

CHEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2019

AT 7:45 p.m. IN CHEDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL SIDE ROOM

16/19 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Present - Cllr C. Poll in the chair, Cllr C. Fee, Cllr M. Everton, Cllr D. Finch, Cllr K. Oastler, Cllr T. Richards and the Clerk Mrs M. Smith.

County Councillor A. Wight

2 Members of the Public

Apologies: - Cllr D. Bevan – Holiday
Cllr K. Graham – Family Emergency
District Cllr S. Jenkins, District Cllr D. Town – Meeting at AVDC

17/19 OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

The following topic was discussed: -

The Pavilion – The initial designs produced by the architect had been made available. One of the residents stated that he hoped that the design of the pavilion could be changed to be more inclusive for the wider community with the possible inclusion of a café.

18/19 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Richards declared an interest as the recently elected Vice Chairman of the Cheddington Tennis Club.

19/19 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

20/19 COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE

County Councillor Anne Wight presented a report which included the following issues: -

Brownlow Bridge – A recent structural assessment of the B488 Brownlow Bridge at Ivinghoe indicates that it is no longer suitable for vehicles over 18 tonnes. Transport for Buckinghamshire will be making an order to restrict the legal weight limit on the bridge. This order will be in place initially for 6 months to allow an assessment of the impact of the closure against the potential for strengthening the bridge and there will then be a consultation period.

Anglian Water – Water Works are required on the junction of the B488 and the B489 which had been delayed several months whilst works have been carried out on the Sewer Works in Pitstone/ Cooks Wharf. There will be a road closure in place from 6th to 18th of April.

Local Area Forum Meeting – The next LAF meeting will be at Ivinghoe Town Hall on 28th February at 7 p.m.

Time to Change – Time for Change is about changing perceptions of Mental Health problems to eliminate the discrimination and stigma which often prevent those struggling with mental health issues from coming forward to get support. Many events are being planned in Buckinghamshire for a Time to Talk Day on 7th February.

Live well Stay Well programme – The Live Well Stay Well programme recently launched Better You! alongside Buckinghamshire County Council to provide recipes and tips for eating well.

21/19 CLERK'S REPORT ON ONGOING MATTERS

Maintenance Work on the Playground was carried out by Playground Facilities Ltd in January.

The handyman is in the process of installing Samantha's bench in the new position on The Green having extended the concrete base to accommodate the larger bench.

The clerk was contacted by residents in Goose Acre concerned that a tree outside 66 belonging to the Parish Council was being cut back by the next-door neighbours. On visiting the site it was found that a resident had pruned back a tree that had overgrown the pavement and also was proving to be a hazard when pulling out of his drive. As the work had already begun it was agreed that the resident

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should complete the job although the prune back is a bit drastic. Cllr Poll will contact Tree Monkey to get an opinion regarding a possible replacement of the tree.

The Clerk has had a number of e-mails concerning the litter bin at the top of New Street. The handyman has been asked to empty it on a couple of occasions but it would seem that a householder is using it as their means of getting rid of household rubbish in black sacks. Cllr Oastler will liaise with the clerk regarding this issue.

The clerk has had another query re the lack of a code on the Defibrillator Cabinet. The South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) do not use a code but suggested that the post code of the location could be put on the cabinet as this will help SCAS locate the cabinet.

The clerk has ordered and received a new battery for the defibrillator. New pads will need to be ordered before July.

The Bowls Club have asked that a key to the new padlocks on the bollards to the main part of the Recreation Ground should be placed in the pavilion. After a mix-up with the padlock keys, a key has been given to Cllr Finch who will make sure a key will be left in the pavilion.

The security device to the HSBC bank account stopped working last month and the clerk has now eventually got a replacement. It would be expedient to make sure when the new mandate is considered that there should be an additional device to cover any such problem in the future.

The new LED lights have been installed at the Village Hall.

Aylesbury Mains have had to order the shield to be installed on the light outside 1b Church Hill.

Laurie Eagling, the clerk to Pitstone Parish Council has sent an e-mail to say that West Midlands Trains are arranging a workshop meeting via Tring Town Council for all the villages surrounding Tring and Cheddington Train Stations.

A ticket has been obtained for Cllr Finch to attend the BMKALC Parish and Unitary Liaison Meeting on 21st March in Aylesbury.

22/19 CORRESPONDENCE, CONSULTATIONS AND NOTIFICATION OF MEETINGS

The list of correspondence which had been circulated to the councillors before the meeting was noted.

