

CHEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8TH JANUARY 2020 AT 7.45 pm IN THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL

01/20 OPEN PUBLIC FORUM – 7.45pm – 8.00pm

The following topics were discussed:-

Replacement of 2 trees at the cobbles to the front of 68 and 70 Goose Acre – Clerk awaiting a response from a property surveyor if the Charges from 1973 still apply when the new title absolute was done in 1976 as this clause is not mentioned in this document. Cllr Fee confirmed that the Parish Council would replace the trees with a tree/shrub that could be better managed. Cllr Town advised that the trees he inherited might be mature enough in Spring to plant.

Orchard Site, Station Road – Mr Hollett had written to Cllr Town who was actively chasing. Mr Hollett would also approach the new Buckinghamshire MP. Greg Smith. The boundary fence was still down, leaving the site open which was very worrying.

Pavilion Development – Cllr Town asked about storage. Cllr Fee confirmed that the storage container already on site, would be available. In respect of temporary toilets, it was suggested portaloos would be erected. This would be sorted once a date for the commencement of the re-development was confirmed.

02/20 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, Cllr K Graham and Roz Roberts, Clerk.

Cllr Derek Town

4 Members of the Public

Apologies:- Cllr Sandra Jenkins – unwell.

03/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Richards declared her connection to the Tennis Club in respect of the lease discussions.

04/20 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

05/20 TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Cllr Anne Wight

Cllr Wight advised that a lot of Cheddington residents had been contacting her about various issues.

- **Footway to the front of 5 Manor Road** – Resident had contacted the Clerk in respect of the grass verge to the front of her house and the fact that there was no longer any grass there. Cllr wight confirmed that she had spoken to Bucks Highways who advised that they had put topsoil over the area and that they had left it in a tidy state when the footpath resurfacing work had been done. A Local Area Technician (LAT) advised that hopefully grass seed would be planted in the Spring. If it continued to be an issue the LAT would inspect the area and discuss with the residents affected.
- **64 High Street** – Inadequate repair patch work had been reported. This had been investigated by the LAT and the contractor was instructed to go and repair again. Hopefully this would be done the week beginning 13th January 2020.
- **Water Issue, Mentmore Road** – Cllr Wight advised that there was an issue in respect of who actually should be repairing the drain/sewer i.e. Bucks County Council, Thames Water or Anglian Water. Thames

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Water categorically stated that it was not their responsibility. The BCC LAT was to send in an order to clear the system. Hopefully they would be able to find out who was then responsible.

- **New Bucks Council** – Preparations were well underway to create the new Buckinghamshire Council that will launch in April 2020. The new council will deliver the whole range of local services currently delivered by the five current councils as a single organisation. For most people there will be no change to the day-to-day services.

From April, residents will be able to access information, advice and support on a range of topics near where they live or work through a network of 17 local Council Access Points (CAPs). In addition, 16 Community Boards will be set up across the county to help the new council build strong links with local communities and respond to local needs more effectively.

To find out more about Community Boards at <https://shadow.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/communityboards>.

Information about Council Access Points can be found at <https://shadow.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/council-access-points>.

In the run up to the start of the Buckinghamshire Council there will be regular news and updates, including on Twitter and Facebook (@DeliveringBucks) and at www.shadow.buckinghamshire.gov.uk

- **Brownlow Canal Bridge** – Cllr Wight advised that an update on the Brownlow Bridge had just been published confirming that was to be repaired and strengthened following a structural review. The work, originally planned for January, has been rescheduled to start in the autumn following an ecological survey that identified possible bat roosting sites. Further bat activity surveys will now have to be done during the breeding cycle until September. The Canal and River Trust (C&RT), which owns the bridge that carries the B488 across the Grand Union Canal, undertook a review following concerns about its structural condition. Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB), which checked C&RT's findings, agree it's strong enough only to handle traffic loads up to 18 tonnes, and a temporary weight restriction has been imposed on the bridge to protect it from possible further weakening. The weight restriction will stay in force until the strengthening works have been done. Meanwhile a ground penetration radar survey of the bridge deck has been commissioned to help advance the design of the strengthening work. The bridge works were being considered in tandem with a proposed longer-term area-wide plan for handling heavy lorries. The £100,000 cost of repairs will be met from Transport for Buckinghamshire's structures fund.

- **Winter Health Awareness** - Cllr Wight had been asked to remind residents that A&E may not be the most suitable place for them to receive treatment for non-urgent conditions. In Buckinghamshire, A&E at Stoke Mandeville Hospital is particularly under extreme pressure. Unless there is an emergency, residents should seek advice and treatment at other centres including local pharmacies, GP surgeries and the Urgent Treatment Centre in High Wycombe.

If it is not an emergency contact NHS 111. However, ambulance services should be called via 999 for any life threatening situation or go straight to accident and emergency in such cases.

