

CHEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2nd October 2019 AT 7.45 pm IN THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL

139/19 OPEN PUBLIC FORUM – 7.45pm – 8.00pm

The following topics were discussed:-

Mr Andy Lister and Mrs Carol Lister, 22 Mentmore Road, Cheddington highlighted the very poor condition of Mentmore Road from The Three Horseshoes Pub to Pooh Corner. The road surface was now totally failing even after numerous patch repairs. The main issues concerned the fact that one side off the road was used more as cars were parked at Pooh Corner and that lorries were frequently 'bouncing' on the road surface on that one side. From Pooh Corner inwards these Grade 2 pre 17c listed properties were now structurally feeling the effects of the lorry increase, together with the failed road surface. No 28 had plaster falling off, No. 24 doors needed to be adjusted and at No. 22 the front window had shattered.

Mr Lister advised that Anglian Water had acknowledged that their recent resurfacing had failed but as it was now out of the 2 year guarantee period the original contractor who did the initial work was not liable. The constant repairs were causing a bumpy road surface. Residents at Church Hill could also feel the vibrations. Mr Lister had approached Bucks County Council (BCC) on numerous occasions in the last 1½ years. They advised that the road surface has not failed but Anglian Water say it has. Paul Irwin (Deputy Cabinet Member for Transportation, BCC) has stated that as there was no money in the budget at the moment nothing could be done. With now more lorries and the weight restriction on Brownlow Bridge the situation was getting worse. Cllr Everton explained that Mentmore Road was not the only road suffering with a marked increase in lorries. A resident in Station Road had told him that cracks were also appearing in her listed property.

Cllr Wight advised she had tried to prioritise Cheddington High Street for re-surfacing but BCC only resurfaced from the tennis courts, so only did half! She has asked for it to be prioritised again and as soon as possible, not next Spring but now. It was now the end of the resurfacing season as weather dependent. If it was a mild Winter like last year something could possibly be done this side of Christmas/early New year. Cllr Wight will actively pursue this.

Mrs Lister asked Cllr Wight if a resident has any recourse on Bucks County Council? Mrs Lister was advised that it was difficult to prove it conclusively. She had contacted a company that could measure the ground movements.

Peter Brazier, Chair Mentmore Parish Council who was also in attendance, stated it was the quality of the road surface that was the issue. Suggested gathering evidence to persuade highways to fix the road. Cllr Wight suggested a video of the Lister's house shaking/moving if possible, gather accurate data and compile a portfolio with pictures and dates. Cllr Everton asked about some form of monitoring system to show how many lorries and the weight.

Cllr Wight also raised another question. Was the increase in lorries a temporary one and due to the closure of the Brownlow Bridge, the new Persimmon Housing Development or from the business park? Even if the weight restriction was lifted and the bridge strengthened at Brownlow would it make a difference on lorry movements through the High Street? She was now doing more analysis on how many lorries were going to the business park. She had a meeting with the manager at the airfield who advised she would like to work with the village going forward. The mystery of the 4am lorry was solved and this has now stopped.

There was a discussion about the temporary restriction on Brownlow Bridge. The perception was that it was for 6 months and would finish in October. Mr Brazier advised it was now extended to 18 months.

Cllr Richards felt that the Parish Council could add some weight and show support by writing a letter to Graham Hillary, Transport Strategy Officer BCC and cc Mark Shaw, Paul Irwin and Rob Smith.

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Clerk to check whether Nationwide Data Collection carried out the 12 hour road traffic census survey as part of the Department for Transport's annual link count program.

140/19 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

Cllr Sandra Jenkins

Cllr Derek Town and PCSO Natalie Hall, Thames Valley Police

3 Members of the Public – Carol Lister, Andy Lister & Peter Brazier

141/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was nothing declared.

142/19 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Parish Council RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4th September 2019 should be accepted as a true record of the meeting and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

143/19 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

- **Thames Valley Police Area Update**

To enable PCSO Natalie Hall to leave the meeting Cllr Fee asked for reports from outside organisations. PCSO reported the below figures:-

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| May 2019 | Burglary business – 1 Theft – 1 Robbery of phone on the drive way – 1 (2x offenders arrested and the investigation is still ongoing with other forces) |
| June 2019 | Theft of a large plant pot – 1 Attempt burglary – 1 |
| July 2019 | Burglary business – 1 |
| August 2019 | Burglary – 1 |
| September 2019 | No crime relation to – burglary, theft, TFMV, criminal damage, ASB |

She advised that Thames Valley had recently carried out a joint operation with Bedfordshire Police 'Octoberbury' which was successful.

