

CHEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4th AUGUST AT 7PM
IN THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL

102/21 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

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

0 Members of the Public

Apologies:-

Cllr T Richards – Tennis Match

103/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Hollett advised he was the applicant re. planning application no. 21/02799/APP – 1b Church Hill, Cheddington.

104/21 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the 7th July were approved and signed by the Chair.

105/21 TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLORS

Cllr Poll

Cllr Poll provided an update:-

- The Environmental Sub-Group had met and Sustainable Cheddington had attended. Cllr Poll was keen to get wider community involvement and not have ideas/issues replicated, for example the wild-flower verges.
- Ivinghoe and Wing Community Board - Like all 16 Buckinghamshire Community Boards has spent a busy 12 months establishing itself at the heart of the local community. For the coming year the Community Board will have action groups focusing on Economic recovery, Health & Wellbeing (including community safety), Improving the environment, Road safety, highways and infrastructure. At the recent CB meeting the respective Action Groups/Sub Committees were established and Chair persons nominated. Funding via the Community Board for a cycle path from Berton to Wing had already been submitted. This could possibly lead to a circular route around the area.
- Buckinghamshire Recovery and Growth Proposal Council and Bucks LEP partners have been progressing discussions with government to promote a recovery and growth deal and investment for Buckinghamshire.
- Buckinghamshire Council had approved an extra £3 million for the County's roads, in addition to the £24 million already allocated to highways improvements. The extra £3 million is being set aside specifically so an extra £2.5 million can be spent repairing potholes with another half a million pounds to upgrade road markings.
- Buckinghamshire Council starts £4m drains and gullies work programme. The drainage improvement works are designed to help prevent flooding and to keep drains and gullies across Bucks clean, clear and operational.
- Tackling the long grass and protecting wildlife. Grass verges across Buckinghamshire have seen a growth spurt in recent weeks because of the weather conditions this spring. Bucks Council cut the grass between April and October and the programme is carefully timed as doing it too early would mean too much growth at the end of the summer, meaning the grass would stay long over winter. Cllr Bevan asked if it was one or two cuts per annum. Cllr Poll thought that it was one cut and advised that the Council was ahead of the planned cutting programme so he hoped the footways to Cooks Wharf would be done soon. Cllr Town would check.

Cllr Poll reminded the PC of the Transport Sub-Group Meeting. Clerk would resend email.

Cllr Town

Arrived at 7pm

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106/21 CLERK'S REPORT - to note updates to ongoing matters

- **Community Speedwatch Training** – The first training session had been arranged for Friday 20th August in the Methodist Chapel at 10.30am with Stephen Lott, Area Speedwatch co-ordinator and 6 volunteers. Clerk to check Public Liability Insurance regarding the volunteers, purchase Hi-Viz jackets and for a spare laptop to download the data. She will give these to Cllr Hollett prior to the training.
- **Orchard Manor Zebra Crossing/lamp post** – Clerk had contacted Persimmon to ask for an update. On 8th July Tom White, Persimmon confirmed by email that the installation date for the crossing was still to take place during the school holidays in August. The reason given for it not being done earlier was to accommodate the requests made by the Parish and Bucks Highway to push the works back in May, avoiding clashes with the muck movement exercise and school term. He will keep the Clerk updated. Clerk asked Darryl Bonsor, Transport Coordinator, Directorate for Planning Growth & Sustainability, Bucks Council if some form of pedestrian barrier could be installed at the crossing to stop children from running onto the road/slow them down. He will, during the maintenance period monitor this, and raise it at the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit.
- **Village Hall Lease** – The PC's solicitor Adrian Wright (Wilkins Solicitors) confirmed on 28th July that the requested amendments were quite inconsequential and had therefore been readily agreed. He advised that even though both solicitors have basically agreed the Deed, he could not complete the variation until the current legal title had been transferred to the CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation). The Clerk was advised that as this could take some weeks, even when the deed of variation is completely agreed, the PC's solicitor will refrain from arranging for the Council to sign in case in the meantime there was a change of Officers.
- **Tennis club lease** – Nothing to report since last meeting.
- **COVID** – Agreed to continue with the spraying of the Green play equipment until the schools go back.
- **Cheddington Neighbourhood plan** – Nothing to report.
- **Byelaws** – Nothing to report.
- **Village Tree Policy** – Nothing to report.
- **Network Rail and Fence at Recreation Ground** – Nothing to report.
- **Barratts - Land at Gooseacre** – Nothing to report from last meeting. Will contact Barratts.
- **Berkhamsted Raiders** – No indication to date if they wish to carry on using the recreation ground football pitch.
- **Church Hill Farm** – The Vision document was now available on-line. Nexus Planning had contacted the Clerk on the 30th July requesting an onsite meeting with the PC. See correspondence.
- **Memorial Bench for Mr and Mrs Mason** – Had been installed at the little orchard behind Gooseacre/Brownlow. Clerk to put a note in the September newsletter.
- **AGAR 20-21** – Nothing to report.
- **Recreation Ground Electricity Contract** – Contract renewed with Scottish and Southern Electric as from 1st September for 4 years. Best Deal.

