

# **CHEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7.45 pm IN THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL**

### **13/20 OPEN PUBLIC FORUM – 7.45pm – 8.00pm**

The following topics were discussed:-

- Simon Barrow, the newly appointed gardening contractor introduced himself to the Council. He advised that he would be cutting the main areas more often and the contract would be extended to cover a 12 month period. He would liaise with Andy Thompson from the Tennis Club regarding the reinstatement of the areas damaged during the construction of the new tennis court.
- Carole Lister - Resident - Raised the issue of the overgrown footpath going towards Cooks Wharf. Cllr Wight advised her to report it on 'Fix My Street' and then forward the reference number.
- Andy Thompson updated those present in respect of the tennis club 3<sup>rd</sup> court. Representatives from the Parish Council (PC) had inspected the completed works. There were no major issues. Mr Thompson thanked the PC and Cllr Tiffany Richards for dealing with the contractor, the bowls club and the general public. The painting of the court would be in the Spring. The area to the side of the court would be cordoned off while the new grass was growing.
- Kim Goldhagen - Resident – Parking at lower end of village causing a problem. She asked if the Parish Council could do anything about this. Cllr Fee advised that it could not as it was public land. She also advised that the PC could not give the pub permission to use of the recreation car park as it was a business. Cllr Finch mentioned the festivals hosted by the pub in May and August and if the bowls club clashed the problem would be worse. He indicated that the works had now started at 97 high street so the traffic problems would get worse.

Clerk to ask the local PCSO about the High Street and parking as some vehicles were clearly parking illegally on the footpaths.

- Jenny McGrath – Resident - Advised that the setting up of a Village Sustainability Group in was still at infant stage. Using Wigginton as an example she described how residents put together a working group for the community. For example, car sharing, community gardens, planting scheme, working together in small groups. Well planned. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was held in January with the 2<sup>nd</sup> to be held in February.

Ms McGrath also asked about the current Tennis court build and it source of funding and was it through the new development s106 monies. Cllr Richards confirmed that the build was self-funded. Cllr Richards also mentioned the community grant available from the housing developer and suggested Ms McGrath contact the them.

### **14/20 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

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

Cllr Anne Wight

3 Members of the Public

**Apologies:-** , Cllr D. Bevan, Cllr K. Oastler, Cllr M Everton, Cllr Sandra Jenkins, Cllr Derek Town

### **15/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

### **16/20 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Parish Council RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 should be accepted as a true record of the meeting and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

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## **17/20 TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

### ***County Cllr Anne Wight***

Cllr Wight advised that the potholes on Mentmore Road had now been patched and that the water leak also on Mentmore Road, near the new housing development, had also been repaired.

Cllr Fee advised that a resident had been injured while walking down Church Path. Cllr Fee was advised to report it on Fix My Street and take note of the reference, if the resident had not already done so.

### **Freight Strategy Update**

Cllr Wight provided an update from the Freight Strategy officer, Graham Hillary, with regard to the forthcoming Freight Strategy Public Consultation. Meetings with the surrounding Parish Councils were being organised, the first having been held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February in Ivinghoe with representatives from four Parish Councils. The second meeting for the remaining Parish Councils was being organised by Cheddington's Clerk.

### **Reporting Unauthorised Encampments**

Cllr Wight advised that the County Council's enforcement team was working closely with the district councils and Thames Valley Police to assist communities in resolving issues with encampments when they arise. However, people often have unrealistic expectations of the powers of the local authority and police to take immediate enforcement action when an encampment takes place. In order to better explain the legal situation and processes involved, Thames Valley Police had produced a couple of short films to explain the law and practice in a way which was both concise and easy to understand.

For further information, or to report an unauthorised encampment, please go to the County Council website for more detail.

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/environment/report-an-unauthorised-encampment>

### **Fairer funding plea to look after Buckinghamshire's roads**

Cllr Wight advised that Buckinghamshire was supporting calls to the Government for a fairer share of funding for roads, following national research showing London has the money to invest three times the amount compared to counties. What was needed was a more equitable allocation of Government funds across different council types, and a longer-term settlement for roads funding, rather than the current ad-hoc fund pots that the council has to bid for.

### **Buckinghamshire's Family Support Service**

Cllr Wight advised Buckinghamshire's new Family Support Service, which was launched by the county council in September 2019, now has a network of 16 family centres across Buckinghamshire. New timetables had just been released, running from Monday 6 January right through until Easter, with different types of sessions at each centre. The service aims to help local families who might be facing challenges so they can solve their problems before they reach crisis point.