PCSO Hall asked about parking near The Swan PH. Frequently causing an obstruction. She advised that her powers were limited in respect of issuing tickets and fines.

She asked if the annual bonfire was going ahead. Clerk would confirm the date. She also enquired if any issues had arisen with Brexit. Cllr Wight confirmed that no-one written to her yet as still unsure what was happening.

- **Local Area Forum Meeting**

Cllr Richards had attended the above meeting and raised the issue of a 20pmh speed limit along the High Street.

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Those present were told categorically that (unlike our neighbouring counties) Buckinghamshire did NOT have 20mph speed limit zones, and nor did Transport for Bucks intend to implement them anytime soon. She asked about the Buckinghamshire village of Askett, which has a 20mph speed limit. We were told that this was a pilot scheme and their evaluation had shown that it had not been effective in reducing speed. Transport for Bucks went on to say that in another circumstance, "a 20mph limit was actually responsible for a child being knocked down outside a school". Cllr Richards, along with other parish councils, challenged this assertion and were told that an impatient driver had overtaken someone because they were only driving at 20mph outside a school. We felt this was a case of 'bad driving', which could have happened at any speed!

Clearly there was strong feeling amongst other villages to pursue this. Perhaps an informal campaign? Write to the Police Commissioner for Bucks asking why not a 20mph?

Cllr Richards would produce an article for the November Newsletter and forward to the Clerk.

Peter Brazier advised that Mentmore village was keen to do a joint project to extend/upgrade the footpath between both villages. Carry out a feasibility study .

Cllr Wight had received formal notification that the Beacon Villages Society had been formally dissolved and the funds left had been donated to the Chiltern Society.

Freight Strategy Meeting. Cllr Bevan and Cllr Daly had attended the meeting on the 19th. To date there had been no documentation.

144/19 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Anne Wight discussed the following

- **Home to School Transport**

Cllr Wight was aware of the recent issues with Home to School Transport, and of all the difficulties currently being experienced by families and students. BCC officers are currently actively engaged in helping to sort those out. She provided the links below for more information:-

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/news/update-on-home-to-school-transport/>

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/education/school-transport/find-a-school-bus-stop/>

- **National Recycle Week**

National Recycle Week, fully supported by Buckinghamshire County Council took place between 23 and 29 September, to encourage local people to take recycling into their own hands and do whatever they could to protect the environment. Latest figures show that around two-thirds of UK households are recycling more than they were a year ago. Across Buckinghamshire, that extra effort has meant the County Council now has the second best recycling figure across all county councils nationally at 56.6%. Many people are still unsure what can be recycled and how. Across Buckinghamshire, the Waste Wizard can help. The Wizard tool can be accessed at: www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/waste-and-recycling/what-to-recycle-where/

For more details on recycling, please visit www.recyclenow.org.uk

- **World Mental Health Day is 10 October 2019**

Cllr Wight explained that World Mental Health Day was an opportunity for all of us to raise awareness of mental health issues and advocate against social stigma. The theme of this year's event was suicide and suicide prevention.

More information on World Mental Health Day can be found on the Time to Change website below:

<https://www.time-to-change.org.uk/get-involved/get-your-workplace-involved/resources/mental-health-calendar/wmhd#toc-1>

- **London Luton Airport Expansion Consultation and information**

Luton Airport's Statutory consultation for the proposed expansion from 18 to 32 million passengers per year will run from Wednesday 16th October until Wednesday 11th December.

Residents who wanted to review expansion proposals and reports use the Future London website:

<https://futureluton.lfal.org.uk>

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Cllr Wight asked if Cheddington wanted a County wreath for Remembrance Day. As the parish had not had one in the past it was decided not to.

There was a discussion in respect of the Community Leadership Fund. Cllr Richards suggested using it for a campaign in respect of the 20mph speed limit. It was also suggested to apply for a memorial bench.

Cllr Fee advised that the goal posts at the Recreation ground were not up to standard. The Clerk to check.

