

# **CHEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.45 pm IN THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL**

### **155/19 OPEN PUBLIC FORUM – 7.45pm – 8.00pm**

The following topics were discussed:-

- ***Lorry Movement Mentmore Road/High Street***

Mrs Carol Lister advised those present that thankfully the number of lorries driving past her property on Mentmore Road had substantially decreased. There was no reason why. The movement caused by the lorries had been monitored and there was now evidence that the properties were indeed being damaged.

Mrs Lister hoped that from what Cllr Wight had advised that the resurfacing of the total road (from the tennis club to Mentmore roundabout) would be carried out in February/March 2020, if the winter was mild. Cllr Wight would check this.

Mrs Lister also mentioned other problems. Firstly, there was a large hole appearing outside 6 Mentmore Road. Cllr Wight asked for the reference number that should have obtained when reporting the issue on Fix my Street. Cllr Wight would follow this up as an individual priority.

- ***Orchard Manor Zebra Crossing***

Secondly the Mentmore road zebra crossing which had been moved to nearer the village. Mrs Lister stressed her concerns in respect of the visibility and children crossing the busy road to get to Orchard Manor. Cllr Wight confirmed that it was Buckinghamshire County Council that had asked for the crossing to be moved and it had already been approved.

Mr Alan Hollett felt it was now in a better position than the original proposed position as there were not as many roads to cross.

Clerk to write to Cllr Wight who would get the relevant Highway officer's name and advise the department of the residents/Parish Council's concerns. Clerk would also email Persimmon.

- ***Speeding – High Street***

Mr Mick Waterhouse raised the issue of the speeding problem at the High Street end of the village and asked why the current speed limit of 30mph could not be enforced, so not necessarily concerned that it be at 20mph. Cllr Fee highlighted the article in the current Village Newsletter. Could a bay be created where a police car could be parked as there was no-where suitable for them to park several years ago? It was agreed to put the MVAS at the tennis club end of the village again when it was Cheddington's turn. Clerk to look into cost of another/up to date MVAS unit.

- ***Community Speedwatch Committee***

A resident asked about a Community Speedwatch Committee in the village. Clerk would speak to PCSO Natalie Hall about how this was managed and by whom i.e. police, parish council or volunteers?

Cllr Richards stated that many of the other local parish councils wanted a co-ordinated speed watch.

Mr Hollett suggested that an article be put in the Newsletter to see if there was any interest. Once the Clerk had obtained the relevant information she would do this.

- ***Other***

Mr Mick Chandler had advised that the two trees taken out in cobbled area at Gooseacre should be replaced by the Parish Council. There was an obligation to do this in the original agreement. Clerk would look for this document.

Mr Hollett asked if the Parish Council had heard anything from Mr Tilley in respect of the orchard. The Clerk advised to date that she had not heard from him. She would email him again for an update.

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- **Cheddington Tennis Club Lease**

Mr Andy Thompson (Chairman) and Mr Andrew Wood advised that the tennis club had now appointed Matthew Waite & Co Solicitors, Tring and that their Proof of Identity checks would be done on 07.11.19.

Clerk would now advise the Parish Council's solicitors, Wilkins LLP. Cllr Bevan and Cllr Everton offered to go and sign off the Proof of Identity check and the formal appointment document for Wilkins LLP to act on the Parish Council's behalf. It was noted that the Tennis Club would pay all fees relating to the drawing up of the new lease, the lease to be for a period of 30 years from 2016 – 2046 and that the football ground, if affected to be re-marked etc.

It was agreed that the skip/s for the works to be placed in the top right-hand corner of the recreation ground car park.

Mr Thompson advised that the 1<sup>st</sup> phase would take one week (earthworks and laying the court), then 2<sup>nd</sup> phase, once the court settled, would be the painting of the court. Obviously, all this was weather dependent.

### **156/19 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

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

Cllr Derek Town

8 Members of the Public

#### ***Apologies:-***

Cllr K. Graham – unwell

Cllr Sandra Jenkins

### **157/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There was nothing declared.

### **158/19 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Parish Council RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 should be accepted as a true record of the meeting and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

### **159/19 TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

#### ***County Cllr Anne Wight:-***

- **Home to School Transport**

Cllr Wight advised that over 22 families in Cheddington would be affected by the recent changes for some students towards the commercial bus services. The County Council had announced the roll-out of over 1400 commercially run school bus places. These places will convert from the current arrangement of being commissioned by the Council to be provided by external, commercial operators from Monday 4 November.

Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC) have set up some commercial routes Q&A webpages to help parents and carers understand these changes and address any questions or concerns they may have about how the new commercial routes will work.