To find out more and to find out how to contact the service go to [www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/familysupport](http://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/familysupport)

### ***District Cllr Sandra Jenkins***

Not present.

### ***District Cllr Derek Town***

Not present but forwarded the following to the Clerk for inclusion:-

VALP unable to adopt before June/July 2020. Over 800 comments affecting 140 policy areas, mainly from the north of the district re Milton Keynes boundaries. A statement will be distributed to Parish Councils following the AVDC meeting Wednesday evening.

Milton Keynes County Council has put out a consultation outside their area designated a metropolitan area with around 20,000 houses to go in the vale.

East-West Rail has been approved and work will commence.

## **18/20 CLERK'S REPORT - to note updates to ongoing matters**

### **• Community Speedwatch**

Sill no further volunteers. Clerk had advertised on Parish Notice Board and in the February Newsletter.

Cllr Fee and Clerk met with Wendy Taylor, Thames Valley Speedwatch co-ordinator and picked out 2 chosen spots for the placing of the equipment survey. Clerk has emailed map as requested to Ms Taylor. Stephen Lott, equipment trainer currently unavailable until Mid-February.

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- **Orchard Manor Zebra Crossing/lamp post** - Nothing to report this month.
- **Village Hall Lease** – Terms to be signed by Cllr Bevan and Cllr Everton at the next meeting.
- **Pavilion Ground Source Engineer Visit** – Meeting held at the pavilion. Hugo Hardy to forward details to enable a feasibility report to be produced.
- **Tennis club lease** – Finalised and signed. Registration of the new lease with the Land Registry. Tennis Club's solicitors are waiting for response / confirmation from the Land Registry. Ground works done. Met with Contractors and tennis club on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> at 2pm to sign off works
- **Local Area Forum Funding** – Advised will hear, if successful, on the 8<sup>th</sup> February.
- **Freight Strategy Briefing Meeting** with Graham Hillary – Clerk asked to organise for Edlesborough, Marsworth, Wing, Wingrave and Cheddington. Date confirmed 10<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in Methodist School Room.
- **Cobbles/Tree at Gooseacre** – Cheddington WI confirmed they would plant a cherry tree.
- **Light at Barkham close** - Still not working – Clerk to contact Aylesbury Vale Housing Trust.

### 19/20 CORRESPONDENCE, CONSULTATIONS AND CIRCULARS

Discussed.

### 20/20 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

There was nothing to report.

### 21/20 PAVILION

Cllr Fee advised that the Planning Determination date had been extended to 10<sup>th</sup> February.

**VAT** – Meeting set up for Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb with DCK Accounting Solutions to discuss the VAT implications.

**Trial Pits** - Report received from Ian Stephenson, structural engineer. Current base structurally sound.

**Deed of Variation** – Tom White of Persimmon had confirmed that the document had gone back to AVDC's solicitors. Still waiting response. Clerk has contacted AVDCs solicitor no response to date.

**New Homes Bonus** Monies extended to end September 2020 but Clerk advised that the agreement currently was with AVDC and not the forthcoming Buckinghamshire Council. AVDC ceases to exist from 1 April. All existing agreements would be honoured but there was no guarantee that project/agreement timescales would be extended again once the new Council was in control. The funding manager at AVDC was therefore keen for projects to progress and funds to be called down as soon as possible.

### 22/20 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) All payments were agreed.
- b) Once received to agree payment to the Town Lands Trust in respect of fence damage incurred by a falling tree from PC land - **Agreed**
- c) To agree Clerk to attend Eventbrite course in respect of the annual audit - £41.55 (Member) - **Agreed**
- d) To renew Council's CPRE (The Countryside Charity) membership for Yr 2020 - £36 - **Agreed**
- e) To renew Clerk's SLCC full membership for Yr 2020 - £161 - **Agreed**

### 23/20 PLANNING MATTERS

#### **a) To consider applications received via AVDC:-**

**20/00144/APP** – 25 Goose Acre, Cheddington – 2 storey side extension to replace conservatory. New obscure light windows to 1<sup>st</sup> floor side and rear – **NO OBJECTION**

**20/00326/APP** – Old Telephone Exchange, 29 High Street, Cheddington – 2 storey rear extension and loft conversion – All Councillors to check planning and come back to the Clerk with feedback before the 2<sup>nd</sup> March