The Parish Council agreed to the following responses: -

- Jackdaws are nesting again in the clock tower at the school. It was agreed that the clerk should arrange for a platform to be rented to allow the handyman to remove the nest and put up some netting to prevent this happening again in the future. It was agreed a spend of up to £350 to hire the platform and up to £200 for the netting.
- The Parish Council agreed that permission would be given for the event 'Prams in the Park' subject to a number of concerns being addressed. For information these concerns were similar to those expressed to the organisers of the Village Fete.
 - If any roads are closed off provision needs to be given that emergency vehicles should be allowed access at all times.
 - No electricity cables are to be laid across the High Street.
 - Toilet facilities are provided, possibly at the Methodist Church, and that notices to say facilities are available are clearly displayed.
 - Traffic Flow along the High Street is monitored.
 - The Parish Council should have sight of the Insurance Certificate taken out to cover the event as soon as it is arranged.

23/19 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS –

No Reports were given

24/19 PAVILION

D Cllr Town, the clerk and a representative of the Petanque Club had attended a meeting with Hugo Hardy at the architects earlier today and had looked at some provisional drawings which had been brought back and were available for the Parish Councillors and the public to look at. It was noted that there had been a change in the basic premise of the design. The architect recommended that there

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should no longer be an extension at the front but that more should be made of patio at the back. He also put forward an idea that Phase 2 should be a separate building.

A couple of comments from D Cllr Town had been noted

- a) The design had retained the two doors which at present opened to the outside toilets. It was suggested that the door on the Bowls club side was not needed
- b) D Cllr Town suggested that the front door area should be enclosed as he had concerns that if left it might be a gathering place for Anti-Social behaviour.

The Parish Councillors queried the orientation of the new design especially with reference to the toilets being at the front of the building instead of windows looking out onto the recreation ground.

A further meeting will be arranged for comments to be made on these initial designs which could then be fed back to the architect.

25/19 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The payments were agreed in accordance with financial report

26/19 PLANNING MATTERS

a) The following application received via AVDC was discussed: -

19/00289/APP – West End Farm, Long Marston Road, Cheddington LU7 0RS – Single Storey side extension with mezzanine and change of associated land to use class C3 – NO OBJECTIONS

18/04097/ADP – Land West of Mentmore Road, Partridge Close and Barkham Close, Cheddington – Approval of reserved matters – Cllr Poll agreed to discuss the best course of action with District Cllr Town and then contact the other councillors.

b) No determinations had been received from AVDC.

27/19 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

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

The discussion on the recruitment of a Parish Clerk was conducted out of the public domain.

It was agreed to interview all the applicants on Tuesday 19th February at the Methodist Church.

28/19 REPORT ON URGENT MATTERS

- No Urgent Matters were reported

29/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 6th March 2019 in the Village Hall side room at 7.45 p. m.

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

Signed:

Date:

Chairman

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FINANCIAL APPENDIX			MONTH 11		6 th FEBRUARY 2019
VCHR	DATE	PAYMENTS - CURRENT ACCOUNT	NET	VAT	TOTAL
DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS					
138	04/01/2019	Southern Electric - Supply to Pavilion	497.00	99.40	596.40
139	11/01/2019	EON - Street Lights	540.97	108.19	649.16
			1037.97	207.59	1245.56
ONLINE PAYMENTS ALREADY MADE					
140	10/01/2019	Mr B Small - Handyman December	456.00	0.00	456.00
			456.00	0.00	456.00
ONLINE PAYMENTS					
141	06/02/2019	CVH - Hire of Side Room	18.75	0.00	18.75
142	06/02/2019	CVH - Replacement LED Lights	227.59	0.00	227.59
143	06/02/2019	CPRE - Annual Membership	36.00	0.00	36.00
144	06/02/2019	Playground Facilities Ltd	1217.25	243.45	1460.70
145	06/02/2019	Mr B Small - Handyman January	388.75	0.95	389.70
146	06/02/2019	Mrs M Smith - Salary	972.03	0.00	972.03
147	06/02/2019	PAYE - to 05 February	77.16	0.00	77.16
148	06/02/2019	Mrs M Smith - Expenses	53.14	7.75	60.89
			2990.67	252.15	3242.82
		TOTAL Payments	4484.64	459.74	4944.38
		CURRENT ACCOUNT-Community			
					0.00
			0.00	0.00	0.00
		SAVINGS ACCOUNT- BMM			
					0.00
			0.00	0.00	0.00
		BALANCES			
	05/02/2019	Current			5660.16
	05/02/2019	Savings			90044.59
					95704.75
		Less Unpresented Cheques			0.00
		Less Online Payments to be made			3242.82
					92461.93