145/19 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Sandra Jenkins

Cllr Jenkins advised that she was attending the same meetings as Cllr Wight so had nothing further to add.

Cllr Derek Town

Had attended a meeting in respect of Bucks County Council committing to being carbon neutral by 2030. The County Council is also one of 43 local authorities taking part in the Collaborative Low Carbon Schools Service run by the Carbon Trust. He had attended a presentation which included a talk by two, 9-13 year olds which was very encouraging.

Other points mentioned by Cllr Town included that new housing would reach 500,000 in 15 years.

Recycling - 12/15 years ago AVDC were in the lower 5%, now top 5%. Cllr Fee agreed that it was very good.

146/19 CLERK'S REPORT - to note updates to ongoing matters.

- **Petanque Licence draft prepared** – Signed by Derek Wilkinson, countersigned by clerk.
- **Village Hall Lease** – the Clerk to find out which solicitor did the tennis club lease and get a quote from them.
- **Land at Gooseacre** – 3 applications for residential development by Ward from 1980 to 1986 all refused. Nothing since.
- **The Orchard** - The Clerk had contacted Bill Tilley at AVDC to get an update. Advised on 6th September. He was in the process of putting together a file to hand to the legal team to request pursuing prosecution. He appreciated the concern from the residents and assured the Clerk of his best efforts to get this issue dealt with properly.
- **Bench at Church path for Mr Meacham** – Clerk to write to Cllr Wight for funding via the Community Leader Fund in respect of the bench and the Meachams to pay for the BCC administration fee.
- **Jackdaws and clock** – Clerk advised that she had been let down again by a company. She had met with Mr Squires at the school. Brian Small was happy to do the work but using a scissor lift with extendable platform. Clerk advised that Star Platforms in Dunstable could provide the operated platform quoting £450 per day. This was approved.
- **Bark for green** – Delivered and distributed.
- **Tommy Silhouette** – Clerk to advise Brian Small to place the Tommy in the same position as last year, on the 24th October.
- **Prams in the Park** – Cancelled until May 2020.
- **Recreation Ground** – Tony Kehoe quote approved.
- **Lime Tree/hawthorn** – Clerk confirmed that the works would be carried out on the 9th October.
- **Hedge Mentmore Road** – Clerk had contacted Mr Brazier who confirmed the land was not his. The plot was sold in November 2016. Due to lack of visibility when turning right out of Church Hill the hedge needs to be taken back for safety reasons. Current contractor does cut it back but Clerk to contact Bill Tilley to make sure OK to cut back.

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147/19 CORRESPONDENCE, CONSULTATIONS AND CIRCULARS

To note correspondence received and to consider any responses to be made.

- Andrew Docherty - Offer of a tree to plant in the old allotments. Mr Docherty has also offered to tend the tree. The Clerk to confirm with Mr Docherty that the Parish Council would accept his kind offer.
- Janice Nicholas Cheddington Village Fete Committee - Village Fete 2020 Permission given to use the green on the 27.06.20.
- Community Impact Bucks email - Buckinghamshire Playing Fields Association (BPFA) AGM – Clerk asked if anyone wished to attend – No.
- Gemma Fraser, fitness instructor – Requested a storage box for her equipment at the village hall. As long as the Village Hall Committee was in agreement and Ms Fraser takes responsibility for any damage etc, the Parish Council had no issue with this.
- Chris Joyce, Remembrance Service Cheddington – It was agreed that Cllr Fee would lay the wreath and Cllr Everton would read the Roll of Honour.
- Mark Griffin, Cobbles to the front of 68 and 70 Goose Acre – All agreed that the concrete slab needed lifted and the roots taken out – Clerk to ask Tony Kehoe or Brian Small.
- Michelle Andrews, Dog Mess at Old Allotments – All agreed that nothing could be done other than ban dogs from the area but the Parish Council did not want to do this. Clerk to advise Mrs Andrews to ask the responsible dog walkers to keep an eye out for the offender/s and report back. Cllr Fee asked that when the land changed from allotments were the byelaws changed regarding dogs using the area? Clerk would do some investigating.

148/19 PAVILION UPDATE

The Clerk advised that she had already liaised with Joe Houston at AVDC regarding a possible Deed of Variation to amend the current sport and leisure project wording in the Deed of Planning Obligation. She had confirmed that this was also feasible with the developer. The Parish Council finalised the wording which the Clerk would email to Joe Houston.

