

# **CHEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019**

**AT 7:45pm IN CHEDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL SIDE ROOM**

## **46/19 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

**Present** - Cllr C. Poll in the Chair, Cllr C. Fee, Cllr M. Everton, Cllr D. Finch, Cllr K. Graham, Cllr K. Oastler, Cllr T. Richards and the Clerk, Mrs R. Roberts.

County Councillor A. Wight  
District Councillor S. Jenkins  
District Councillor D. Town

10 Members of the Public  
PCSO Natalie Hall (Aylesbury Vale Local Police) plus 2 colleagues

### **Apologies:** -

Cllr Everton – work commitments in London

## **47/19 OPEN PUBLIC FORUM**

The following topics were discussed:-

### **17/00832/AOP – Land off Mentmore Road and Station Road**

Resident discussed the report compiled by Steve Oram, an orchard biodiversity officer from the Peoples Trust for Endangered Species (PTES). This had been circulated to the Councillors before the meeting.

The 2 main points raised were:-

1. The important biodiversity of the area and
2. Aylesbury Vale's serious dereliction of duty and its failure on 3 occasions to enforce the protection order.

Resident asked the Parish Council to lodge a written formal complaint against Aylesbury Vale District Council. The Clerk would draft a letter from the Parish Council in respect of the administrative procedures that were clearly not followed by the Enforcement officer.

Cllr Poll advised that a comment had already been made on the planning application via the planning portal. He would also personally make a formal complaint via the Aylesbury Vale complaints website link also in respect of the enforcement complaint.

All agreed that these serious dereliction of duties needed to be resolved just not for Cheddington but for other villages where similar instances have and will occur in the future.

Cllr Derek Town (District Councillor) and Michael Rand had asked for a meeting before the Aylesbury Vale planning meeting on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April to also raise this and make an official complaint. This would be a closed meeting.

Another Resident has put a complaint via John Bercow, Member of Parliament for Buckingham. He was contacting Mr Bercow's office again as he had not been contacted at the end of March as advised. It was clear everything that could be done by the Parish Council was being done.

Another resident asked if it would be time to reconsider a community orchard on the orchard site. Cllr Poll stated that the site was privately owned and clearly the landowner would need to be approached. Cllr Town mentioned an article that he had put in the Newsletter re. a walk in Milton Keynes and suggested the residents find out more about it, go and see it, how it was developed, who manages it and maybe set up residents working group. Residents advised to enquire about possible grants. The Parish Council would be in favour of having a community orchard or something similar in the village.

Resident from Church Hill Farm also asked for an update in respect of the blanket Tree Preservation Order (TPO). The Parish Council had nothing further to report.

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## **48/19 POLICE UPDATE – PCSO Natalie Hall**

PC Hall advised that in the last 4 weeks there had been a decrease in theft in neighbourhood and that Thames Valley Police were also working closely with Hertfordshire police.

### **FIGURES FOR CHEDDINGTON from 29/12/2018 – 08/04/2019**

Burglary Residential: 1 (29/12/2018)

Theft of motor vehicle: 1 (29/01/2019)

Criminal Damage: 2 (29/01/2019 & 12/02/2019)

Theft from Motor vehicle: 2 (16/02/2019 & 15/03/2019)

Theft: 1(22/03/2019)

The overall crime figures for Aylesbury Vale LPA between 1st September 2018 to current date.

In the same rolling period in comparison to the previous year, overall reported crime has dropped by 4%.

The only real rise in crime in the Aylesbury Vale has been violent crime which unfortunately has risen by 24%. This includes domestic assaults.

However, there were decreases in the following areas for the Aylesbury Vale:-

Commercial burglaries are down by 8%

Residential Burglaries are down by 37%

Theft from motor vehicles are down by 30%

Drug offences are down by 1%

Cllr Sandra Jenkins asked for an update re. Blenheim Close. PCSO Hall reported that there has been no further evidence in respect of who the offender/s were.

PC Hall advised that as 101 had been experiencing issues with call handlers, residents could now report a crime on the Thames Valley Police Web page (report a crime online WEBFORM). The link is: <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk>. This information would come through to the Thames Valley Police in the same way as a telephone call.

## **49/19 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

No interests were declared.