#### **b) To receive determinations by AVDC**

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**19/04245/APP** - Station House Station Road Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0SQ - Demolition of conservatory and erection of two storey side extension – **APPROVED**

**19/04305/APP** – 20 Church Lane Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0RU - Two storey and single storey side extension and garage– **APPROVED**

**19/04318/APP** - 13 Manor Pound Road Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0SL, Single storey front extension - **APPROVED**

**19/04158/APP** - 33 Lammas Road Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0RY - Single storey rear extension – **APPROVED**

### **c) Other Planning Matters**

- Charles Church Open Day at Orchard Manor had been delayed by one week and was now due to be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> February.
- Neighbourhood Plan - Clerk would ask for information regarding updating the Cheddington Neighbourhood Plan from Mel Woof, BALC.

### **24/20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

VE Day celebrations 8th-10th May 2020. It was agreed if approached that the Parish Council would give a donation to the chapel for the presentation.

### **25/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in the Methodist Church hall at 7.45pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35 pm.

**Signed:** -----  
**Chairman**

**Date:** -----

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FINANCIAL APPENDIX

MONTH 11

AS AT 04/02/2020

VCHR	DATE	PAYMENTS - CURRENT ACCOUNT	NET	VAT	TOTAL
<b>DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS DEBITED</b>					
172	11/01/2020	E-On - 01.12-31.12	£ 671.63	£ 134.33	£ 805.96
173	27/12/2020	Clerk's Mobile 13.01.-12.02.20	£ 12.81	£ 2.56	£ 15.37
			<b>£ 684.44</b>	<b>£ 136.89</b>	<b>£ 821.33</b>
<b>ONLINE PAYMENTS MADE</b>					
170	09/01/2020	SWARCO MVAS Maintenance Contract	£ 318.00	£ 63.60	£ 381.60
171	09/01/2020	HMRC to 05.01.20	£ 93.85	£ -	£ 93.85
			<b>£ 411.85</b>	<b>£ 63.60</b>	<b>£ 475.45</b>
<b>CHEQUES PAYMENTS TO BE MADE</b>					
174	05/01/2020	The Countryside Charity Membership	£ 36.00	£ -	£ 36.00
175	05/01/2020	Trevor Jenkins re. Memorial	£ 3.99	£ -	£ 3.99
			<b>£ 39.99</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 39.99</b>
<b>ONLINE PAYMENTS TO BE MADE</b>					
176	10/01/2020	Playground Facilities re Inspection/Repair of roundabout	£ 149.50	£ 29.90	£ 179.40
177	02/01/2020	Cheddington Methodist Church - Hall Hire	£ 60.00	£ -	£ 60.00
178	17/01/2020	Euro Office - Stationery	£ 37.36	£ 7.48	£ 44.84
179	17/01/2020	Euro Office - Stationery	£ 10.29	£ 2.06	£ 12.35
180	29/01/2020	T kehoe - Trail Pits	£ 820.00	£ -	£ 820.00
181	31/01/2020	E R Roberts - Expenses January 20	£ 26.46	£ 0.48	£ 26.94
182	31/01/2020	E R Roberts - Salary January 20	£ 808.35	£ -	£ 808.35
183	31/01/2020	B Small - January 2020	£ 324.00	£ -	£ 324.00
184	31/01/2020	NEST Pension January 2020	£ 60.17	£ -	£ 60.17
		<b>TOTAL Payments made/due</b>	<b>£ 2,296.13</b>	<b>£ 39.92</b>	<b>£ 2,336.05</b>
<b>CURRENT ACCOUNT - Community</b>					
R28		Allotment Rent	£ 12.00	£ -	£ 12.00
R29		Gemma Fraser - Dec 19 and Jan 20	£ 40.00	£ -	£ 40.00
			<b>£ 52.00</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 52.00</b>
<b>SAVINGS ACCOUNT - BMM</b>					
			£ -	£ -	£ -
			<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>
<b>BALANCES</b>					
		Current A/c			£ 2,245.09
		Savings A/c			£ 98,910.67
		<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 101,155.76</b>
		Less DD to be paid			£ -
		Less Unpresented Cheques			£ 39.99
		Less Online Payments to be made			£ 2,336.05
		<b>CURRENT BALANCE</b>			<b>£ 98,779.72</b>