

CHEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL 2022 AT 7PM IN THE PAVILION



43/22 PUBLIC FORUM

There was no Public Forum.

44/22 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

Cllr Chris Poll – Buckinghamshire Council

No Members of the Public were in attendance.

Apologies:-

Cllr Peter Brazier – Buckinghamshire Council – Mentmore Parish Council Meeting

45/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was nothing to declare.

46/22 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the 2nd March 2022 were approved and signed by the Chair.

47/22 TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLORS

Cllr Poll

Cllr Poll updated the Councillors in respect of the funding award of £578K received to upcycle Buckinghamshire Council's first refuse collection vehicle to electric. This marked the start of the Council's programme to convert its fleet to electric, resulting in zero exhaust emissions. The funding was from the Government's Air Quality Grant, which helps councils to develop and implement measures to reduce the impact of dirty air on people's health. The funds will also be used to pay for performance trials, spare parts and specialist equipment for maintaining the vehicle.

Cllr Hollett questioned the amount of money to upcycle just one lorry to cover the whole of Buckinghamshire County, which did not seem practical. This was not a criticism but what if it didn't work? He also asked when the next vehicle would be expected. Cllr Poll advised this was currently a pilot scheme and was all geared towards looking to the future. There was also a chat about wind power and solar power.

Cllr Town

Cllr Town had circulated a summary document prior to the meeting which the Clerk would circulate. This covered private fostering arrangements, the conversion of the refuse vehicle to electric, the Aston Clinton Bug Hotel, Buckinghamshire Lottery and the 60 trees for 70 years campaign.

48/22 CLERK'S REPORT - to note updates to ongoing matters

• Orchard Manor Zebra Crossing – Vision Splay and Wooden Fence

Nothing to report. Clerk had forwarded Darryl Bonsor's (Transport Coordinator, Directorate for Planning Growth & Sustainability) contact details to Cllr Hollett to contact him in respect of the children's safety rail guard.

• **Village Hall Lease** – On 8th March Bill Gregory advised that it was slow progress negotiating with the Charity Commission.

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The issue was still due to the fact that the old charity has been removed from the register and the application needed to be made on behalf of the old charity. This is what is preventing the transfer and the surrender of the lease.

The Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) are making a new application however Mr Gregory advised that currently they could not predict what the probable outcome of this application or what queries may come to light would be. The VHMC would keep the PC updated accordingly.

- **Tennis club lease** – It has finally been agreed by both solicitors to void the original lease and to complete a new lease. The Tennis Club's (TC) solicitor has confirmed that the full names of the trustees in the Declaration of Trust are now accurate. The Parish Council's solicitor, Adrian Wright from Wilkins Solicitors, is drawing up the new lease and the new License to Alter. He has advised that his costs would be @ £700 plus VAT. He is waiting on confirmation that the TC have the original deed as he will have to officially void the lease. He has confirmed he has the PC's counterpart deeds. He also has advised the TC to cancel the current application. He will then send the draft deeds for approval.

- **COVID** – Spraying of The Green play equipment. Clerk to advise Brian Small to stop spraying the play equipment.

- **Cheddington Neighbourhood plan** – Nothing to report.

- **Byelaws** – Clerk had costed a new free standing A3 notice board in the sum of £407 plus VAT for the Pavilion at the Recreation Ground. All agreed to the purchase.

- **Barratts - Land at Gooseacre** –

Max Rankin, Head of Land at Barratt David Wilson Homes. 24th March responded to Clerk's email advising keen to get this resolved as soon as possible. Will discuss with his management team and will be in touch to advise the Parish Council of the next steps.

- **Street Lights** – Clerk has contacted SparkX Electrical, Wendover and Lamps & Tubes Illuminations Ltd, Chesham. Clerk is waiting on a breakdown of costs from L&TI's. Once received it was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr Fee, who monitors the streetlights, would agree the best contractor to proceed with. This can always be changed as no contract needed to be entered into. Cllr Fee advised that regardless the charges re. call out and repairs would be substantially higher compared to those charged by Aylesbury Mains.

