

CHEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1ST DECEMBER AT 7PM
IN THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL

158/21 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

Cllr Chris Poll – Buckinghamshire Council
Cllr Derek Town – Buckinghamshire Council

1 Member of the Public

Apologies:-

Cllr D Finch
Cllr Peter Brazier – Buckinghamshire Council – Attending Mentmore PC Meeting

159/21 PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Bill Gregory from the Village Hall Management Committee attended the meeting to advise the Parish Council (PC) of the current situation regarding the Village Hall lease. Unfortunately, because the current lease was never vested in the Land Registry and never transferred to the CIO, the Charity Commission had been contacted for advice. It was suggested that the old lease was surrendered, and that the PC agree to a new one which would be registered with the Land Registry. The Deed of Variation had already been agreed so the paperwork in respect of this had been done. Clerk to therefore contact the PC's solicitor to ask if he had heard from the Village Hall's solicitor and to also get advice regarding the surrender of the old lease and the signing of a new one.

160/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was nothing to declare.

161/21 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the 3rd November were approved and signed by the Chair.

162/21 TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLORS

Cllr Poll

Cllr Poll updated the Parish Council (PC) on the following:-

Budget setting time. It was evident that there were increased pressures on the budget and it was likely that there would be a council tax rise. Discussions were ongoing regarding what cuts might be made.

20mph discussion – P Cooper.

A Council meeting was held on the 24th November where the cabinet member for transportation, Cllr Steve Broadbent and the leader Cllr Martin Tett proposed and seconded a 20mph speed limit motion. The motion stated that Thames Valley Police would no longer oppose the introduction of 20mph limits (although they were still not prepared to enforce them) and that the council would now support parish and town council 20mph projects in principle, although subject to certain limits and technical criteria. The outcome was that the Leader's motion was passed in that 20mph don't work. The Thames Valley Police Commander also stated that they were not enforceable and that they did not work but if Parish Council's wanted them, they would not stand in the way. Parishes could also have voluntary 20 mph signs (see Clerk's Report - Speedwatch - Cllr Hollett dealing). Cllr Poll was interested in what would happen in Tring.

Cllr Poll advised that he had met with the Local Area Technician regarding the condition of Manor Road, Cheddington and requested that Persimmon make right after Orchard Manor had been completed.

Marsworth – Cllr Poll had attended a meeting with Marsworth Parish Council and the land agents in respect of the Ainscough proposed Development of 320 houses on a brownfield site. It was not an application as

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yet. It was commented that all accesses were in Hertfordshire. Cllr Fee asked if the land agent was therefore likely to put in a planning application to both authorities i.e. Decorum and Hertfordshire. Cllr Poll advised that Buckinghamshire Highways and Buckinghamshire Council would also be included in the whole application. It was probable that they would submit a full submission and not submit a pre application.

Cllr Town

Cllr Town updated the Parish Council on the following:-

Gully Clearances – Buckinghamshire Council's extensive programme of cleaning highways gullies across the county has now hit the 50% mark with 38% in our area.

Covid - Over 3 million vaccinations have now been given across Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West and 74 percent of those who are eligible have taken up the offer of a booster jab.

Due to the new Omicron variant, he advised that there will be a significant acceleration to the vaccination programme and Bucks Council will be working with all their providers to increase the capacity through all vaccination routes: mass sites, primary care and community pharmacy. It is also looking to put more sites on the booking service and to accelerate the work on reaching all community groups and overcome vaccine hesitancy.

163/21 CLERK'S REPORT - to note updates to ongoing matters

- **Community Speedwatch Training** – Cllr Hollett updated the Council. As Speedwatch was no longer a pilot scheme all Speedwatch groups had to now reapply to Thames Valley Police.

Cllr Hollett would write to the volunteers. It was hoped that it would resume in Spring and this would give time for the build out to be installed etc.

Clerk asked Cllr Hollett about the 20 mph advisory signs. To date he had not heard anything from Katrina Hill in respect of the contact.

- **Orchard Manor Zebra Crossing/lamp post** - The hedge at No. 40 Mentmore Road had now been cut back so the zebra crossing lamp post was now clearly visible when turning out of Church Hill.

Clerk to contact Persimmon re. the fences from the estate to the zebra crossing and if they were temporary or permanent. There was a concern that children could fall through the fence into the ditch.

- **Village Hall Lease** – See Public Forum.

- **Tennis club lease** – Cllr Richards advised that Andrew Packard, Treasurer of the Tennis Club was now dealing and progressing it with the solicitor.

- **COVID** – Spraying of The Green play equipment. Review in new year.