The below wording was agreed:-

“Improvements to existing and / or provision of a new pavilion and / or equipped play provision and / or fitness equipment at Cheddington Recreation Ground and / or improvements to equipped play provision at The Green, High Street, Cheddington”.

It was agreed to have discussion with Hugo Hardy Architect, to discuss his letter in respect of the update of his fees and scope of works. It was suggested Thursday 24th October at 6.30pm. Clerk to check availability of the Methodist Church Hall.

Clerk to check the VAT implications and in respect of the New Homes Bonus and S106 monies in respect of who do the contractors actually invoice?

149/19 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Payments were agreed as per the financial report for Month 7.
- b) Village Hall Lease Deed of Variation – Clerk to ascertain who did the Tennis club lease and get a fee quote.
- c) Quote from Tony Kehoe for the works at the Recreation Ground – Approved.
- d) Eventbrite courses for Cllr T Richards (Creating Constructive Community Engagement for Town & Parish Councils and for Roz Roberts, Clerk (Clerking Essentials for Town & Parish Councils) – Approved.
- e) Neighbourhood Planning for Local Councils, 27th November in Aston Clinton – Clerk to check if relevant in respect of updating a neighbourhood plan.

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150/19 PLANNING MATTERS

a) To consider applications received via AVDC

19/03291/APP - Mentmore Park Farm Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 0QN - Proposed grain store to store crops grown by M & J Gaymer – NO OBJECTION

19/03486/APP - 6 High Street Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0RQ - Two storey rear extension – NO OBJECTION

b) To receive determinations by AVDC -

19/02586/APP - 29 Station Road Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0SG – **APPROVED**

19/02386/APP - 23 Station Road Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0SG - **APPROVED**

c) Other Planning Matters - None

151/19 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2020

Clerk to confirm with Janet Banham, Methodist Church Hall, the 1st Wednesday of every month for the Parish Council meetings, apart from the January 2020 meeting which will be on the 8th.

Clerk to check the date of the 2020 election in respect of the May 2020 meeting date which should be after the election i.e. normally the 7th May so 13th May 2020.

152/19 TO AGREE DATE OF FINANCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING TO DISCUSS

Clerk to book the Methodist Church Hall for 6.30pm until 9.00pm on Thursday 24th October.

This meeting to also include a discussion in respect of the pavilion development. Clerk to invite Hugo Hardy architect, to attend.

153/19 REPORT ON ANY URGENT MATTERS

There was nothing to report.

154/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 6th November 2019 at 7.45pm in the Methodist Church hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.30 pm.

