

CHEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.45 pm IN THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL

123/19 OPEN PUBLIC FORUM – 7.45pm – 8.00pm

The following topics were discussed:-

- Resident, Jennifer McGrath updated the Parish Council in respect of her formal complaint against Aylesbury Vale District Council regarding the Tree Preservation Order process, on the 11th February 2019, that had not been correctly followed. She had been advised that it was now a Level 2 complaint. She hoped to be updated by the 5th September. If this did not happen she would contact the Local government Ombudsman. She will keep the Parish Council updated.

The Clerk advised that Bill Tilley, Senior Planning Enforcement Officer at AVDC had forwarded the Parish Council's email dated the 7th August, in respect of the orchard, to the Arboricultural Officer (the person that issued the TPO) and advised that he would contact the Parish Council in due course. To date there had been no reply from the Officer. The Clerk was asked to contact Bill Tilley to get an update of the process. Mr Alan Hollett was advised that the Parish Council fully supported the reinstatement of the orchard. Mr Hollett also felt that there should be District support. Mr Hollett would write to MP John Bercow.

- Jennifer McGrath, resident raised the planning application/s at the Airfield. Cllr Wight confirmed they had been both approved in principal. Both planning applications were available on-line. S106 documents were being written on both thus causing a delay.
- Cllr Richards stated that 2 residents had approached her in respect of the heavy traffic going through the village and that once the temporary traffic lights had been removed that they would offer to carry out a survey. Mr Hollett was also happy to do this. Mr Hollett asked about an application for a weight restriction.

There were currently no weight restrictions in force in Buckinghamshire but there were in Herts and Beds. Cllr Town indicated that Bucks County Council refused to engage. So what can we as a Council do? Cllr Wight recommended attending the Freight Strategy Meeting on the 19th September and raise concerns. Cllr Derek Town brought to the Council's attention that the weight restriction at Brownlow Bridge could possibly be removed in October. A flyer has been circulated by Ivinghoe Together (Ivinghoe residents, not the Parish Council). Cllr Wight confirmed that a BCC Freight Strategy Officer was now in place but would not be at the Freight Strategy Meeting. This meeting was organised by BCC to raise freight/traffic issues. The meeting would only be for councillors. Clerk to put on the PC website the freight@buckscc.gov.uk email for messages in respect of the meeting on the 19th September but to advise the parish council to be included so those councillors attending could put forward the queries.

Mr Hollett felt that there should be representation from Cheddington Parish Council. Cllr Daly and Cllr Bevan would attend. This issue of using Cheddington as a run through for heavy traffic had to be raised especially along the High Street.

- At the LAF meeting on Monday 16th Cllr Richards would ask about the 20mph speed limit through Cheddington and how we could pursue this. Get residents to write to MPs etc. Make residents aware that there is a considerable cost to do this. All agreed that it was a good idea to get support from local residents in the first instance.
- Cllr Wight discussed the new Unitary Bucks Community Boards which would replace the Local Area Forum groups. She mentioned that there might be more funds available for traffic issues.

124/19 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

2 Members of the Public

Cllr Anne Wight

Cllr Derek Town

Apologies: Cllr Everton - work commitments

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District Cllr Sandra Jenkins

125/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was nothing declared.

126/19 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Parish Council RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7th August 2019 should be accepted as a true record of the meeting and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

127/19 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

No report was provided.

128/19 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Anne Wight discussed the following 2 key consultations:-

- **Changes to Council Tax Reduction in Buckinghamshire (Council Tax Support)**

Consultation: 14 August – 24 September 2019

On 1 April 2020, there would be a new council for the whole county, Buckinghamshire Council. Currently each district council (Aylesbury Vale, Chiltern, Wycombe and South Bucks) has a different scheme that gives slightly different levels of council tax support for people with a low income.

The aim is to have one scheme supporting those who are eligible for a reduction on their council tax bill across the whole of Buckinghamshire. BCC want the views of residents on the scheme that is being proposed for the new council. They are keen to ensure that all council tax payers are aware of the changes being proposed. A number of options have been considered for the new scheme. Cllr Wight advised to look at the Shadow Authority Website for more information.