- **Allotments & Allotment Warden Update**

The new Warden, Mr Mel Stevens, was now in place. Clerk had forwarded the contact details and plot details to Mr Stevens. Clerk and Mr Stevens will work together regarding the administration. Mr Stevens will, along with the Cheddington Allotment's Steering Group (CASG), manage the day to day running of the allotments. The first CASG meeting was held on the 4th April at the Pavilion to discuss the group's function going forward. The Clerk would prepare a news update for all plot holders. Clerk to suggest a quarterly update be provided to the Parish Council by email or by Mr Stevens attending a meeting and updating the Council in the Public Forum.

- **Sunnybank Hedge Cutting and VAHT Update** -

The Clerk had contacted VAHT several months ago in respect of an overgrown hedge at no 40 Sunnybank requesting that it be cut back from the road as access was restricted.

Cllr Oastler advised that whilst the surrounding residents appreciate that the residents of 40 Sunnybank want privacy in their rear garden, the width of the hedge is now seriously affecting access for the residents of numbers 31, 33, 35, 37, 39 and 41. In the past the resident of number 40 had maintained the hedge and it had not caused any problems, but it is several years now since it was cut back.

The refuse lorries are no longer able to come to the properties and therefore the bins are taken to the bottom of the access road and left there blocking the access for the residents and emergency vehicles.

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Jane Wedderburn, VAHT Neighbourhood Manager, had confirmed on 1st April that they had spoken to the resident and VAHT are working with the resident to resolve this issue. Clerk to contact Ms Wedderburn again after the Easter break.

49/22 CORRESPONDENCE, CONSULTATIONS AND CIRCULARS

Cllr Daly asked Clerk to print off copies of the summary correspondence table in A3 for future meetings.

04.03.22 - Clive Parker - Bucks Best Village Competition 2022 email – It was agreed to enter the competition and Clerk to advise residents in the May Newsletter.

07.03.22 & 11.03.22 - Rhiannon Flemming, Buckinghamshire Council email - Creating Wilder Road Verges – It was agreed that in principle it was a nice idea but not practical in Cheddington due to the potential of restricting the vision splays.

09.03.22 - Rose Nightingale, Resident - email re. offer of sourcing low cost trees for the village as and when required – All agreed that it was a very nice offer and Clerk to keep on file if the Parish Council required more trees. It was discussed that Cllr Town had some trees that were still to be planted at the top of the Recreation Ground.

09.03.22 & 11 - Dave Rayner, Scope Charity email re. placing another textile bank at the Village Hall – It was agreed to proceed with this on a trial basis. Clerk to let the Village Hall Management Committee know.

09.03.22 - Rebecca Langford and Martin Bates, Residents Brownlow Lane email regarding Parish Council land and request to purchase – Clerk to advise that it was not the Parish Council's policy to sell land and also it would set a precedent for any land purchase requests.

14.03.22 - Ed Poll, Resident- email re. replacement Goal Nets – Clerk would price new goals for the old allotments.

14.03.22 - Mrs Aulton, Resident, 2 Hillside re. update re. the cutting of their perimeter hedge. Clerk to check if this has been done.

14.03.22 – Emily & Isla Barber, Resident - Letter scanned and emailed to the councillors re. request for lighting the alleyway between New Street and Brownlow Lane. Clerk to reply that this was investigated a few years ago and as the Parish Council doesn't own the footpath (it is Buckinghamshire Council) they cannot install bollard lighting, which was thought to be a possible solution and although we do manage the streetlights, to enable cabling for a streetlight it would have to be done through UK Power Networks. The Parish Council will monitor the situation.

06.04.22 – Email/photographs re. overgrown hedges - There was a discussion about an overgrown hedge at No. 20 Leeches Way which was encroaching onto to the footpath. Clerk to contact the owner and ask if the hedge could be cut back.

05.04.22 - 32 New Street, Resident email – advising the Parish Council of the current building works.

50/22 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS/MEETINGS ATTENDED

The Clerk had attended the 1st meeting of the Cheddington Allotments Steering Group (CASG) which had taken place on Monday 4th April at the Pavilion. The meeting was primarily to discuss the group's responsibilities and objectives, its structure, existing projects, the National Allotment Society, plot occupancy and plot management and inspections. This would be an evolving group with more plot members welcome. The CASG were very much looking forward to working with the Parish Council on future projects and making the allotments a integral part of the village.