- **New Online Speed Limit e-learning Module launched**

Transport for Buckinghamshire has launched a new online e-learning module, designed to help drivers be fully aware of the speed limit for their type of vehicle and the type of road they are driving on.

The module also includes information on Stopping distances, Hazard perception, Tips to help you drive within the speed limit. Try the new speeding module at www.buckscc.gov.uk/speeding.

District Cllr Derek Town

Cllr Town advised that the VALP was due to go to the next phase in February 2020 after the initial list of comments had been reviewed. It was hoped it would be adopted hopefully in February/March.

Waste and Fly Tipping – Cllr Town had been advised by Bucks County Council (BCC) that if any 'good citizen' wanted to remove any fly tipping sites and take to the recycling centres they would have to contact BCC via a portal on the internet and ask for a reference or a charge would be levied.

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PCSO C9458 Natalie Hall, Police Community Support Officer

PCSO hall reported that there had been 5 incidents in the local area in the last month with 1 burglary in Cheddington.

Thames Valley Police, Aylesbury were highlighting the increase in robberies of keyless cars.

PCSO Hall advised that she was leaving the post and thanked all those present. No replacement had been made yet.

Cllr Graham advised her that the car abandoned at the road up to the church from Station Road was still there. She would report this.

05/20 CLERK'S REPORT - to note updates to ongoing matters

• Community Speedwatch

No volunteers from Facebook post. Clerk will ask for volunteers via the February Newsletter and place a paper advert on the notice board. She would also arrange to see Wendy Taylor, Thames Valley Speedwatch co-ordinator.

• Orchard Manor Zebra Crossing/lamp post

Daryll Bonsor, Transport Co-ordinator, BCC confirmed that to facilitate the installation of the proposed Zebra crossing the existing parish lighting would be affected. A column East of Church Hill junction will need to be disconnected and removed as it does not provide the required level of lighting for a Zebra crossing. The column would be replaced with a new column to Buckinghamshire County Council specification. To the West of Church Hill there is a Parish lantern and bracket attached to a telegraph pole. This will also be disconnected and removed, to be replaced by new columns to BCC specification. The developer will be asked to contact the PC prior to carrying out any work on Parish equipment.

Clerk confirmed that the PC would like the lantern returned.

The Transport for Bucks (TFB) patching works were carried out from the 10th December for 4 days, between Station Road roundabout and the tennis club. It is proposed they would then return in the summer of 2020 to carry out micro surfacing works to the entire carriageway. Mr Bonsor's department will liaise with TFB to ensure that neither party ends up ripping out any newly laid surfacing material.

Confirmed that there will be two new BCC lighting columns going in prior to the junction with Church Hill, so this area will have adequate lighting.

- Village Hall Lease** – Agreed the Parish Council would progress this. Clerk had already contacted Wilkins solicitors and the Terms had been received for Cllr Everton and Cllr Bevan to sign.
- Bench at Church path for Mr Meacham** – The bench had been 'unveiled'. Clerk and Cllr Fee met with the family who were delighted.
- Pavilion Ground Source Engineer Visit** – Thursday 23rd or 30th January at the pavilion, late morning.
- SWARCO** - Maintenance renewal agreed. Split between 4 villages – Aston Abbots, Marsworth, Cheddington and Ivinghoe.
- Tennis club lease** – Draft lease had been circulated by the Clerk along with the solicitor's comments. All agreed that the following amendments should be made.

LEASE

All agreed that it was permitted for the right to maintain electricity cabling etc but a clause in the lease needed to be added to say that if any damage is done to any of the utilities not just electricity cabling, during the current or future works by the tennis club or their contractors that it is the tennis club's responsibility to repair.

LICENCE

The tennis club president, Andy Thompson, confirmed that they did not wish to assign/underlet so this clause should not have been removed. Clerk to advise solicitor to put this clause back in.

The Parish Council agreed that as long as the tennis court was left in a reasonable condition if the tennis club ever decided to leave, this would be acceptable.

- Local Area Forum Funding** - Cllr Richards advised that she was still waiting to hear back from the Local Area Forum re. the signage funding application.

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06/20 CORRESPONDENCE, CONSULTATIONS AND CIRCULARS

- William Hale Network Rail Clerk to arrange an on-site meeting to discuss the proposed verge maintenance works and also the possibility of replacing the recreation ground fence. Cllr Fee recommended that a 'simple' standard agreement be put in place for minor works such as these.
- Amy Kennedy - Register my interest in Council/housing association properties in Cheddington - Clerk to advise that Ms Kennedy contact Bromford Homes regarding the shared ownership plots and that the rented units will be made through the Local Authority. The Parish Council have no input regarding this development.
- Lorraine Firmin - Wild flower margin – Clerk to advise her to contact the Parish Council once the Eco Group was set up, outlining where possible sites might be, who would manage it and how it would be managed.