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

- **Byelaws** – Nothing to report.

- **Barratts - Land at Gooseacre** – Clerk had spoken to Kirill Reshetov who will forward the details and send across the costing. Advised it should not be an issue.

- **Recreation Ground Fence** – Network Rail had advised that they will carry out the works once funding was available.

- **Street Lights** – Clerk to update the current list with UK Power Networks. The new contractor had carried out the repairs.

- **Setting the Precept/Budget for 22-23** – Clerk advised that the Precept band D figures would be available on the 6th December with the precept figure to be submitted by 31st January. A finance meeting to be arranged for January 2022.

Pavilion - Clerk advised that she had been, for the last few weeks, primarily dealing with the final snagging issues at the pavilion.

164/21 CORRESPONDENCE, CONSULTATIONS AND CIRCULARS

19.10.21 Howard Craft – Update from last meeting from Cllr Fee. Mr Craft did not go to planning to discuss the possibility of the Scouts using the land but gone to the land agent dealing. As it would have to be a change of use and planning permission would need to be granted it was not going to be pursued.

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09.11.21 Bernie Tchertoff – Resident – email re. Pavilion - Requesting further financial information – It was agreed to invite him to the open day and advise him again that he could examine the accounts at the end of the year, after the audit.

09.11.21 Sustainable Cheddington – email re. questions regarding the planting of the trees – It was suggested that they tend them for 1st two years until established. Cllr Town had – 2 silver birch, 2 rowan and 1 hazel. The PC would provide the guards. There would be no expense or ongoing financial responsibility for Sustainable Cheddington.

Clerk to advise that trees from the Queen’s Green Canopy Scheme could be planted at the allotments, along the railway line. Other possible areas were not discussed as it was felt that there were enough trees on Parish Council land.

16.11.21 Caroline Smith, Clerk, Marsworth Parish Council – email re. Truvelo Trusign SID – Agreed not to get another MVAS/SID unit at this time.

16.11.21 Linda Cook – Hedgehogsrus email – Agreed not to take part as the approach was not made by a charitable organisation.

165/21 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS/MEETINGS ATTENDED

Marshcroft Development

Cllr Oastler, Cllr Finch and the Clerk had attended the open night for Parish Councils.

166/21 THE GREEN

Meeting set for Wednesday 8th December at 7pm at the Pavilion to discuss the 1st steps.

Playground Facilities November 21 Report - Clerk had queried if the repairs to the nest swing had been done. They confirmed that the hackles on nest swing had also been changed. Report being amended.

167/21 PAVILION UPDATE

WIFI installed.

Alarm to be programmed with fobs. CCTV being set up on the PC laptop and Clerk’s phone.

Kitchen cupboard replaced.

Chairs, tables, crockery, cutlery, glassware and high chairs purchased.

It was hoped that the PC would be able to set a date for the open day for early in the New Year.

Fire Risk Assessment – Report received. The issues highlighted i.e. thumb locks, signage and emergency lighting were being actioned. Signage done, emergency light (which will be chargeable) and thumb locks (chargeable) on the doors, including the internal clay rendered door, to be installed by RPL. Clerk meeting Paul Sames, RPL on site on Monday 6th December to go over the small works still to be done and check where the emergency lighting will be and what type.

168/21 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Payments were agreed in accordance with the financial report. Circulated prior to the meeting to Cllr Fee and Cllr Bevan for signing off.

b) To discuss quote from Stakrack Limited regarding a security cage for the ASHP in the sum of £935 - Agreed

c) To agree to reserve 2 sessions (am/pm) of 2 hours for Play Around the Parishes 2022 - Agreed

d) To discuss a set date to pay the Clerk’s monthly salary and agree to amend contract - Agreed

169/21 PLANNING MATTERS

To Consider Applications Received via Buckinghamshire Council:-

Ref. No: 21/04396/APP - Thornlea 2 Keepers Close Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0EH - Householder application for removal of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension – No Objection

Ref. No: 21/04317/APP - 25 New Street Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0RL - Householder application for relocation of front door – No Objection

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To Receive Determinations by Buckinghamshire Council:-

No Determinations Received

Other Planning Matters

The Three Horseshoes 'Build Out' –Clerk had contacted both Matthew Raven at Buckinghamshire Council and the developer, Dean Smith for an update. Mr Smith had advised that after looking into possible options there was no alternative to the 'build out'.

Matthew Raven had advised on the 29th November that the developer had to apply for a 278 agreement to enable work on a public highway. Cllr Fee queried how can the public comment if it was not on the planning portal? Clerk to contact Matthew Raven again.

