

CHEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5th JUNE 2019

AT 7.45 p.m. IN CHEDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL SIDE ROOM

78/19 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

3 Members of the Public

Apologies: Cllr Anne Wight
Cllr Derek Town
Cllr K Oastler

79/19 OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

The following topics were discussed:-

- **Light Shield** - now in place on the street light outside Mr Holletts house.
- **AVDC Strategic Management Committee Meeting re. Approval of reserved matters pursuant to Outline Permission 16/02806/AOP – Land West of Mentmore Road, Partridge Close and Barkham Close**

Chris Poll (resident) advised that he had attended the strategic management meeting on Thursday 16th May with Cllr Town and that the meeting is available on line for 3 months to watch.

Although the developer had obtained full committee support Mr Poll felt it was worth attending to convey his views even-though there was no leeway with the Committee and the panel felt there was no evidence to support having 2 bungalows on the development.

Mr Poll felt that the issue was the Cheddington Neighbourhood Plan (CNP) which was now out of date but as Cllr Fee pointed out, was due for a review. It was agreed that this was not the time to update the CNP but put on hold until the new unitary authority starts. It was suggested to reduce the affordable housing to say 25% and if it comes out at 22% it would still be in line with current planning. A housing needs assessment for Cheddington was imperative when undertaking the review. Cheddington will not have another 100 houses development but if a smaller development, say 4 houses, then 1 property should be a bungalow.

Cllr Everton highlighted the fact that the developer had made the requested parish council changes in respect of increasing the number of 3-bedroom houses. He also asked when the CNP was reviewed would it require showing possible sites for development and could the village just review the aspects we want reviewed? The clerk will find this out nearer the time of review.

Cllr Fee advised that the Cheddington Neighbourhood Plan was a learning experience and at least the village has a starting point, more importantly it stopped the Gladman development.

- **Village Clock** - Anne Tarbox (resident) asked when the clock chime would be reinstated. Cllr Fee advised when the jackdaws had fledged. The Clerk would get a price for the cherry picker to get netting installed and get an update from the school caretaker.

80/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

81/19 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th May 2019 should be accepted as a true record of the meeting and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

82/19 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

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

Cllr Jenkins had attended a meeting of the new Unitary Council at Wycombe Football Club regarding the setting up of the new constitution. 200 councillors were in attendance. She had been advised that they

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hoped the new Unitary Council would be up and running by March/April 2020. It was expected that there would be a reduction in Councillor numbers to around 164.

Cllr Jenkins had received an email from AVDC planning which she would forward to the Clerk advising that AVDC were aware of the problems in respect of the planning process.

There was a discussion in respect of enforcing a 20mph speed limit through the village. Transport for Buckingham have repeatedly stated that they cannot do this because it is unenforceable. Cllr Jenkins will be attending a meeting the week beginning 10th June and will ask Transport for Bucks why it is not enforceable? It was enforced in Leighton Buzzard so if it can be done there why not Cheddington?

Cllr Jenkins asked about the possibility of having outdoor gym equipment in Cheddington. The suggestion was to have it at the recreation ground as the Green was for the children of the village. The Clerk to contact the Clerks at Marsworth and Pitstone to get further information in respect of cost and possible grant funding.

83/19 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Anne Wight had forwarded her report to the Clerk in her absence, a summary of which is below.

- **VAHT and BCC Grass Cutting Discussions**

The Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust (VAHT) has ceased cutting many of the grass verges in and around the Aylesbury Vale area as they were found to belong to Bucks County Council. VAHT took the decision to cease cutting immediately and without having first informed BCC of this decision.

This had resulted in overgrown grass in many areas around the whole of Aylesbury Vale, as BCC had only recently been informed of this decision and therefore was unable to allocate budget to undertake any additional grass cutting.

Discussions are now ongoing between BCC and VAHT as to how to resolve this issue. Cllr Wight will keep her parish councils informed as to the outcome of those discussions as soon as an approved plan is in place between BCC and VAHT for grass cutting in future.