107/21 CORRESPONDENCE, CONSULTATIONS AND CIRCULARS

- 07.07.21 - Chris Yates, Cheddington Bowls Club - email request for directional signage from the High Street - it was agreed that this was not necessary.
- 12.07.21 - Vince Brabazon, Berko Cycle Club - email regarding Berkhamsted Cycle Club Race to park on the grass at the village hall - Agreed to allow this year.
- 22.07.21 - Mick Waterhouse, Resident – email re. works at Falcon House - enquiring if encroaching on PC land. Clerk did land check and Society of Merchant Venturers sold land to landowner in March 2021.
- 22.07.21 - Cllr Oastler - Bench behind Gooseacre/Brownlow Lane – suggested putting a note in the September Newsletter.
- 27.07.21 - Carol Davis, Resident - email re. Recreation Ground High and damaged sign/damaged trees - Clerk advised resident that the handyman had removed for repair.
- 28.07.21 - Rhea Scott, Resident - email re. hedge to the right of Church Hill - hedge had now been cut back.

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28.07.21 - Gail Steed, Cheddington Neighbourhood Watch - email breach to 16/B2806/DIS – re. the zebra crossing and overgrown verge. Clerk advised resident that she was enquiring who was actually responsible for this part of the verge. The PC subsequently arranged for the area to be cut back.

28.07.21 - Robert Love, Bidwells - email in respect of Vistry Homes Ltd and potential development at land off High Street, Cheddington. Clerk to request more information before a meeting be arranged.

28.07.21 - Lindsay Cushing, Resident - email re. overgrown path from Orchard Manor - Clerk advised had been cut back and sent photos of cut verge.

28.07.21 - Alan Masters, Resident – email re. Church Path Exit to Station Road and overgrown verge. Clerk advised meeting contractor to discuss. This is part of the annual cut. Flail to be booked in once Clerk has heard back from Charles Church re. the boundary hedge which is encroaching onto the grass verge. Cllr Fee to find out name of the landowner.

30.07.21 - Julia Robinson, Resident - email planning application 20/A0685/DIS - MP intervention requested – CC'd to Parish Council for their information.

01.08.21 - Stephen Doel, Nexus Planning – email Church Hill Farm and a meeting on site – it was agreed that no further meetings at this stage were necessary.

02.08.21 - Candice Mason, Masons Coach Hire - email requesting the use of the Recreation Ground for an event at the beginning of 2022 – this was agreed but Clerk to ask to be kept updated accordingly.

108/21 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS/MEETINGS ATTENDED

There was nothing to report.

109/21 THE GREEN – General Update and Refurbishment of the Railings

Clerk had advised residents of the railings project. There had been a positive response.

Janet Banham, Methodist Church had enquired if the PC would include the Chapel railings in the project. It was agreed to include these railings. Clerk to get a quotation from Omnikote.

Cllr Fee would enquire if the Townlands Trust would like to be part of the community project and contribute along with the PC and possibly the Community Board/other source of funding. Clerk had received the Community Board documentation re. requirements for funding.

It was agreed to go ahead with the Omnikote quote in respect of the spears.

It was agreed to let Brian Small start the project but Clerk would check if he would be happy with some volunteers.

110/21 PAVILION UPDATE

It was agreed to proceed with the cream-coloured flooring tile for the main area.

A breakdown of variations, provisional sums and monies to be claimed back had been received from Hugo Hardy. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with Hugo Hardy to discuss. Clerk to check availability.

111/21 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) Payment of £360 plus VAT to Aylesbury Mains for the plumbing of a light column at Croft Meadows was agreed.

112/21 PLANNING MATTERS

To Consider Applications Received via Buckinghamshire Council:-

Ref. No: 21/02781/APP - Single storey side extension & garage conversion - 12 Paines Orchard Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0SN – No Objection

Ref. No: 21/02886/APP – Single storey rear extension, alteration to front fenestration - 9 Church Hill Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0SX – No Objection

Ref. No: 21/02936/APP - Two storey side/rear and single storey rear extensions - 11 Brownlow Lane Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0SS – No Objection

Ref. No: 21/02799/APP – First Floor Rear Extension – 1B Church Hill, Cheddington - No Objection

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To Receive Determinations by Buckinghamshire Council :-

Ref. No: 21/00203/APP - Single storey side, rear and front extension, replacement garage and loft conversion including raising pitch of roof and forming side dormer windows. (Amendment to approval 20/02032/APP) - Highlands The Baulk Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0RR – **Approved**

Ref. No: 20/01291/AOP - Erection of 19 No new dwellings and the creation of access for the neighbouring Boat Club for disabled, refuse and drainage access - Land Adj The Duke Of Wellington Ph Cheddington Road Marsworth Buckinghamshire - **Application Withdrawn**

Ref. No: 21/01779/APP - Demolition of existing conservatory porch, garage and roof. Creation of two storey side and single storey rear extension, replacement roof and loft conversion. - Thwaite 17 Station Road Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0SG - **Approved**

Other Planning Matters:-

20/00685/APP – CHEDDINGTON - Three Horseshoes Ph Mentmore Road Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0SD – Current position re. the traffic calming measure since last meeting.

