	_	-	£	115.84		
DD134	02/10/2023		£	14.60	_	-	£	14.60		
		TOTAL DDs Made	£	997.09	£	172.00	£	1,169.09		
		DD PAYMENTS TO BE MADE								
		TOTAL DDs To Be Made/Clear	£	-	£	-	£	-		
		ONLINE PAYMENTS MADE								
OL135 i	11/09/2023	Wicksteed Inv 0000822078 (£165,506.89)	£	20,000.00	£	4,000.00	£	24,000.00		
OL135 ii	12/09/2023	Wicksteed Inv 0000822078 (£165,506.89)	£				£	24,000.00		
OL136	12/09/2023	Garry Campbell - Vision Build - Allotments Gate	£	420.00			£			
OL135 iii		Wicksteed Inv 0000822078 (£165,506.89)						24,000.00		
OL135 iv		Wicksteed Inv 0000822078 (£165,506.89)						24,000.00		
OL135 v		Wicksteed Inv 0000822078 (£165,506.89)			_		-	24,000.00		
OL135 vi		Wicksteed Inv 0000822078 (£165,506.89)						15,168.96		
OL137 OL135vii		Arthur J Gallagher Ref 526824554 Insurance Renewal 23-24 Wicksteed Inv 0000822078 (£165,506.89)	£	3,543.53	_	2 520 16	£	3,543.53 15,168.96		
OL135VII		Wicksteed Inv 0000822078 (£165,506.89)						15,168.96		
OL133VIII OL138		RPL Construction IN772	£	305.00		61.00		366.00		
OL139		E R Roberts - Expenses September 23	£	34.21		6.84	_	41.05		
OL140		E R Roberts - Salary September 23	£	1,394.68		-	£			
OL141		HMRC (06.09-05.10.23)	£	317.80		-	£	317.80		
OL142	25/09/2025	E R Roberts - Weed Killer/Flash Liquid/Dish brushes	£	26.35	£	10.26	£	36.61		
OL143		Alan Hollett - Pavilion Bench Install - padlocks/plates	£	30.75	£	6.15	£	36.90		
OL144	29/09/2023	Glasdon UK Limited Ref 871301 - Bins	£	2,977.10	£	595.42	£	3,572.52		
OL145	02/10/2023	Simon Barrow Inv SB0295 September 23	£	2,283.33	-		-			
		TOTAL OL Payments Made	£	149,255.15	£	28,720.82	£	177,975.97		
	T	ONLINE PAYMENTS TO BE MADE	-							
OL146		Keith Malcolm Inv no.015	£	561.40		2.83				
OL147		Lucy Lawson Inv no. 001	£	116.73	_	3.00	_			
OL148 OL149	09/10/2023	Lamps & Tubes Inv 71302 Euro Office Inv 4436182	£	203.20 51.85		40.64 10.37		243.84 62.22		
OL149	09/10/2023	TOTAL OL Payments To Be Made	£	933.18		56.84	_	990.02		
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		CURRENT ACCOUNT - Community								
R44	06/09/2023	Julie Campbell Inv 2023/172	£	229.17	£	45.83	£	275.00	£	275.00
R45		Sally Anne Butcher Wignall (Butcher) Inv 2023/171	£	208.33		41.67	£			250.00
R46	08/09/2023	Cheddington Tennis Club Inv 2023/170&173	£	324.95	£	64.99	£	389.94	£	389.94
R47		Cheddington Petanque Club Inv 2023/174	£	21.66		4.34				26.00
R48		Barbra Anne Jolly Inv 2023/175	£	41.67		8.33				50.00
R49		Marion Roase Inv 2023/176	£	51.67		10.33				62.00
R50		Buckinghamshire Council - Precept 23/24		56,500.00		- 0.00		56,500.00		40.50
R51		Cheddington Scouts/Naomi O'Neill Inv No 2023/178 Meri Powell 2023/177	£	10.42 31.25		2.08	_			12.50 37.50
R52 R54	25/09/2023		£	31.25		6.25 6.25				37.50
R54	25/09/2023		£	41.67		8.33				50.00
R56		Lucy Winn Inv 2023/182	£	52.08		10.42				62.50
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		SAVINGS ACCOUNT - BMM			Ė			,	İ	
R53	21/09/2023	Gross Interest to 20.09.23	£	513.77	£	-	£	513.77		
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		BALANCES 02.10.23 Current A/c					£	48,471.79		
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		Current A/c Savings A/c					£	91,418.06		
		Current A/c Savings A/c TOTAL					£	91,418.06 139,889.85 -		