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Parents of children who are moving to commercial routes from 4 November have been informed that they will need to make contact with the new operators by early December to confirm and pay for their transport arrangements for the term starting in January 2020.

Officers were responding individually to families as some had been given only one week's notice! There had been an inadequate roll out with poor communication. If any of the Councillors received emails from residents these to be forwarded to Cllr Wight.

For those parents who have already paid the County Council in full for an annual school transport bus pass, BCC is arranging refunds for the remainder of the school year from January 2020. The refunds will be processed during November so that parents have cleared funds returned to them before the end of November, before needing to pay anything further direct to the new operator in early December. They are also making transfer arrangements for those who currently pay by direct debit.

Cllr Oastler advised that some parents had been advised that if choosing Cottesloe School, Wing transport from Cheddington would no longer be free from next year's Year 6.

She also advised that all temporary bus passes currently in use will remain valid for this term until end of December, when families will receive an updated pass from the operator for the January term, after having confirmed their travel with the new operator.

Some of these commercial services will run on a different timetable. For the passengers the timetable changes apply to, BCC have contacted families in advance to make sure they understand the changes to their particular service and are prepared for when the changes come into operation on 4 November. A small number of journeys are lengthened by 20 or 25 minutes, but the majority of journeys (55.6%) will stay the same with no changes, with 21.5% having a shorter journey time overall.

More information on this can be accessed on the BCC webpage at the links below:

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/news/over-1400-commercially-run-school-bus-places-to-be-created-for-students/>

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/education/school-transport/commercially-run-school-routes/>

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

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

Residents who might wish to review the expansion proposals and reports can look on the Future Luton website as detailed below:-

<https://futureluton.l1a1.org.uk>

- **Street Lighting fault reporting**

Transport for Bucks has been working on improving street lighting through two distinct areas of work, which have been taking place alongside the normal maintenance operations:

LED street lighting replacement and

Lamp column replacement programme.

She was pleased to advise that BCC successfully bid for 'SALIX' funding to enable the installation of even more energy saving lighting LED lighting across the County. This will see the replacement of 2443 lanterns in residential areas. Work commenced in late July and was to be completed by the end of October.

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Over the previous 2 years, 14,000 lanterns were replaced with LEDs - an energy saving of 1.4M kW/h, which helps to counter increasing energy prices, as well as reducing carbon emissions. The additional replacements will give a further 650,000kW/h of energy savings.

By the end of the 2019/20 financial year, a massive 66% of the lighting stock will be LEDs, with an additional project taking place in early 2020 to replace a further 2500 lanterns.

By the end of November, over 400 lamp columns, which have been identified upon inspection as age expired, will have been replaced.

Where columns are inspected and are found to have significant damage, it may be necessary to cut the column down to a stump for safety reasons. If this is the case, TfB will make every effort to replace these units as swiftly as possible. In addition to columns on the annual replacement programme, a constant rolling programme is in place to install new columns where they have been damaged, for example, in road traffic collisions. So far in 2019/20 over 140 such lighting columns have been replaced. An additional 40 are also due for replacement.

- **New Buckinghamshire Council Budget Priorities Consultation running until 25 November, 2019**

In respect of the above Cllr Wight updated those present on the above. The Council is currently now working to set the priorities and budget for the new Buckinghamshire Council for the next financial year, 2020/21 and beyond. They will need to make some difficult decisions about the level of spending across the board – making changes in how the County Council provides some services by working smarter together, improving and ensuring a consistent level of service for residents across the whole county. They will also be investing in working closely with the community and local partners to ensure they are involved in decision-making and can influence the direction of the new council through new Community Boards.

BCC wants to hear from residents to help shape the new Buckinghamshire Council. There was an on-line survey but residents can also drop into one of the main council offices or one of the main libraries to take part – these are Amersham, Aylesbury, Beaconsfield, Buckingham, Chesham, Hazlemere, High Wycombe, Marlow and Princes Risborough.

<https://shadow.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/consultations/budget2020/>

For more information on building the budget, residents can also look at the link below:

<https://shadow.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/consultations/budget2020/building-the-budget/>

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

- VALP was now in its final consultation period. If any residents were interested there was a paper copy in Pitstone library. He advised that the VALP would not directly affect Cheddington.
- Cllr Town enquired about the Cheddington Neighbourhood Plan update. Cllr Fee advised that this was in hand and would be updated accordingly in 2020 when due and would be probably better to wait until the VALP was finalised. All Cheddington residents would be consulted whether changes were made or not.