07/20 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

There was nothing to report.

08/20 PAVILION

VAT - It was agreed to contact Derek Kemp at DCK Accounting Solutions to arrange a meeting with the Council to discuss the VAT implications.

The fee proposal for the Principal Designer (H&S) – PCP Surveyors was agreed.

Trial Pits. – All agreed that this needed to be done as soon as possible. Clerk to liaise with Ian Stephenson and Tony Kehoe contractor to arrange a suitable date. Cllr Fee also asked the Clerk to ask Tony to provide a quote for making the storage container surrounding area safe ie paving slabs

Deed of Variation – Tom White of Persimmon had confirmed that the document had gone back to AVDC's solicitors.

09/20 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) All payments were agreed.
- b) The updated budget for Year 20/21 was agreed as per recommendations made at the Financial Committee Meeting on 11th December.
Cllr Fee advised those members of the public present that the precept had been increased as the fence at the green had to be repaired/replaced and other 'tidying up' jobs around the village needed to be done.
Mr Hollett suggested that the council contact the local probation service or local youth offending team.
- c) Simon Barrow Gardening was appointed as the gardening contractor.

10/20 PLANNING MATTERS

a) To consider applications received via AVDC:-

19/04305/APP - 20 Church Lane Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0RU - Discussion at Financial Meeting on 11th December – **NO OBJECTION**

19/04318/APP - 13 Manor Pound Road Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0SL

Single storey front extension - Discussion at Financial Meeting on 11th December – **NO OBJECTION**

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19/04422/APP – 5 Hill Side, Cheddington – Demolition of the existing front porch and replaced with a 2-storey front extension with new roof over existing garage together with a new porch to the side elevation. Extended crossover to serve extended driveway – **NO OBJECTION**

b) To receive determinations by AVDC

There was nothing to report.

c) Other Planning Matters

There was nothing to report.

11/20 REPORT ON ANY URGENT MATTERS

There was nothing to report.

12/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 5th February 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 10

AS AT 07/01/2020

VCHR	DATE	PAYMENTS - CURRENT ACCOUNT	NET	VAT	TOTAL
DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS DEBITED					
159	11/12/2019	E-On - 01.11-30.11	£ 649.95	£ 129.99	£ 779.94
160	27/12/2019	Clerk's Mobile 13.12.-12.01.20	£ 12.81	£ 2.56	£ 15.37
161	04/01/2020	SSE - Electricity Q3 Recreation Ground	£ 459.61	£ 22.98	£ 482.59
162	07/01/2020	NEST Clerk's Pension December 19	£ 63.19	£ -	£ 63.19
			£ 1,185.56	£ 155.53	£ 1,341.09
DIRECT DEBITS TO BE MADE					
			£ -	£ -	£ -
ONLINE PAYMENTS MADE					
163	05/12/2019	Aylesbury Mains as at 05.12.19	£ 34.50	£ 6.90	£ 41.40
164	16/12/2019	AVDC - Dog Waste Service 04/19-03/20	£ 1,417.73	£ -	£ 1,417.73
165	02/01/2020	HMRC to 05.12.19	£ 126.47	£ -	£ 126.47
			£ 1,578.70	£ 6.90	£ 1,585.60
ONLINE PAYMENTS TO BE MADE					
166	25/01/2019	Rialtas annual Subscription	£ 121.00	£ 24.20	£ 145.20
167	31/12/2019	E R Roberts - Expenses December 19	£ 22.84	£ -	£ 22.84
168	31/12/2019	E R Roberts - Salary December 19	£ 844.60		£ 844.60
169	31/12/2019	Brian Small - December 19	£ 405.14		£ 405.14
			£ 1,393.58	£ 24.20	£ 1,417.78
		TOTAL Payments made/due	£ 4,157.84	£ 186.63	£ 4,344.47
CURRENT ACCOUNT - Community					
T13	05/12/2019	From Savings Account	£ 5,000.00	£ -	£ 5,000.00
T14	02/01/2020	From Savings Account	£ 4,000.00	£ -	£ 4,000.00
			£ 9,000.00	£ -	£ 9,000.00
SAVINGS ACCOUNT - BMM					
T13	05/12/2019	To Current Account	-£ 5,000.00	£ -	-£ 5,000.00
R27	21/12/2019	Gross Interest	£ 50.46	£ -	£ 50.46
T14	02/01/2020	To Current Account	-£ 4,000.00	£ -	-£ 4,000.00
			-£ 8,949.54	£ -	-£ 8,949.54
BALANCES					
	06/01/2020	Current A/c			£ 4,907.65
	06/01/2020	Savings A/c			£ 98,910.67
		TOTAL			£ 103,818.32
		Less DD to be paid			£ -
		Less Unpresented Cheques			£ -
		Less Online Payments to be made			£ 1,417.78
		CURRENT BALANCE			£ 102,400.54