

CHEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3RD MARCH AT 7PM VIA ZOOM

28/21 RESIDENTS PUBLIC FORUM – 7PM-7.15PM

There was a brief discussion about the possibility of a large-scale development in Long Marston.

Cllr Finch mentioned a potential development between the garden centre outside Tring to Pendley Manor. Sites have been identified. Cllr Bevan confirmed that these had been mentioned in the Campaign 'Saving our Herts.'

Alan Hollett - Resident relayed information regarding the Long Marston/Dacorum Local Plan and asked what response the Parish Council were going to give. To be discussed later in agenda.

29/21 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

Cllr Derek Town

1 Member of the Public

Apologies:-

Cllr Chris Poll – Attending Wing Community Board Meeting

Cllr Sandra Jenkins - Apology

30/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Oastler declared an interest re. the Dacorum discussion in respect of a possible large-scale development at Long Marston.

31/21 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the 3rd February 2021 were approved and would be forwarded to the Chair for signing by the Clerk.

32/21 TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLORS

Cllr Derek Town

Lorries to Slapton towards the traveller site. Erecting electric cables. Be aware that the road was closed between Slapton and Cheddington while emergency repairs were being undertaken. Enlargement of the site.

Confirmed that the Freight Strategy had been delayed.

Gully cleaning aim of budget is to clean 1700 across the county

New Planning directive from Whitehall in respect of how to deal with Planning applications. Clerk confirmed she had circulated the document.

Cllr Finch asked Cllr Town what was original figure for Bucks housing? Cllr Town confirmed that it was 40,000 to be built between 2013 and 2033 with 19000 for AVDC. Some had been built already and some had planning authority approval but had not been started yet.

33/21 CLERK'S REPORT - to note updates to ongoing matters

- **Community Speedwatch Training** – After receiving a query about the Speedwatch and when it was to resume, the Clerk contacted Stephen Lott on 21st February who advised the current position was still the same. Thames Valley Police would not let the Speedwatch teams restart under any circumstances at the moment, they are not letting volunteers back into the police stations to process anything, and they don't want any teams using the kit even if it is switched off to use as a deterrent. Mr Lott will keep the Clerk updated.

- **MVAS** - Unit was installed opposite the Recreation Ground on 31st January 21.

- **Orchard Manor Zebra Crossing/lamp post** – The Clerk had contacted Tom White at Persimmon after Councillor Jenkins' query about the possibility of having a raised zebra crossing. Mr White confirmed that the Highways utilises the existing road contours and that it would be too late now to make any changes.

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He was also unsure if the Highways Authority would approve such a design. The Zebra crossing itself should act as a deterrent and aid traffic calming.

- **Orchard enforcement** - Nothing to report. Cllr Town would forward an email he had just received from Planning Enforcement.
 - **Village Hall Lease** – Clerk spoke to Alan Lawson. Issue over name from The Trustees of Cheddington Village Hall to Cheddington Village Hall as it is now registered with the Charity Commission. 3 Land Registry forms to be filled in which Mr Lawson is in the process of completing/seeking advice.
 - **Tennis club lease** – No update from last meeting.
 - **Light at Barkham Close Garages** – Light reported as not working again. Clerk has contacted VAHT.
 - **COVID** – Clerk following all guidelines as instructed by BALC.
 - **Cheddington Neighbourhood Plan Review** – Nothing to report.
 - **Byelaws** – Nothing to report.
 - **Community Board Funding** – Agreed to delay the static play equipment project until the Pavilion refurbishment was completed.
 - **Village Tree Policy** – Nothing to report.
 - **Sustainable Cheddington (SC)** – Currently clearing the Village Hall strip for planting in April. Clerk sourcing planters.
 - **97 High Street** – Clerk had contacted the developer, Jessica Oakes. Confirmed this was a work in progress and the contractors were on site this week and would mend the footpath. Cllr Town would contact his Planning Enforcement colleague at Buckinghamshire Council.
- Cllr Finch had noticed a vehicle had driven over the grass at the Recreation Ground and had churned up the grass.
- **Network Rail and Fence at Recreation Ground** – Clerk meeting with them on Tuesday 9th March 2021 at the Recreation Ground.

34/21 CORRESPONDENCE, CONSULTATIONS AND CIRCULARS

17.02 - Bex Stanley, Resident – Enquired if she could use the pavilion for coffee mornings. Clerk to advise her that she would be able to hire it but the pavilion was not going to be run as a commercial venture. Clerk would contact the Village Hall to get some information regarding licences required etc.

23.02.21 - Carole Lister, Resident email regarding Community Speedwatch and zebra crossing at Orchard Manor and its positioning. Clerk confirmed that nothing further could be done.

02.03.21 - Suzy Sangster, Sustainable Cheddington - regarding signs on grass at the village hall wild-flower verge and requesting that contractor leaves 1ft along edge of verge. Clerk had already given permission to use compost heap at allotments to dispose of cuttings.