### **160/19 CLERK'S REPORT - to note updates to ongoing matters**

- **Village Hall Lease** – The Clerk had searched emails and old files. Wilkins Solicitors, Aylesbury had carried out lease work historically, but they also held all the original Deeds/Agreements. Clerk will check what they actually have in storage.
- **Bench at Church path for Mr Meacham** – As requested Clerk applied for funding on behalf of the PC via the Community Leader Fund and had received full funding for bench, groundwork and BCC administration fee.

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- **Jackdaws and clock** – The clock tower had been cleared, mesh applied and the chiming mechanism was now working.
- **Tommy Silhouette** – In place.
- **Recreation Ground** – Ground works had been carried out. The area had to be cordoned off for 21 days until concrete settled.
- **Lime Tree/hawthorn** – Works carried out.
- **Hedge Mentmore Road** – Simon Barrow, contractor will trim back when doing his last cut for the year.
- **Nationwide Data Collection Survey, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**, near tennis club - Clerk contacted Simon O'Regan at Nationwide Data Collection who were unable to issue the count data directly as it remains the property of the Department for Transport. Eventually it will be on the Department for Transport's Road Traffic Statistics website.
- **Recreation ground goal posts** – Agreed that these would be replaced once money available.
- **Andrew Docherty** - Clerk had met with Mr Docherty regarding the planting of the donated tree.
- **Cobbles to the front of 68 and 70 Goose Acre** – Concrete slab had been removed and replaced with bark. **Tree stump** also removed in from of 64/66 Gooseacre. It was suggested that someone was now parking on the cobbled area. This would be monitored by the Council.
- **Land at old allotments** –Clerk still looking for the relevant legal documents/Byelaws in respect of dogs using this area.
- **Graham Hillary, Transport Strategy Officer BCC** – Clerk advised that Mr Hilary was happy with the information provided to date from local residents and did not require any more monitoring surveys to be carried out in Cheddington regarding the lorry movement through the village.

### **161/19 CORRESPONDENCE, CONSULTATIONS AND CIRCULARS**

- **Mr Nigel Wright, Milton Keynes Resident re Cheddington Fruit Orchards enquiry** - Clerk to contact Mr Wright to see if it was OK for her to forward his email to the relevant landowner.
- **Hannah Bishop, Transport Strategy Lead Officer, Growth and Strategy team Buckinghamshire County Council re. Cheddington Station funding** – Clerk to advise that Cheddington Parish Council did not own the land at the railway station.
- **Andrew Cowley Resident, 25 Church Hill re. removal/relocation of the Street Lamp** – Clerk to advise that the Parish Council is not obliged to move any lights and that the Parish Council has been advised not to **remove** any lights. If the resident wished to pay to move the light the Clerk would get a quote from the Parish Council's lighting contractor. The Clerk to advise the resident to consult with neighbours first as if the light was moved it would be on the boundary with No 23 Church Hill.
- **AVDC Street Scene re. Dog Waste Collection Service** - Clerk to confirm the update of the SLA was acceptable.
- **Wendover Arm Trust** – The Parish Council agreed to renew the annual Membership in November.
- **Lucy Kearvell, Resident re. Cutting brambles at Village Hall** - Clerk advised that Simon Barrow, contractor, will cut back the brambles as requested.
- **Tom White, Persimmon - email in respect of the Parish Council withdrawing their opposition to the proposed Orchard Manor signage** – It was agreed to withdraw the opposition as the logo had now been modified as requested.

### **162/19 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

There was nothing to report.

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### **163/19 PAVILION**

It had been agreed to proceed with the final design (Phase 1 Design 3), Hugo Hardy Architects.

Cllr Everton to find out more about Charity Commission Status and the Clerk would also contact DCK Accounting Solutions Ltd.

Clerk to forward Cllr Richards the Local Area Forum funding application form for completion for a possible signage post at the Old Allotments.

### **164/19 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

a) Payments were agreed in accordance with the financial report

### **165/19 PLANNING MATTERS**

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

Planning Application Consultation 19/03595/APP - Land West of Mentmore Road, Partridge Close and Barkham Close - Comments by 04.11.19 – Parish Council requested on the 24<sup>th</sup> October at the Pavilion meeting, that the Clerk to **OPPOSE** but to add a comment that agreement with the developer had already been made in respect of altering the signage

Planning Application Consultation 19/02593/APP - 1B Church Hill Rear Balcony (retrospective) and 1st Floor side extension over carport – Comments by 06.11.19 – **NO OBJECTIONS**

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

Planning Application 19/03020/APP - Variation of Condition 2 relating to the approved plans (retrospective) - Beechwood 10 Mentmore Road Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0SD – **APPROVED**

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

There were none.