- **The Brownlow Bridge**

The TTRO is now in place on the Brownlow Bridge in Ivinghoe which prohibits vehicles over 18 tonnes from using the bridge but some local hauliers are continuing to use the bridge despite the clear signage.

Ivinghoe Parish Council are monitoring this situation and Thames Valley Police have been informed of the situation. Where possible, photo evidence has been provided, particularly where repeat offending is occurring. Anyone wishing to express a view on the long term outlook for the bridge can do so via email at freight@buckscc.gov.uk

- **Planning applications CM/0017/19 and CM/0018/19**

These planning applications are for additional industrial waste processing of 25,000 tonnes and 87,500 tonnes respectively per annum on the Marsworth/Cheddington Airfield Industrial Estate and are currently open for comment from members of the public using the link:-

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/environment/planning/viewing-planning-applications/>

- **Local Government Reorganisation**

The final piece of legislation for a new unitary authority was passed by the government on 24 May 2019. For the people and businesses of Buckinghamshire, this will mean one new council from April 2020, delivering all local government services. The new council will replace the current five councils – Aylesbury Vale District Council, Buckinghamshire County Council, Chiltern District Council, South Bucks District Council and Wycombe District Council - which will cease to exist on 31 March 2020.

The legislation from government, known as the Buckinghamshire Structural Changes Order, sets out the details of the new council and how the current five councils will come together to create it over the next year.

In summary:

- The new council will be known as Buckinghamshire Council
- It will have 147 elected members; elections to the new council will take place in May 2020
- A temporary Shadow Authority will be formed, with all current county and district councillors having a seat on this body
- Leadership will be provided by a 17 seat Shadow Executive of county and district members

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- An implementation team, led by the County Council Chief Executive and with a district Chief Executive as deputy, will be established to manage the smooth transfer of services and staff to the new council.

More information on the Shadow Authority can be found on its new website:-

<https://shadow.buckinghamshire.gov.uk>

- **Resident Survey**

Local people are being asked for their views on Buckinghamshire's highways and transport services, from the condition of roads and footpaths to the quality of cycling facilities. Their answers will be compared with the views of other members of the public across England and Scotland.

The results will enable BCC to find out what local people think about these important services and to assess how it is performing plus it gives the public an opportunity to say which services they think the Council should prioritise and improve.

84/19 CLERK'S REPORT - to note updates to ongoing matters.

- **AED Familiarisation Course** – the Clerk had confirmed Saturday 13th July with Christopher Hogg in the Methodist hall. This was a free course for Cheddington residents. The Clerk will put advert on the Parish Council Face Book page, the Cheddington web site page and on the Parish Notice Board to gauge interest.
- **Brian Handyman** – skip was delivered on Monday 3rd June to enable the handyman to clear the hedge cuttings etc form around the whole village.
- **Network Rail Access Gate** - Cheddington Parish Council Allotments - Church Lane Clerk emailed on 17th May as requested, also on the on the 29th May and to date no reply.
- **Future Luton** – have advised that they will be in a position to share information about the consultation in early September, so they will be in contact closer the Clerk with a draft for the Parish Council to approve.
- **Petanque Licence draft prepared** – the Clerk passed to Cllr Fee to look over. Clerk to also search for the Village Hall Lease and contact solicitor to enquire about adding the new extension.
- **Jackdaws** – still in residence. Clerk to speak to school caretaker.
- **Bonfire removal** – 97 High Street - the house has now been sold and the new owners have advised Brian Small that they will remove the bonfire debris and install a new fence.

Cllr Fee requested to be added to the Finance Committee Group.

Simon Vassey to be added to the Rights of Way Committee Group.