02.03.21 - Kerri Donnellan via Trefor Hamer (Cheddington Village Hall Committee) – Asked for permission to use the Village Hall car park for exercise classes from 29th March 2021. Agreed Ok and that the Council be advised of dates.

02.03.21 – There was a discussion regarding the purchase a new Tommy as previously discussed. Clerk would send costings.

03.03.21 - Berkhamsted Raiders – Clerk contacted them to find out plans as had been contacted by James Lewis about booking the Recreation Ground. Confirmed all happy with BR starting up again to mid-July and also use a Wednesday evening. Clerk to formally confirm that this is acceptable.

Clerk would circulate the election nomination forms.

35/21 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

PCSO Megan Dean – Thames Valley Police 18th February – Update by Email

PCSO Dean provided an update for the past month. There has been nothing of note for the Cheddington area however they have seen an increase in rural crimes throughout the whole rural area. For the past month or so, TVP have had reports of caravans, trailers and farm vehicles being stolen. They have also had several reports of suspicious activity. 3 males were arrested for these offences we have had no further reports of items being stolen or suspicious activity.

They were reassured that Cheddington had very few crimes reported recently and that they did not impact the community directly.

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36/21 THE GREEN

Clerk met with Adam Armstrong of Playdale Playgrounds. Draft design to be sent across.

The Quarterly Inspection undertaken by Playground Facilities (PF) was discussed. It was agreed that Brian Small could undertake the smaller maintenance jobs.

Cllr Fee was concerned about the comments made regarding the older children's climbing frame and the leg joints. As advised by PF they would monitor the situation.

Cllr Finch suggested undertaking repairs of the current equipment and buy some new pieces up to say £20k and make safe the current equipment. This would save money and make safe. Why spend a lot of money if the current equipment was still useable and safe. Cllr Richards felt that the current equipment had been repaired over the years and a false economy. Cllr Oastler more houses and need to provide a good play area. Cllr Fee felt it was a bit of both. This will be discussed when the project officially begins.

Clerk also highlighted that the S106 Deed specified that equipment had to be spent on the Pavilion redevelopment/Green play equipment.

Clerk to contact Playground Facilities to get the damaged 'normal' swing replaced with some urgency as it had been vandalised and was showing bare metal and had sharp edges.

Fencing around The Green – Clerk to ask Brian Small if he could undertake this job.

37/21 PAVILION UPDATE

Cllr Fee reiterated the main decisions made from the Monday night meeting with Hugo Hardy. The roof was now off, the steels were in, the Parish Council had agreed to the drainage repairs, the lighting and proceeding with the Air Source Heat Pump. Clerk to investigate the RHI Scheme and apply, if not too late, as the Government was ending the scheme at the end March 21.

It was agreed to continue with the contract terms. End date mid to end of May 21. See how much comes in, spend at Green then do phase 2 of the Pavilion re changing rooms etc.

Clerk to check with Hugo Hardy that there is still a 'club' area and outside access to toilets at the rear.

- New Alarm System – Agreed
- *Conditions of Hire* – Clerk had circulated a draft prior to the meeting. She would contact the Village Hall Committee for some advice re. licences required. Contact the Fire Brigade re. nos allowed
- *Charges* - Clerk circulated table of charges from other 'local' similar hiring out venues.

38/21 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Payments were agreed in accordance with the financial report and signed by Cllr Bevan and Cllr Fee

b) Payment to Memorial Benches in sum of £350 plus delivery for a new bench for area behind Gooseacre/Brownlow was agreed. To be dedicated to George and Pam Mason. Clerk to get permission to proceed from Andy and Richard Mason, their sons.

39/21 PLANNING MATTERS

a) To consider applications received via Buckinghamshire Council:-

20/04314/APP – 5 Berryfield, Cheddington LU7 0ST – Part 2 storey part single storey side extension and single storey front extension to increase the porch – No comment

21/00537/APP – 9 Paines Orchard, Cheddington LU7 0SN – Single storey rear extension – No comment

b) To receive determinations by Buckinghamshire Council

20/03804/APP – 68 High Street Cheddington LU7 0RQ - Removal of existing Plastic UPVC conservatory, removal of roof to existing two storey extension and single storey extensions. erection of new roof and extension of existing two storey extension. erection of new Orangery style single storey extension – No Comment. (Decision required to be made prior to this meeting.)

c) Other Planning Matters

APP/J0405/W/20/3264021 – The Three Horseshoes, Mentmore Road, Cheddington LU7 0SD -

Comment submitted on 16.02.21 to the Planning Inspectorate by the Parish Council IRO the traffic calming proposal and that residents should be consulted prior to approval.

Alan Hollet, resident, confirmed he had opposed and he would be writing to the Inspectorate IRO the traffic calming element.

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Cllr Fee asked the Cllr Jenkins and Cllr Town also comment.