### **166/19 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the press and public will be excluded from the meeting for the following item, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

### **167/19 REPORT ON ANY URGENT MATTERS**

There were no urgent matters.

### **168/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 4th December 2019 in the Methodist Church Hall at 7.45pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50 pm.

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

**Date:** -----

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**Confidential Minutes of Cheddington Parish Council held at the Methodist Church Hall on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019.**

Due to the confidential nature this item is not available for public notice.



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FINANCIAL APPENDIX

MONTH 8

AS AT 05/11/2019

VCHR	DATE	PAYMENTS - CURRENT ACCOUNT	NET	VAT	TOTAL
<b>DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS DEBITED</b>					
123	04/10/2019	NEST Clerk's Pension September 19	£ 63.05	-	£ 63.05
124	01/10/2019	E-On - 01.09-30.09	£ 649.95	£ 129.99	£ 779.94
125	13/10/2019	Clerk's Mobile 13.10.-12.11	£ 12.81	£ 2.56	£ 15.37
			<b>£ 725.81</b>	<b>£ 132.55</b>	<b>£ 858.36</b>
<b>ONLINE PAYMENTS MADE</b>					
126	14/10/2019	JDR Treecare Limited	£ 1,550.00	£ 310.00	£ 1,860.00
127	17/10/2019	Star Platforms re Clock Tower NB £500 refund w/k beg 11/11	£ 1,040.00	£ 108.00	£ 1,148.00
			<b>£ 2,590.00</b>	<b>£ 418.00</b>	<b>£ 3,008.00</b>
<b>CHEQUE PAYMENTS TO BE MADE</b>					
128	06/11/2019	J Freeman Electrician re. Barkham Close light repair	£ 25.00	£ -	£ 25.00
			<b>£ 25.00</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 25.00</b>
<b>ONLINE PAYMENTS TO BE MADE</b>					
129	15/10/2019	Euro Office - Stationery	£ 29.76	£ 5.95	£ 35.71
130	29/10/2019	Euro Office - Ink Cartridges	£ 36.76	£ 7.35	£ 44.11
131	30/10/2019	Tony Kehoe Driveways re. Recreation Ground Works	£ 1,670.00	£ -	£ 1,670.00
132	31/10/2019	Brian Small Handyman - October 19	£ 504.00	£ -	£ 504.00
133	31/10/2019	E R Roberts - Expenses October 19	£ 38.89	£ 0.48	£ 39.37
134	31/10/2019	E R Roberts - Salary October 19	£ 1,102.01	£ -	£ 1,102.01
135	01/11/2019	Web Labs re. Web Site Hosting Renewal	£ 200.00	£ 40.00	£ 240.00
			<b>£ 3,581.42</b>	<b>£ 53.78</b>	<b>£ 3,635.20</b>
		<b>TOTAL Payments made/due</b>	<b>£ 6,922.23</b>	<b>£ 604.33</b>	<b>£ 7,526.56</b>
<b>CURRENT ACCOUNT - Community</b>					
R15	08/10/2019	G Cruse - Allotment Subs	£ 17.00	£ -	£ 17.00
R16	10/10/2019	Allotment Subs	£ 117.00	£ -	£ 117.00
R16	14/10/2019	Allotment Subs	£ 131.80	£ -	£ 131.80
R17	14/10/2019	G Fraser - Oct 19 Pavilion	£ 20.00	£ -	£ 20.00
T11	17/10/2019	From Savings Account	£ 3,000.00	£ -	£ 3,000.00
R18	22/10/2019	Allotment Subs	£ 29.00	£ -	£ 29.00
R18	23/10/2019	Allotment Subs	£ 44.00	£ -	£ 44.00
R19	31/10/2019	Southern Electric Credit - (from meter reading)	£ 63.85	£ -	£ 63.85
R20	05/10/2019	Bucks CC re. bench funding	£ 960.00	£ -	£ 960.00
			<b>£ 4,382.65</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 4,382.65</b>
<b>SAVINGS ACCOUNT - BMM</b>					
T11	05/09/2019	To Curent Account	-£ 3,000.00	£ -	-£ 3,000.00
			<b>-£ 3,000.00</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>-£ 3,000.00</b>
<b>BALANCES</b>					
	01/10/2019	Current A/c			£ 5,562.12
	01/10/2019	Savings A/c			£ 112,860.21
		<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 118,422.33</b>
		Less Unpresented Cheques			£ 25.00
		Less Online Payments to be made			£ 3,635.20
		<b>CURRENT BALANCE</b>			<b>£ 114,762.13</b>