85/19 CORRESPONDENCE, CONSULTATIONS AND CIRCULARS

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

- **Town & Parish Councils - VE DAY 75th Anniversary** – 8-10th May 2020. Letter circulated on 10th May to the Councillors. Clerk to forward the details to the History society. The Parish Council would support the History Society if they wished to do anything.
- **Merchant Navy Day 03.09.19** – Fly The Red Ensign. Cllr Bevan confirmed he had the red ensign flag.
- **Cheddington Play Equipment and Maintenance** – Playground Facilities Ltd – quote PF915.030 regarding repairs circulated after quarterly inspection. Estimate totalled £7248.49.
Clerk to ask Wicksteed for an alternative quote/assessment and to enquire at AVDC if there is an Independent Safety Inspector. To also contact the Playing Fields Association.
- **Paul Culleton (Cheddington resident) Lorry Movements through Cheddington** Ideas re traffic monitoring. Cc'd in Anne Wight who suggested some ideas.
Cllr Jenkins reiterated that the problem was the fact that there was no form of enforcement procedure in place and that the lorry operators know this.
She suggested the Parish Council should write to Paul Irwin, Bucks CC about the marked increase in movement of lorries directly through the village, despite of the restriction and ask what would he advise the PC/residents to do? There are weight restrictions in the country through residential areas why not in Cheddington?

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86/19 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

There were no reports received.

87/19 PAVILION

There was a general discussion regarding the pavilion refurbishment and it was agreed to put on hold the next stage of the pavilion refurbishment until clarification had been received in respect of the Section 106 monies (Land West of Mentmore Road, Partridge Close & Barkham Close) from Joe Houston at AVDC. This and the New Homes Bonus Grant would be discussed in detail at the Finance Committee Meeting, date to be confirmed.

Clerk to confirm that in the Deed of Planning obligation it is specified that the S106 monies be spent only on the pavilion.

Cllr Richards asked about getting a sign at the entrance to the recreation ground to indicate where the tennis / petanque and bowls clubs could be found.

88/19 VILLAGE WALK

The Clerk had given Brian Small the worksheet showing the jobs that needed to be carried out. Mr Small had advised that he should be able to do most of the work and would advise the Clerk of what he could not do.

Cllr Fee asked the Clerk to contact Peter and Janet Banham regarding the tree on Gooseacre, hanging over and into their garden to see if they want it chopped down.

Clerk to find out who owns the plot of land on Gooseacre. The Clerk would carry out a Land registry search.

Cllr Graham asked if the public footpaths were the Parish Council's responsibility as the tarmac on the footpath to the church was breaking up. Cllr Fee indicated that the Parish Council was not responsible for the surfaces of the path.

Clerk to enquire if Transport for Bucks still clean the gullies as they were getting clogged up.

Cllr Everton mentioned the quality of the grass cutting at Church Hill. Clerk would advise Brayscape again.

89/19 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Internal Audit 2018/19 - The report from the Internal Auditor, Roger King, for 2017/18 was read to the council. It was noted that the Internal Auditor had no recommendations to make to the council and the report was accepted by the Parish Council.

b) Annual Governance Statement 2018/19 – The annual governance statement was read out and agreed by the members of the Parish Council. It was then signed and dated by the Chairman and Clerk.

c) Accounting Statements 2018/19 - The Parish Council agreed that the figures shown in the accounting statements presented fairly the financial position of Cheddington Parish Council and properly presented receipts and payments. The Accounting Statements were approved by the Parish Council and signed and dated by the Chairman and Clerk.

d) The payments were agreed in accordance with financial appendix.

Cllr Fee queried the fee charged by Playground Facilities for the quarterly inspection. She thought it was originally quoted at £50 plus VAT. Clerk to check if there was a contract in place indicating this and for how long.

e) The request by the Clerk to do the Introduction to Local Council Administration (ICLA) course was approved. The fee was £99 plus VAT.

f) Finance Committee Meeting to be arranged within the next 2 weeks and before the next Parish Council meeting, in the Methodist hall at 7.30pm. Clerk to get some dates and to advise the Councillors accordingly

g) The request for £50 from the Memorial representatives to put slate chippings around the inside of the Memorial was approved. Cllr Jenkins would let Trevor Jenkins know.

90/19 PLANNING MATTERS

a) To consider applications received via AVDC

There were none.

