

# CHEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7PM IN THE PAVILION



### 014/25 PUBLIC FORUM

One member of the public was in attendance. The resident raised concerns about the clearance works in the old orchard, behind the Scout Hut, that had been carried out. These works were clearly happening without any recompense for the village, and she enquired if any replacement were trees going to be planted?

Cllr Fee advised that in 2019 AVDC Enforcement Officers visited the site and insisted that the owners replant the demolished trees, but Buckinghamshire Council subsequently closed the case and clearance works have been carried out twice.

Resident asked what can be done by the local community?

Cllr Hollett advised that the current works had been reported to the council (another tree had been cut down which Cllr Hollett had raised with Cllr Poll and Cllr Brazier) but when it was reported the last time when a tree was damaged, the owner was asked to replant another apple tree, but this has never been confirmed to have happened.

Cllr Hollett asked that Cllr Poll and Cllr Brazier now step in and ask Buckinghamshire Council to do something.

Cllr Brazier was speaking to the Enforcement Officer.

It was clear that this site was not being protected. Cllr Fee advised that AVDC should have protected the orchard site 9/10 years ago, but it decided not to.

Resident also highlighted the fact that the other orchard site, where the cows graze, have Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) but it was clear there was no protection as the cows were chewing the trees. She asked what was Buckinghamshire Council Enforcement Team doing about that? DEFRA state that if cattle in a field with TPOs you must protect the trees.

It was agreed to write a letter from the Parish Council to Buckinghamshire Council Enforcement Officer/s to re-state the history of the site visits and clearances etc. Cllr Hollett would advise the Clerk re. the details of this.

Cllr Richards suggested to the resident that she could ask as many individuals as possible to contact Buckinghamshire Council about their concerns.

Cllr Poll reminded Clerk to include Natural England in the letter (due to the presence of Noble Chafer Beetle).

### 015/25 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Present - Cllr C. Fee in the Chair, Cllr A Hollett Vice Chair, Cllr D Bevan, Cllr K Oastler, Cllr T Richards, Cllr T Daly, Cllr M Kehoe, Cllr D Nabbs and Roz Roberts, Clerk

Cllr C Poll – Buckinghamshire Council

Cllr D Town - Buckinghamshire Council

1 member of the Public in attendance

#### **Apologies:-**

Cllr P Brazier - Buckinghamshire Council

### 016/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

### 017/25 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council's January Monthly meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 were approved and signed by the Chair.

### 018/25 TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLORS

#### **Cllr Poll**

Cllr Poll advised that he had attended a meeting with Paul Foot, the Local Area Technician, and had requested that the newly drawn white line at the bottom of Church Path/Station Road be extended.

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Cllr Hollett also suggested some form of time restriction say between 10am-12 midday or a single yellow line, as there were major concerns that an accident would happen. Plus, residents had complained that they could no longer exit their drives safely. There was also a discussion about the crash at the entrance to the airfield site (see below – correspondence).

### **Cllr Town**

Clerk had circulated the monthly Councillors report.

### **019/25 CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT - to note updates to ongoing matters:**

- **Cheddington Neighbourhood plan** - Nothing to report.
- **Barratts - Land at Gooseacre - Tree** – Nothing to report.
- **Connecting Path Suggestion at Recreation Ground** – On hold until any decision regarding the MUGA was made.
- **Cheddington s106 Pedestrian and Cycling Improvements Scheme** – i.e. New MVAS/SIDs x3 update:-

**Installation** - Waiting on Paul Foot (LAT) to supply the Statutory Undertaking documents for the ground works and then the licences can be applied for.

**Actual units** – The signs are manufactured and ready to dispatch but waiting on delivery of security brackets as the batteries were being stolen from the units!

- **Tidying up of vegetation behind Pavilion/Bowls Club** – Handyfolk have strimmed 1 meter in. Clerk to contact the Bowls Club to ask if they could now cut the hedge back.
- **Amp'd Up estimate for outside lights at Chapel** – Looking for a shield to direct the light. Cllr Hollett offered to make a shield if Amp'd Up unsuccessful.

### **• General**

- **Notice board at the Green** – Advised lock on its way! Coming from France!
- **New village website** – On hold.
- **Cheddington Roll of Honour plaque** – Nothing to report.
- **Recreation Ground Picnic Benches** – Installed and Cllr Finch's plaque ordered and received.
- **Recreation Ground Leisure Building** – Clerk had circulated Hugo Hardy's Cafe/toilet block drawings from March 2024 – Agreed to hold a meeting on a Thursday night. Clerk to arrange.
- **MUGA Update** – Clerk sent email to planning officer, as agreed, on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January. No response to date.

Clerk advised by the PC's solicitor, Machins, that the old allotments site would need a change of use for a MUGA.

- **Remaining S106 (Orchard Manor) monies** - At finances meeting decided to hold off and to consider perhaps equipment more suitable for teenagers. Cllr Kehoe and Cllr Nabbs to look into this.

- **Streetlights** – Clerk had contacted UK Power Networks regarding the 3 lights at Gooseacre that have gone out again. Possible water ingress as seems to happen when there is heavy rain.

**Swapping to LEDs** – Clerk has contacted Darryl Bonsor, Bucks Highways re. recommendations for wattage etc. He advised he would contact his streetlighting colleagues and get back to Clerk. Clerk to arrange to meet with Lamps & Tubes.

- **TT Pathway and Pipe Cap** – Cllr Hollett had inspected and advised that it was actually an overflow drain, not a water meter. Check when area dries up.