## **50/19 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Parish Council RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 should be accepted as a true record of the meeting and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

## **51/19 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

### **Report from Anne Wight**

Cllr A Wight gave her a report which included the following issues:-

- **The Brownlow Bridge**

Deputy Cabinet Member for Transport, Paul Irwin, BCC officers and Cllr Wight had met parish council and local business representatives from the Marsworth Industrial Estate to discuss the forthcoming Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) to limit the weight on the Brownlow Bridge to 18 tonnes. It is envisaged that the 18 tonne weight limit will be placed on the bridge on 23rd April, to avoid coinciding with the road closure for water mains repairs on the junction of the B488 and B489 in Ivinghoe scheduled for 6-18th April. This will be a temporary weight limit for six months. In the meantime, anyone wishing to express a view on the long term outlook for the bridge could do so via email at: [freight@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:freight@buckscc.gov.uk)

Further information on this issue could also be accessed via the public agenda reports pack from the Local Area Forum meeting via the Bucks County Council website.

- **New Rights of Way reporting tool**

The County Council has launched a new online tool to report damage and obstructions on Buckinghamshire's 2,000 miles of public footpaths, bridleways and byways. Via the new CAMs (Countryside Access Management) system walkers and horse riders can report items like broken stiles, overgrown vegetation or fallen trees, damaged bridges or path surfaces or even damaged or missing signposts and waymarks. Reports received can then be prioritised and dealt with as

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quickly as possible. Not only will the system provide feedback on progress to the customer, it will also say if the problem has already been reported. The system also allows volunteers to sign up to help deal with reported problems.

The introduction of the new facility followed feedback from both the Buckinghamshire Local Access Forum and the Bucks Rights of Way Liaison Group who both suggested keeping customers more up-to-date and informed about progress with rectifying problems.

visit [www.buckscc.gov.uk](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk) and search rights of way.

- **EU Settlement Scheme**

Cllr Wight discussed the EU Settlement Scheme. If you are an EU citizen, you and your family members would need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 31 December 2020. Further details of the process are available using the following link

<https://apply-for-eu-settled-status.homeoffice.gov.uk/start/eu-settlement>

- **National Paralympic Heritage Trust – Ride London**

The Trustees of the NPHT had asked Cllr Wight to let residents know that WheelPower currently has 23 available places in the Ride London cycle event which takes place on Sunday 4th August 2019. This unique fundraising event is over a 100 mile course on closed roads around London and Surrey. The Closing Date is 30th May 2019 and the Entry Fee is £25. WheelPower set a minimum sponsorship (fundraising target) of £500 per place. Riders also receive a specially designed WheelPower cycle jersey to wear for the event.

### 52/19 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr S Jenkins gave her report which included feedback from the following committee meetings

- **Bucks Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee**

NHS Long Term Plan

This 10 year plan sets out the ambition for the NHS during this period. Key areas of focus and prevention, population health, improving clinical outcomes and reducing health inequalities. The item was for the Committee Members to receive and overview the plan and to hear how the key areas will be delivered.

Primary Care Networks

As well as the NHS long term plan, the new GP contract has been published which is a 5 year framework to support the long term plan. The GP contract highlights the development of Primary Care Networks to enable the provision of proactive, accessible, co-ordinated and more integrated primary and community care.

- **AVDC Economy and Business Development Scrutiny panel.**

This provided Members with an overview and update on the operation of the Aylesbury Vale Enterprise Zones (AVEZ). Enterprise Zone status for three strategic sites in Aylesbury Vale came into effect on 1 April 2016 at Silverstone Park, Westcott Venture Park and Arla/Woodlands. These three key strategic employment locations each has potential to add value to Buckinghamshire's knowledge economy and to accelerate investment in high growth and high added-value sectors

- **Environment and Living Scrutiny Committee**

Tim Metcalfe, Thames Valley Police LPA LPA Commander, gave an Annual Update on Police activities in the AV area.

Chris Oliver, AVDC's Community Safety Advisor presented a report highlighting information about current crime levels, a summary of activity on the delivery of the Aylesbury Vale Community Safety Partnership (AVCSP1) Plan in 2018/19 and an update on some of the recent and future changes taking place in connection with community safety.

Further Committee details can be found on the Bucks CC and AVDC websites.

### 53/19 CLERK'S REPORT ON ONGOING MATTERS

- **The Bowls Club** - Ken Eames had advised the Clerk that the bowling club would dispose of the old gate and post.
- **Clock Tower** – The jackdaws were still in the tower. School caretaker keeping an eye on the birds to see if they are nesting.
- **Wildflower Margin** – No-one had responded to the call for a volunteer.
- **Cheddington Parish Council Powers & Duties Document** – Working on a document with Cllr Fee.