APP/J0405/D/20/3263634 - 3 Goose Acre, Cheddington, LU7 0SR - Erection of two storey side extension - Appeal dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate 24.02.21

Long Marston - Possible large scale housing development

There was a further discussion in respect of this possible development. Clerk to email Dacorum Strategic Planning, highlighting the lack of infrastructure and which would have a massive impact on Cheddington. Clerk to put the details of the Dacorum Consultation Document on the Parish Council Facebook page and the reasons why the PC was opposing the consultation document that had been brought to their attention and if residents would like to comment. Although the time for comment had passed it was still worthwhile doing this.

Alan Hollett, Resident – Advised the Council of a planning application in Pitstone at Victor House for a Co-op.

40/21 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Graham. There was a discussion regarding the delivery of building materials to Orchard Manor using Barkham Close via Manor Road. This was the entrance for Phase 2. All agreed not a suitable road and that the PC needed to raise residents' concerns.

Clerk to contact Persimmon to check this is the correct route as per the Traffic Management Plan.

Cllr Fee commented that the compound was now at Barkham Close entrance. Cllr Fee asked if there was an alternative road that could be used.

Cllr Finch - Scarecrows on the lamppost opposite the Old Swan pub. Could the Clerk please contact the residents to ask for it/them to be removed in preparation of the cutting of the verge.

Cllr Town reminded those present about Purdah and that he might not be able to attend the next meeting.

The meeting finished at 8.52pm

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FINANCIAL APPENDIX

MONTH 12

AS AT 01/03/2021

VCHR	DATE	PAYMENTS - CURRENT ACCOUNT	NET	VAT	TOTAL
DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS DEBITED					
156	12/02/2021	E.On 01.01.21-31.01.21	£ 670.57	£ 134.11	£ 804.68
157	01/03/2021	WAVE re. Pavilion 12.11-11.02.21	£ 65.10	£ -	£ 65.10
158	01/03/2021	Clerk's Mobile 13.02 - 12.03	£ 13.15	£ 2.63	£ 15.78
		TOTAL DDs Made	£ 748.82	£ 136.74	£ 885.56
DD PAYMENTS TO BE MADE					
159	04/03/2021	NEST Pension February 2021 - DD	£ 82.74	£ -	£ 82.74
		TOTAL DDs To Be Made	£ 82.74	£ -	£ 82.74
ONLINE PAYMENTS MADE					
160	13/02/2021	RPL Construction	£ 11,162.72	£ 2,232.54	£ 13,395.26
		TOTAL OL Payments Made	£ 11,162.72	£ 2,232.54	£ 13,395.26
ONLINE PAYMENTS TO BE MADE					
161	04/03/2021	Euro Office re. toner	£ 86.28	£ 17.25	£ 103.53
162	04/03/2021	Playground Facilities re Quarterly Inspection	£ 65.00	£ 13.00	£ 78.00
163	04/03/2021	Aylesbury Mains - site visit 16.02.21	£ 104.10	£ 20.82	£ 124.92
164	04/03/2021	E R Roberts - Salary February 21	£ 1,025.06	£ -	£ 1,025.06
165	04/03/2021	Brian Small Handyman - February 2021	£ 372.00	£ -	£ 372.00
166	04/03/2021	HMRC 06.02-05.03 (Feb)	£ 37.69	£ -	£ 37.69
167	04/03/2021	HMRC 06.03-06.04 (March)	£ 171.68	£ -	£ 171.68
168	04/03/2021	Simon Barrow - February 20	£ 2,283.33	£ 456.67	£ 2,740.00
169	04/03/2021	Hugo Hardy - RIBA Stage 1-5 (as agreed)	£ 1,215.00	£ -	£ 1,215.00
170	04/03/2021	E R Roberts - Expenses February 21	£ 11.99	£ 2.40	£ 14.39
		TOTAL OL Payments To Be Made	£ 5,372.13	£ 510.14	£ 5,882.27
CURRENT ACCOUNT - Community					
T16	13/02/2021	Transfer from Savings Account	£ 13,395.26	£ -	£ 13,395.26
R44	16/02/2021	Buckinghamshire Council NHB re. Pavilion	£ 13,395.26	£ -	£ 13,395.26
T17	16/02/2021	Transfer to Savings Account	-£ 13,395.26	£ -	-£ 13,395.26
T18	15/02/2021	Transfer from Savings Account	£ 2,500.00	£ -	£ 2,500.00
			£ 15,895.26	£ -	£ 15,895.26
SAVINGS ACCOUNT - BMM					
T16	13/02/2021	Transfer to Current Account	-£ 13,395.26	£ -	-£ 13,395.26
T17	16/02/2021	Transfer from Current Account	£ 13,395.26	£ -	£ 13,395.26
T18	25/02/2021	Transfer to Current Account	-£ 2,500.00	£ -	-£ 2,500.00
			-£ 2,500.00	£ -	-£ 2,500.00
BALANCES 01.03.21					
		Current A/c			£ 6,146.47
		Savings A/c			£ 105,201.40
		TOTAL			£ 111,347.87
		Less DD to be paid			£ 82.74
		Less Online Payments to be made			£ 5,882.27
		CURRENT BALANCE			£ 105,382.86