170/21 REPORT ON ANY URGENT MATTERS

Cllr Richards advised the Council that members of the tennis club had found nappies/wipes flushed down the portaloo. They had asked if the PC could arrange for it to be cleaned. It was suggested that any user ensure that it was kept clean and tidy. Clerk to contact Berkhamsted Raiders to let them know about portaloo rules!

Cllr Richards would check the padlock code.

171/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 5th January 2022 at 7pm in Cheddington Pavilion.

The meeting finished at 8.45pm

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FINANCIAL APPENDIX

MONTH 9

AS AT 30/11/2021

VCHR	DATE	PAYMENTS - CURRENT ACCOUNT	NET	VAT	TOTAL
DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS DEBITED					
132	12/11/2021	E.On 01.10.21-31.10.21	£ 766.10	£ 153.22	£ 919.32
133	26/11/2021	Anglain Water Wave re. Pavilion 12.08-11.11.21	£ 529.70	£ -	£ 529.70
134	27/11/2021	SSE re. Recreation Ground 30.07-09.09.21	£ 136.07	£ 6.80	£ 142.87
135	27/11/2021	Clerk's Mobile 13.11 - 12.12.21	£ 13.33	£ 2.67	£ 16.00
		TOTAL DDs Made	£ 1,445.20	£ 162.69	£ 1,607.89
CHEQUES ISSUED AND PRESENTED					
136	30/11/2021	Mary Glendinning re. Memorial Flowers	£ 45.70	£ -	£ 45.70
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DD PAYMENTS TO BE MADE					
137	02/12/2021	NEST Pension November 2021 - DD	£ 96.44	£ -	£ 96.44
		TOTAL DDs To Be Made	£ 96.44	£ -	£ 96.44
ONLINE PAYMENTS MADE					
138	04/11/2021	Omnikote The Green Railings no 2	£ 1,933.75	£ 386.75	£ 2,320.50
139	04/11/2021	RPL - CIN060	£ 6,156.82	£ 1,231.36	£ 7,388.18
140	05/11/2021	Office Furniture re Chairs - Pavilion	£ 2,590.00	£ 518.00	£ 3,108.00
141	09/11/2021	Wendover Arms Trust Sub renewal 21.22	£ 25.00	£ -	£ 25.00
142	09/11/2021	Gopak re. tables - Pavilion	£ 1,052.17	£ 210.43	£ 1,262.60
143	22/11/2021	Morgan Fire Protection re Fire Risk Assessment - Pavilion	£ 275.00	£ 55.00	£ 330.00
		TOTAL OL Payments Made	£ 12,032.74	£ 2,401.54	£ 14,434.28
ONLINE PAYMENTS TO BE MADE					
144	02/12/2021	E R Roberts - Expenses November 21	£ 189.10	£ 33.45	£ 222.55
145	02/12/2021	E R Roberts - Salary November 21	£ 1,164.99	£ -	£ 1,164.99
146	02/12/2021	Brian Small Handyman - November 2021 Inv no B0091	£ 831.66	£ -	£ 831.66
147	02/12/2021	HMRC 06.12-05.01.22	£ 246.13	£ -	£ 246.13
148	02/12/2021	Simon Barrow - November 21 (EW4623)	£ 2,283.33	£ 456.67	£ 2,740.00
149	02/12/2021	RPL Construction CIN623 - Kitchen Cupboard	£ 925.67	£ 185.13	£ 1,110.80
150	02/11/2021	Playground Facilities - Quarterly Report Inv 1699	£ 65.00	£ 13.00	£ 78.00
151	02/11/2021	Euro Office - Stationery (Inv 4151398)	£ 46.84	£ 9.38	£ 56.22
		TOTAL OL Payments To Be Made	£ 5,752.72	£ 697.63	£ 6,450.35
CURRENT ACCOUNT - Community					
R54	31/10/2021	Allotment Rents Direct Payments	£ 14.00	£ -	£ 14.00
R55	11/11/2021	Berkhamsted Raiders Inv 039	£ 600.00	£ -	£ 600.00
R56	19/11/2021	Bucks Council S106 Pavilion	£ 26,002.33	£ -	£ 26,002.33
			£ 26,616.33	£ -	£ 26,616.33
SAVINGS ACCOUNT - BMM					
			£ -	£ -	£ -
BALANCES 30.11.21					
		Current A/c			£ 55,634.43
		Savings A/c			£ 68,373.23
		TOTAL			£ 124,007.66
		Less Cheques			£ 45.70
		Less DD to be paid			£ 96.44
		Less Online Payments to be made			£ 6,450.35
		CURRENT BALANCE			£ 117,415.17