- **Water Billing Increase at the Pavilion** – Clerk has contacted Wave (Anglian Water). Advised to carry out an internal building and external water flow leak test. Instructions received from AW on how to do this. Clerk would do this with handyfolk.

- **Planting Barrels** - Ordered and delivered. Clerk had asked handyfolk to scrape away the moss from the front of the notice board and to generally tidy up the area.

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- **Overgrown vegetation Hillside and streetlight** – Cllr Fee and Clerk met with B&C Landscaping on site. PC agreed quote to clear the area, apart from the more mature trees. Clerk would then ask handyfolk to clear the moss of the footpath and would contact JDR Treecare to add the Hillside trees to the list of jobs to be done before bird nesting season.
- **VE DAY 80th Anniversary** – Agreed to purchase bunting, Flag and street light disks for the High Street and Mentmore Road.
- **Clerks & Council's Direct** – Cllr Kehoe agreed that he would be happy for the Clerk to submit an article on him being Cheddington's youngest Parish Councillor.

### **020/25 CORRESPONDENCE, CONSULTATIONS AND CIRCULARS**

**28.01.25 - Ellie Preston, Resident, Falcon House** – email – Old Allotments Site - Can the PC do anything about stray dogs escaping through the vegetation to the paddock – Handyfolk repaired.

**28.01.25 - Liz Frazer, Airfield Site – email - Airfield Industrial Estate, Cheddington Lane, Long Marston** – requested that Cheddington Parish Council support better signage – All agreed that there was a problem and has taken on board the contents of her email but it was also pointed out that the airfield owner should take some responsibility for the entrance to the site and make it more visible. Clerk would contact Graham Hillary and advise this.

**03.02.25 - David Bentley, Resident, Church Hill** – email - Station Road Orchard – what steps taken by PC? – See public forum.

**03.02.25 - Michael O'Donohoe, Resident, Brownlow Lane** – email - Planning application - 21/04688/AOP, Church Hill Farm (CHF) – any update? Advise that the Parish Council was going to write to Buckinghamshire Council planning regarding the 2 very outstanding planning applications. It was noted that the ecology officer had objected on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024 re. the CHF AOP but still no decision. Clerk would write to the Head of Planning & Development, Mark Aughterlony and copy in Cllr Poll and Cllr Town. Cllr Hollett stated that as we have objected, we have a right to ask.

### **021/25 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS/MEETINGS ATTENDED**

***CPC Budget & Setting Precept Meeting – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 7.30pm in the pavilion***

After going through the draft budget figures and updating, it was agreed to submit a precept figure of £122,500 for financial Year 25-26 an increase of 3.82%.

It was agreed at this meeting to increase the handy folk's hourly rate to £13 from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025. It was noted that the Minimum Wage from April 2025 for workers aged 21 and over (National Living Wage) being £12.21 – put on agenda

Ask Keith and Lucy if they are insured for business purposes

### **022/25 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

*The February 2025 payments, in accordance with the financial report, were checked and signed off prior to the meeting by Cllr Fee and by Cllr Bevan.*

*Other financial matters: -*

1. To agree a £773.00 printing contribution for the CRA Newsletter - Agreed
2. To agree SLCC Clerk Membership Fee 01.03.25-28.02.26 in the sum of £240.00 - Agreed
3. To agree Rialtas, Omega End of Year Accounts Close Down Assistance Premium package in the sum of £861.00 (ex VAT) per annum for next 4 years - Agreed
4. To agree to fund one play session in August, provided by MKPA, in the sum of £520.00 - Agreed
5. To agree to fund a replacement speed hump for the Village Hall access road in the sum of £184 - Agreed
6. To agree quotation from B & C Landscaping for vegetation clearance works at Hillside in the sum of £570 plus VAT - Agreed

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### **023/25 PLANNING MATTERS**

#### ***To Consider Applications Received via Buckinghamshire Council: -***

No planning applications received at time of publication

#### ***To Receive Determinations by Buckinghamshire Council: -***

**24/03697/APP - 66 Church Hill Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0SY** - Householder application for demolition of conservatory and porch and erection of single storey front and part single storey, part two storey rear extensions – **Approved 23.01.25**

#### ***Other Planning Matters***

No other planning matters to discuss

### **024/25 MAY 2025 ELECTION TIMETABLE UPDATE**

Clerk advised the council of the timetable.

#### ***Election Timetable:***

Publication of Notice of Election: Tuesday 18 March 2025

Nomination papers delivery from: 10am Tuesday 18 March 2025

Nomination papers delivery deadline: 4pm Wednesday 2 April 2025

Last day for registration: Friday 11 April 2025

#### ***Submission of Nomination Papers\****

Nomination papers must be hand delivered to a Deputy Returning Officer at The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF weekdays between 10am-4pm from 10am Tuesday 18 March and no later than 4pm on Wednesday 2 April 2025. Similar process as in 2021.

Clerk would advertise in the March Newsletter and on the Notice Board/Facebook page from beginning of March.

### **025/25 METHODIST CHAPEL OUTSIDE TAP**

It was agreed to contribute £100 for water use.

Clerk would contact Vision Build re. the install of the tap.

### **REPORT ON ANY URGENT MATTERS**

Village Website.

Youth café in Pitstone – Clerk to get information from Pitstone's Parish Clerk before potential new building meeting at the Recreation Ground.

### **026/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting, which will be the March monthly meeting, will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

The meeting finished at 8.40pm.