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b) To receive determinations by AVDC

18/04097/DP - Land West of Mentmore Road, Partridge Close and Barkham Close – Approval of reserved matters pursuant to Outline permission 16/02806/AOP – Clerk advised this application was approved 17.05.19.

c) Other Planning Matters including

There were none.

91/19 TO DISCUSS THE CO-OPTION OF A NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

To be co-opted at the 3rd July 2019 Parish Council meeting.

92/19 REPORT ON ANY URGENT MATTERS

Cllr Graham raised the issue of parking on the grass areas around village hall as it was becoming a regular occurrence. There was a discussion regarding the rules/regulations of who pays for any damage. Would it help if the Parish Council provided 'keep of the grass' signs.

From Parish Council's point of view, it is the hirers of the village hall who are responsible for any damage. Before commenting further, it was suggested that all councillors look at the village hall terms and conditions of hire regarding conditions of use. This would be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

93/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 15th July at 7.45pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 p.m.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: _____

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FINANCIAL APPENDIX

MONTH 3

AS AT 03/06/2019

VCHR	DATE	PAYMENTS - CURRENT ACCOUNT	NET	VAT	TOTAL
DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS DEBITED					
35	09/05/2019	NEST	£ 52.15	£ -	£ 52.15
36	10/05/2019	NEST	£ 73.73	£ -	£ 73.73
37	11/05/2019	E-ON	£ 649.95	£ 129.99	£ 779.94
38	27/05/2019	02 re parish clerk mobile	£ 12.81	£ 3.09	£ 15.37
			£ 788.64	£ 133.08	£ 921.19
CHEQUE PAYMENTS					
			£ -	£ -	£ -
ONLINE PAYMENTS MADE					
39	23/05/2019	King Waste re. skip hire for Handyman for whole village clearing	£ 170.00	£ 34.00	£ 204.00
ONLINE PAYMENTS TO BE MADE					
40	30/04/2019	Cheddington Village Hall	£ 19.50	£ -	£ 19.50
41	07/05/2019	Well Medical	£ 67.85	£ 13.57	£ 81.42
42	28/05/2019	Playground Facilities Ltd	£ 65.00	£ 13.00	£ 78.00
43	30/05/2019	Brayscape (incs 1 extra cut in May)	£ 1,989.60	£ -	£ 1,989.60
44	31/05/2019	B Small - Handyman May 19	£ 461.95	£ 7.79	£ 469.74
45	21/04/2019	Simon Barrow Gardening Services (May Cuts)	£ 1,200.00	£ -	£ 1,200.00
46	30/05/2019	PAYE to 05.06.19	£ 86.24	£ -	£ 86.24
47	30/05/2019	R Roberts - Expenses	£ 57.68	£ 0.79	£ 58.47
48	30/05/2019	R Roberts - Salary, plus use of home paymen	£ 1,052.05	£ -	£ 1,052.05
49	30/06/2019	Aylesbury Mains Ltd	£ 60.10	£ 12.02	£ 72.12
			£ 5,059.97	£ 47.17	£ 5,107.14
		TOTAL Payments made/due	£ 6,018.61	£ 214.25	£ 6,232.33
CURRENT ACCOUNT - Community					
R5	07/05/2019	CTC/CBC/CPC recharges	£ 741.19	£ -	£ 741.19
T3	09/05/2019	From Savings Account	£ 5,000.00	£ -	£ 5,000.00
R6	22/05/2019	Marsworth/Aston Abbots MVAS	£ 84.00	£ -	£ 84.00
			£ 5,825.19	£ -	£ 5,825.19
SAVINGS ACCOUNT - BMM					
T3	09/05/2019	To Current Account	-£ 5,000.00		-£ 5,000.00
BALANCES					
	01/06/2019	Current			£ 3,920.62
	01/06/2019	Savings			£ 110,085.21
					£ 114,005.83
		Less Unpresented Cheques			£ -
		Less Online Payments to be made			£ 5,107.14
					£ 108,898.69