The PC had commented on the planning portal.

On 22nd July Clerk had received an email with letter advising that the department could not object but for the PC to contact the developer. The PC contacted therefore contacted the developer via the agent. The Clerk also sent a copy of the portal comment to Greg Smith MP and his PA Matthew Walsh.

On 30th July new documents from the developer had been uploaded to the planning portal. Clerk queried these but they referred to the original road survey, not a new one.

Unfortunately, it was agreed that nothing else could be done. It was evident that the application would go through on the 18th August.

113/21 REPORT ON ANY URGENT MATTERS

It was agreed to delay the Village walk. Clerk to prioritise the pavilion meeting with Hugo Hardy. Cllr Hollett asked if Brian Small could have a look at the bench on Station Road and repair.

114/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 1st September 2021 at 7pm in the Methodist Church School Room.

The meeting finished at 9pm

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FINANCIAL APPENDIX

MONTH 5

AS AT 01/08/2021

VCHR	DATE	PAYMENTS - CURRENT ACCOUNT	NET	VAT	TOTAL
DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS DEBITED					
57	12/07/2021	E.On 01.06.21-30.06.21	£ 647.91	£ 129.58	£ 777.49
58	12/07/2021	Southern Electric	£ 111.85	£ 5.59	£ 117.44
59	29/06/2021	Clerk's Mobile 13.07 - 12.08	£ 13.33	£ 2.67	£ 16.00
		TOTAL DDs Made	£ 773.09	£ 137.84	£ 910.93
DD PAYMENTS TO BE MADE					
60	06/08/2021	NEST Pension July 2021 - DD	£ 66.18	£ -	£ 66.18
		TOTAL DDs To Be Made	£ 66.18	£ -	£ 66.18
ONLINE PAYMENTS MADE					
61	01/07/2021	Arthur J Gallagher - Pavilion Ins Extension	£ 398.87	£ -	£ 398.87
62	07/07/2021	RPL Construction CIN531	£ 11,305.46	£ 2,261.09	£ 13,566.55
63	05/07/2021	Cheddington Residents Association re. advert	£ 66.00	£ -	£ 66.00
64	08/07/2021	GHA Trees re. Tree report Pavilion	£ 375.00	£ 75.00	£ 450.00
65	09/07/2021	Kingfisher Direct re. water tank for allotments	£ 219.69	£ 43.94	£ 263.63
66	21/07/2021	RPL Construction CIN544	£ 8,086.84	£ 1,617.37	£ 9,704.21
		TOTAL OL Payments Made	£ 20,451.86	£ 3,997.40	£ 24,449.26
ONLINE PAYMENTS TO BE MADE					
67	02/08/2021	E R Roberts - Expenses July 21	£ 15.99	£ 2.00	£ 17.99
68	02/08/2021	E R Roberts - Salary July 21	£ 888.40	£ -	£ 888.40
69	03/08/2021	Brian Small Handyman - July 2021 Inv no B0088	£ 806.71	£ 28.85	£ 835.56
70	03/08/2021	HMRC 06.08-05.09 minus July	£ 44.19	£ -	£ 44.19
71	03/08/2021	Simon Barrow - August 21 (SB1922)	£ 2,283.33	£ 456.67	£ 2,740.00
72	03/08/2021	Salus Building Control Inv 84471	£ 1,500.00	£ 300.00	£ 1,800.00
73	03/08/2021	BMKALC re. Demystifying Planning	£ 60.00	£ -	£ 60.00
74	03/08/2021	Aylesbury Mains Inv 20526 re. site visit 20/07/21	£ 91.00	£ 18.20	£ 109.20
75	03/08/2021	Cheddington Methodist Church Meetings May-Aug 21	£ 100.00	£ -	£ 100.00
		TOTAL OL Payments To Be Made	£ 5,789.62	£ 805.72	£ 6,595.34
CURRENT ACCOUNT - Community					
R9	14/07/2021	Marsworth MVAS/Townland Trust Fence	£ 167.74	£ 28.75	£ 196.49
R10	27/07/2021	Bucks Council re. S106 Funding for Pavilion	£ 24,201.87	£ -	£ 24,201.87
			£ 24,369.61	£ 28.75	£ 24,398.36
SAVINGS ACCOUNT - BMM					
			£ -	£ -	£ -
BALANCES 01.08.21					
		Current A/c			£ 40,883.40
		Savings A/c			£ 81,871.21
		TOTAL			£ 122,754.61
		Less DD to be paid			£ 66.18
		Less Online Payments to be made			£ 6,595.34
		CURRENT BALANCE			£ 116,093.09
NB		Deduction of £24 made 03.08.21			