51/22 THE GREEN UPDATE

After a meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 4th April to discuss the 2 playground options it was decided in the first instance to contact Wicksteed with the initial queries and arrange a

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meeting with them. After this the Clerk would arrange a date when Wicksteed could attend an 'open day' where the options could be viewed and voted on by residents.

Clerk to ring Omnikote about the delay in the final section of railings being returned and to stress that the Methodist Chapel railings must be returned by May, well in time for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

52/22 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Payments were agreed in accordance with the financial report. These had been circulated prior to the meeting to Cllr Fee and Cllr Bevan for signing off.
- b) It was agreed to appoint Roger King as the Internal Auditor for the Year 21-22.
- c) It was agreed to purchase a new Byelaws notice board for the Pavilion at the Recreation Ground at a charge of £407.00.
- d) It was agreed to contribute £1000 towards the Children's entertainment for the Queen's Platinum celebrations on the Saturday 4th June. The organisers to contact the Clerk in respect of any payments/deposits as per the local government regulations.
Clerk to advise allotment plot holders and the Warden that the road would be closed on Saturday 4th June.
It was agreed that the village could use The Green for a party on Friday 3rd June if they so wished.
- e) It was agreed to purchase Platinum Jubilee bunting and a Platinum dated flag.
- f) It was agreed to cancel the monthly Zoom subscription.

53/22 PLANNING MATTERS

To Consider Applications Received via Buckinghamshire Council:-

Ref: 22/00829/APP- 5 The Slipe, Cheddington, Buckinghamshire LU7 0RH – Application for demolition of existing garage and erection of side extension. Raising existing ridge line with rear dormer window extensions – No Objection

To Receive Determinations by Buckinghamshire Council:-

There were no determinations received.

Other Planning Matters

3 Horse Shoes Build Out Update - On 14th/21st March the Parish Council had been cc'd in on an email from the developers Dean Smith and on 24th March from Adam Wilson, to Steve Essam, Buckinghamshire Highways in respect of an update.

The developer was close to the sale of both properties and conscious that if the build out needed to go ahead the S278 agreement had to be in place.

Cllr Poll advised that he was pushing for a painted build out with a very slight raised hump. All agreed this was preferable if there had to be some form of build out.

Cllr Poll was also trying to organise a meeting with the Transport Strategy Officer, Buckinghamshire Council, in respect of the current proposal regarding the Cheddington Section 106 Funding for Pedestrian and Cycling Improvements which all agreed was a ridiculous waste of money.

54/22 REPORT ON ANY URGENT MATTERS

There was nothing to report.

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55/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 4th May 2022. Please note that the Annual Parish Meeting will take place before the monthly May Council Meeting.