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- **What Parish Councils can spend money on?** – Work in Progress document.
- **Allotment** – Water trough ordered and being set up by Brian Small.
- **Replacement Goal nets** - Ordered.
- **Anglian Water** – The Clerk had received a call from John Merryweather from Anglian Water (AW) who advised that AW were going to restart the removal of the decommissioned water main. Works will be located in Church Lane, Mentmore Road and Lammas. Clerk will be meeting with Anglian Water on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

## 54/19 CORRESPONDENCE, CONSULTATIONS AND CIRCULARS

The list of correspondence which had been circulated to the councillors before the meeting was noted. The following responses were agreed: -

- **AED (Automated External Defibrillators) familiarisation course** – All agreed that this would be very worthwhile exercise. Clerk to get information regarding timing, how many can attend, enquire if Methodist Hall would be free then advertise.
- **Use of the Pavillion** on the Club's Mens and Ladies Gala Days – confirmed.
- **Nursery at the ticket office** - Email follow up re. missing hand delivered letter. Clerk to advise sender that the property belongs to Network Rail but to wish them luck.
- **Tennis Club** - Resurfacing work and date to start confirmation/hiring of skip – Cllr Richards had met with the contractors and was main contact for the programme of works which would take 4 weeks. She advised that she had got an extra set of keys cut for the bollards. The bowling club had been advised. The contractor will make secure their site.
- **Speeding Along Mentmore Road** - Cheddington resident, Mr Colin Brazier's email in respect of speeding traffic along Mentmore Road, Cheddington. Cllr Poll advised that the MVAS was with Aston Abbots Parish for 6 weeks. After that time Cheddington will place it at the Mentmore Road end of the village. Clerk to advise Mr Brazier of this.
- **Whitchurch Neighbourhood Plan** – Clerk to advise that Cheddington spend on the Neighbourhood Plan was approx. £20k with £7k of that a grant via Community Impact Bucks and would definitely recommend a consultant.
- **Review of polling stations** – All agreed no issues with Cheddington's polling station. Clerk to put the AVDC review sign on the notice board.

## 55/19 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS –

**Brownlow Bridge** – Cllr. Poll had attended a local stakeholders meeting at the airfield industrial site when the news was released about the weight limit for lorries being 18 tonnes on the bridge. There was understandably uproar at site. Consensus was that it would cost between and £100,000 and £300,000 to strengthen the bridge but Bucks County Council would not commit to spend the money.

The real issue was the diversion route meaning that lorries would have a major lengthening of their journey. It was left that the vehicle operators would get in touch with John Bercow.

A resident asked could there be a weight restriction on the High Street for lorries? But what would the cost involved be? Who enforces it? Cllr Poll advised that everyone at the moment needed to just wait and see what would happen. There was obviously concerns raised about the local people employed at the airfield. Very difficult balancing act. Highways Agency had to come up with a solution to the problem.

## 56/19 PAVILLION

Cllr Richards asked if it would be worthwhile to have the multiuse area partitioned off so 2 groups could use the space at once. It was decided that it would be a sole use space only.

If more storage was required this would be externally provided. There was already an empty container storage unit near the bowls club that could be utilised by the tennis club.

The Clerk was to contact the architect, Hugo Hardy, confirming to go ahead with the QS costings.

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## 57/19 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) The payments were agreed in accordance with financial report.
- b) New mandate to include a new user for business internet account – to be discussed at a later date.
- c) 2 requests for funding –  
Cheddington Playscheme - £1300 agreed as included in budget.  
Jack in the box – £300 agreed as included in budget.

## 58/19 HISTORICAL SOCIETY – NEW DEVELOPMENT STREET NAME SUGGESTIONS

Everyone was in agreement that the document produced by the History Society was excellent and the 10 street names suggested were very suitable. The document should be forwarded to Teresa Bull, Systems Administrator/Street Naming & Numbering Officer at Aylesbury Vale.

A letter of thanks to be sent to the History Society.

## 59/19 PLANNING MATTERS

a) The following applications received via AVDC were discussed:-

- **19/00888/AGN - Elsave Farm, Station Road – Proposed agricultural building –**  
Clerk had responded on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March on behalf of the council as had no negative feedback. There were no objections and the decision was made on the 29.03.19. No notification to Clerk.
- **16/B2806/DIS - Discharge of Conditions 11,15,19,20,21 relating to approved application 16/02806/AOP** No notifications were provided by AVDC in respect of discharges and this was confirmed by Parish Support. Total of 24 conditions. All were fine but Cllr. Fee wanted those personally involved/effected for example, lighting on the zebra crossing, to be made aware. Resident advised that the flashing zebra crossing poles could have shields to lessen the brightness of the lights. Persimmon will be advised of this once Cllr Town speaks to Carol Paternoster about the next step.
- **CM/0018/19 for Consultation - Unit 25 Old Airfield Ind Est (by 11<sup>th</sup> April) –** use of yard and building for waste transfer and waste processing with ancillary storage of waste materials – Clerk to do a bit of research and circulate the application notices/look at the consultation information. Is it a retrospective planning application? Is it Camiers expanding or is it a new company with new building premises?