Signed: -----
Chairman

Date: -----

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FINANCIAL APPENDIX

MONTH 7

AS AT 030/09/2019

| VCHR | DATE | PAYMENTS - CURRENT ACCOUNT | NET | VAT | TOTAL |
|--------------------------------------|------------|--|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS DEBITED | | | | | |
| 100 | 11/09/2019 | E-ON September 19 - Street Lighting | £ 671.63 | £ 134.33 | £ 805.96 |
| 101 | 27/09/2019 | O2 Clerk's Mobile 13.09-12.10 | £ 12.81 | £ 2.56 | £ 15.37 |
| | | | £ 684.44 | £ 136.89 | £ 821.33 |
| ONLINE PAYMENTS MADE | | | | | |
| 102 | 17/09/2019 | George Browns re. new Strimmer | £ 412.25 | £ 82.44 | £ 494.69 |
| 103 | 18/09/2019 | HMRC PAYE/NIC To 05.10.19 | £ 54.03 | £ - | £ 54.03 |
| | | | £ 466.28 | £ 82.44 | £ 548.72 |
| CHEQUE PAYMENTS TO BE MADE | | | | | |
| 104 | 03/10/2019 | Mrs I Horn re lighting at Barkham Close | £ 40.00 | £ - | £ 40.00 |
| 105 | 03/10/2019 | Mr S Squires - Winding of clock | £ 60.00 | £ - | £ 60.00 |
| 106 | 03/10/2019 | RBL Poppy Appeal 2019 | £ 50.00 | £ - | £ 50.00 |
| 107 | 03/10/2019 | St Giles Church - Churchyard/lighting | £ 790.00 | £ - | £ 790.00 |
| | | | £ 940.00 | £ - | £ 940.00 |
| ONLINE PAYMENTS TO BE MADE | | | | | |
| 108 | 06/09/2019 | Aylesbury Main | £ 129.70 | £ 25.94 | £ 155.64 |
| 109 | 06/09/2019 | Euro Office - Ink Cartridges | £ 31.03 | £ 6.21 | £ 37.24 |
| 110 | 09/09/2019 | Euro Office - Suspension Files | £ 75.18 | £ 15.04 | £ 90.22 |
| 111 | 12/09/2019 | Waste King - Bonfire Skip | £ 170.00 | £ 34.00 | £ 204.00 |
| 112 | 19/09/2019 | Online Playgrounds - Bark for playground | £ 882.00 | £ 176.40 | £ 1,058.40 |
| 113 | 24/09/2019 | BMKALC - Clerks Essentials | £ 41.55 | £ - | £ 41.55 |
| 114 | 24/09/2019 | BMKALC - Conference Cllr Richards | £ 27.54 | £ - | £ 27.54 |
| 115 | 30/09/2019 | E R Roberts - Expenses September 19 | £ 38.53 | £ 3.85 | £ 42.38 |
| 116 | 30/09/2019 | E R Roberts - Salary September 19 | £ 843.00 | - | £ 843.00 |
| 117 | 30/09/2019 | Brian Small Handyman - September 19 | £ 504.00 | £ - | £ 504.00 |
| 118 | 30/09/2019 | Brayscape - September 19 | £ 1,326.40 | £ - | £ 1,326.40 |
| 119 | 01/10/2019 | Simon Barrow Gardening - September 19 | £ 120.00 | £ - | £ 1,200.00 |
| 120 | 01/10/2019 | Cheddington Methodist Church - Sept 19 | £ 15.00 | £ - | £ 15.00 |
| 121 | 03/10/2019 | Cheddington Village Hall - Annual Contribution | £ 2,040.00 | £ - | £ 2,040.00 |
| 122 | 03/10/2019 | Cheddington Methodist Church - Annual Contribution | £ 40.00 | £ - | £ 40.00 |
| | | | £ 6,283.93 | £ 261.44 | £ 7,625.37 |
| | | TOTAL Payments made/due | £ 8,374.65 | £ 480.77 | £ 9,935.42 |
| CURRENT ACCOUNT - Community | | | | | |
| T8 | 05/09/2019 | From Savings Account | £ 4,000.00 | £ - | £ 4,000.00 |
| R10 | 09/09/2019 | Gemma Fraser - Aug/Sept 19 | £ 40.00 | £ - | £ 40.00 |
| T9 | 17/09/2019 | From Savings Account | £ 4,500.00 | £ - | £ 4,500.00 |
| R12 | 23/09/2019 | Rose Nightingale - Allotment Sub | £ 28.00 | £ - | £ 28.00 |
| R13 | 25/09/2019 | Allotment Subs | £ 33.00 | £ - | £ 33.00 |
| R14 | 26/09/2019 | AVDC Precept | £ 41,000.00 | £ - | £ 41,000.00 |
| T10 | 01/10/2019 | To Savings Account | -£ 32,000.00 | £ - | -£ 32,000.00 |
| | | | £ 17,601.00 | £ - | £ 17,601.00 |
| SAVINGS ACCOUNT - BMM | | | | | |
| T8 | 05/09/2019 | To Current Account | -£ 4,000.00 | £ - | -£ 4,000.00 |
| T9 | 17/09/2019 | To Current Account | -£ 4,500.00 | £ - | -£ 4,500.00 |
| R11 | 21/09/2019 | Interest to 20/09/19 | £ 45.00 | £ - | £ 45.25 |
| T10 | 01/10/2019 | From Current Account | £ 32,000.00 | £ - | £ 32,000.00 |
| | | | £ 23,545.00 | £ - | £ 23,545.25 |
| BALANCES | | | | | |
| | 01/10/2019 | Current A/c | | | £ 13,521.20 |
| | 01/10/2019 | Savings A/c | | | £ 115,860.21 |
| | | TOTAL | | | £ 129,381.41 |
| | | Less Unpresented Cheques | | | £ 940.00 |
| | | Less Online Payments to be made | | | £ 7,625.37 |
| | | CURRENT BALANCE | | | £ 120,816.04 |