The meeting finished at 8.50pm

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FINANCIAL APPENDIX

MONTH 1

AS AT 04/04/2022

VCHR	DATE	PAYMENTS - CURRENT ACCOUNT	NET	VAT	TOTAL
DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS DEBITED					
219	11/03/2022	SSE Electricity	£ 798.63	£ 159.72	£ 958.35
220	17/03/2022	ICO Annual Subscription Yr 22-23	£ 35.00	£ -	£ 35.00
221	21/03/2022	BT re. wifi - Pavilion	£ 28.95	£ 5.79	£ 34.74
222	22/03/2022	Bank Charges to 28th Feb 2022	£ 5.80	£ -	£ 5.80
223	23/03/2022	Epson - Printer Subscription	£ 18.83	£ 3.76	£ 22.59
224	29/03/2022	O2 - Clerk Mobile 13.03-12.04.22	£ 13.33	£ 2.67	£ 16.00
		TOTAL DDs Made	£ 900.54	£ 171.94	£ 1,072.48
CHEQUES ISSUED AND PRESENTED					
			£ -	£ -	£ -
DD PAYMENTS TO BE MADE					
1	06/04/2022	NEST Pension March 2022 - DD	£ 119.61	£ -	£ 119.61
2	15/04/2022	N Power Business - Streetlights 01.01-31.01	£ 1,189.41	£ 237.88	£ 1,427.29
3	15/04/2022	N Power Business - Streetlights 01.02-28.02	£ 1,024.02	£ 204.80	£ 1,228.82
4	19/04/2022	N Power Business - Streetlights 01.03-31.03	£ 1,076.01	£ 215.20	£ 1,291.21
		TOTAL DDs To Be Made	£ 3,409.05	£ 657.88	£ 4,066.93
ONLINE PAYMENTS MADE					
225	10/03/2022	Cheddington Village Hall Inv 022202	£ 27.00	£ -	£ 27.00
226	10/03/2022	Forde & McHugh Inv 25207	£ 310.90	£ 62.18	£ 373.08
227	22/03/2022	Forde & McHugh Inv 25333	£ 131.00	£ 26.20	£ 157.20
228	25/03/2022	E R Roberts - Salary March 22	£ 1,398.76	£ -	£ 1,398.76
229	31/03/2022	Samantha Hallam CN001	£ 31.25	£ 6.25	£ 37.50
5	04/04/2022	RPL Construction IN439 - Fence and door handles	£ 2,230.00	£ 446.00	£ 2,676.00
		TOTAL OL Payments Made	£ 4,128.91	£ 540.63	£ 4,669.54
ONLINE PAYMENTS TO BE MADE					
6	07/04/2022	E R Roberts - General Expenses March 22	£ 198.61	£ 37.63	£ 236.24
7	07/04/2022	Brian Small Handyman - March 2022 Inv no B0095	£ 764.08	£ 1.62	£ 765.70
8	07/04/2022	HMRC 06.04-05.05.22	£ 392.44	£ -	£ 392.44
9	07/04/2022	Simon Barrow - March 22 (SB1126)	£ 2,283.33	£ 456.67	£ 2,740.00
10	07/04/2022	Buckinghamshire Council re. Dog Bin Inv2205040746	£ 262.50	£ 52.50	£ 315.00
11	07/04/2022	Parish Online Subscription Yr 22-23	£ 100.00	£ 20.00	£ 120.00
12	07/04/2022	Wendver Canal Trust Subscription Yr 22-23	£ 25.00	£ -	£ 25.00
		TOTAL OL Payments To Be Made	£ 4,025.96	£ 568.42	£ 4,594.38
CURRENT ACCOUNT - Community					
R68	01/03/2022	Cheddington Tennis Club Inv 2022/041 (March) and 2022/043	£ 177.08	£ 35.42	£ 212.50
T12	03/03/2022	Transfer from Savings Account	£ 4,200.00	£ -	£ 4,200.00
R69	07/03/2022	Mr KA Dance - Inv 2022/044	£ 41.67	£ 8.33	£ 50.00
R70	10/03/2022	Charlotte Phillips - Inv 2022/046	£ 52.08	£ 10.42	£ 62.50
R71	16/03/2022	Caroline Tutty - Inv 2022/045	£ 41.67	£ 8.33	£ 50.00
T13	25/03/2022	Transfer from Savings Account	£ 3,000.00	£ -	£ 3,000.00
R72	25/03/2022	Gillian Passmore - Allotment Rent 5B	£ 7.00	£ -	£ 7.00
R73	28/03/2022	C & J Dempsey - Inv 2022 048	£ 64.58	£ 12.92	£ 77.50
R74	29/03/2022	Petanque Club Inv 2022 047	£ 41.67	£ 8.33	£ 50.00
R75	29/03/2022	Cheddington Tennis Club Inv 2022 049	£ 15.63	£ 3.12	£ 18.75
R76	29/03/2022	S Hallam Inv 2022 052	£ 31.25	£ 6.25	£ 37.50
			£ 7,672.63	£ 93.12	£ 7,765.75
SAVINGS ACCOUNT - BMM					
T12	03/03/2022	Transfer to Current Account	-£ 4,200.00	£ -	-£ 4,200.00
T13	25/03/2022	Transfer to Current Account	-£ 3,000.00	£ -	-£ 3,000.00
R 77	21/03/2022	Bank Interest to 20.03.22	£ 3.13	£ -	£ 3.13
			-£ 7,196.87	£ -	-£ 7,196.87
BALANCES 04.04.22					
		Current A/c			£ 2,631.66
		Savings A/c			£ 78,178.26
		TOTAL			£ 80,809.92
		Less DDs to be paid			£ 4,066.93
		Less Online Payments to be made			£ 4,594.38
		CURRENT BALANCE			£ 72,148.61