b) **No determinations had been received from AVDC**

c) **Other Planning Matters**

- **18/04097/DP - Land West of Mentmore Road, Partridge Close and Barkham Close**  
Before responding to Persimmon, Clerk to ask Cllr Town to contact Cllr Carole Paternoster, AVDC's Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure, to firstly get her opinion.
- **17/00832/AOP - Land Off Mentmore Road and Station Road.**  
Discussed at the public forum.
- **18/01705/APP - 97 High Street Cheddington –** Update - Clearing of parish council land  
Clerk had sent letter to landowner to request that the land that they were using for bonfires be cleared and the gate re-instated. To date no response to the letter. Follow up in 1 week's time with another letter.

## 60/19 REPORT ON ANY URGENT MATTERS

There was nothing to report.

## 61/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be the Annual Meeting on Wednesday 8th May in the Village Hall side room. Please note that the Annual Parish Assembly Meeting will take place before the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7.45 p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00 p.m.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

**Chairman**

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FINANCIAL APPENDIX			MONTH 1		AS AT 1 <sup>st</sup> APRIL 2019	
VCHR	DATE	PAYMENTS - CURRENT ACCOUNT	NET	VAT	TOTAL	
DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS DEBITED						
163	11/03/2019	EON - Street Lights	599.65	119.93	719.58	
164	15/03/2019	ICO - re. Data Controller Renewal Registration	35.00	0.00	35.00	
165	29/03/2019	SSE re Rec Ground	61.85	3.09	64.94	
166	01/04/2019	02 re parish clerk mobile	12.50	2.50	15.00	
			<b>709.00</b>	<b>125.52</b>	<b>834.52</b>	
CHEQUE PAYMENTS						
001	03/04/2019	Bucks Best Kept Village 2019	<b>25.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>25.00</b>	
ONLINE PAYMENTS MADE						
168	25/03/2019	City Irrigation Ltd	<b>245.03</b>	<b>49.01</b>	<b>294.04</b>	
ONLINE PAYMENTS TO BE MADE						
002	04/04/2019	Parish Online by GeoXsphere	100.00	20.00	120.00	
003	04/04/2019	BALC Annual Sub 19-20	297.53	0.00	297.53	
004	04/04/2019	Aylesbury Mains Ltd	95.30	19.06	114.36	
005	04/04/2019	Simon Barrow Gardening Services	600.00	0.00	600.00	
006	04/04/2019	Brayscape	663.20	0.00	663.20	
007	04/04/2019	Cheddington Village Hall	18.75	0.00	18.75	
008	04/04/2019	Mrs R Roberts - Expenses	109.32	18.98	128.30	
009	04/04/2019	Hugo Hardy Architect - final 50% of fixed fee	1000.00	0.00	1000.00	
010	04/04/2019	PAYE to 05.04.19	246.07	0.00	246.07	
011	04/04/2019	B Small - Handyman March 19	312.00	0.00	312.00	
012	04/04/2019	R Roberts - Salary	744.92	0.00	744.92	
013	04/04/2019	M Smith - Salary	210.23	0.00	210.23	
014	04/04/2019	M Smith - Expenses	7.99	0.00	7.99	
			<b>4405.31</b>	<b>58.04</b>	<b>4463.35</b>	
		<b>TOTAL Payments made/due from 07.03.19</b>	<b>5384.34</b>	<b>183.56</b>	<b>5322.87</b>	
<b>CURRENT ACCOUNT - Community</b>						
T10	07/03/2019	From Savings Account	4000.00		4000.00	
R18	11/03/2019	Gemma Frazer - Pavilion Use	100.00		100.00	
			<b>4100.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4100.00</b>	
<b>SAVINGS ACCOUNT - BMM</b>						
T10	07/03/2019	To Current Account	-4000.00		-4000.00	
R19	21/03/2019	Gross Interest Paid	40.62		40.62	
			<b>-3959.38</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-3959.38</b>	
<b>BALANCES</b>						
	01/04/2019	Current			4190.74	
	01/04/2019	Savings			83085.21	
					87275.95	
		Less Unpresented Cheques			25.00	
		Less Online Payments to be made			4463.35	
					<b>82787.60</b>	