- **Community Boards Consultation**

Consultation: 12 August – 30 September 2019

Cllr Wight stated that the new Buckinghamshire Council wanted to work with local people to help understand the specific issues affecting each area and work together to find solutions. The new Council is therefore proposing to strengthen local connections with communities by setting up Community Boards. These will replace the Local Area Forum groups. By working in partnership with local people, town and parish councils, community groups, police, healthcare organisations and residents, these Community Boards would help the new council understand and respond to local needs more effectively.

Community Boards would give a voice to local people, giving you a chance to work with the council and other local people to make a difference for your community. Cllr Wight will keep the Parish Council updated accordingly.

- **The New Family Support Service**

A new Family Support Service offering wide-ranging advice, help and information to Buckinghamshire families has been launched by the County Council.

The new Buckinghamshire Family Support Service will offer support, services and activities for local families from a network of 16 new family centres, spread across the county over three locality areas. Importantly, the service will also provide more targeted, specially tailored help for families with more complex challenges. The 16 family centres will also offer a programme of activities for all Buckinghamshire families with children up to the age of 19 or 25 for children with special educational needs or a disability (SEND). Timetables of activities on at the family centres can be seen online via the Buckinghamshire Family Information Service website (www.bucksfamilyinfo.org).

- **Prostate Cancer Awareness Week**

Cllr Wight reminded everyone that it was Prostate Cancer Awareness Week.

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129/19 CLERK'S REPORT - to note updates to ongoing matters.

- **Petanque Licence draft prepared** – forwarded to Derek Wilkinson, signed copies not returned to date. Clerk had mailed Derek Wilkinson.
- **Village Hall Lease** collected from Trefor Hamer. Waiting on advice from Valerie Brecher, Brecher Solicitors.
- **Land at Gooseacre** – Ward's Construction/BDW Trading Limited. Clerk advised that they had passed on to the land department to see if they can advise. It was agreed to add this land to the gardening tender. Cllr Town mentioned that there should be on record a historical application for that land.
- **Bench at Church path for Mr Meacham** – Clerk had received a response from Joanne Taylor, Rights of Way Officer at AVDC who advised that a Bucks County Council authorisation form would need to be completed, costing £360 and additionally the parish council would have to agree to future maintenance and indemnity for injury/damage as a result of the bench being in position. It was agreed that the Meachams should be offered other options to place the bench on land which was owned by the Parish Council. Clerk to contact Mr Meacham.
- **Jackdaws and clock** – waiting on quote from Tom Bourn from J Elec.
- **Bark for green** – ordered from Fenland Leisure and delivered, sent back as did not receive any call. Apologised and they will call and advise either well before Thurs 12th or Tuesday 17th. Clerk to confirm 17th September as the preferred option. Cllr Richards would request help.
- **Tommy Silhouette** - can go up at any time. No procedure to follow. It was agreed to put out once the poppies were being sold.
- **PKF Littlejohn LLP** All positive in respect of the External Auditors' conclusion. No comments made. Clerk to put on the Council web site as advised.
- **Prams in the Park** - Clerk wrote to Mr Masters regarding the Prams in the Park event on the 28th September to confirm what was discussed at the last meeting.
- **Recreation Ground** - Brian Small filled in one of the potholes at the recreation ground and cordoned off the other path area beside tennis court until a contractor can be employed. Clerk would contact Tony Kehoe to get a quote.
- **Devolved Services** – Clerk confirmed that the Devolved Services contribution was continuing at same level and would include the additional VAHT monies until 2022.

130/19 CORRESPONDENCE, CONSULTATIONS AND CIRCULARS

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

Cllr Wight confirmed that there was Community Leader Fund Money available. The projects need to be for something which has no other county funding stream e.g. outside table tennis, flowerpots. Cllr Wight would forward more information to the Clerk.

Devolved Services – AVDC sent update confirming funding for another 2 years to March 2022 totalling £2254.57 paid 1st April plus the VAHT of £90.11.

Overgrown Bush - 66 Gooseacre. Clerk to ask Brian Small to remove the tree.

Village Hall Management Committee - Use of Recreation Ground for 2019 Bonfire Event – The Parish Council gave its consent.

Clerk had received a phone call from a resident in respect of the difficulty turning right out of Church Hill, visibility bad. Clerk to write to Mr C Bazier, who we understand owns the land.

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131/19 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

There were no reports received.

132/19 PAVILION UPDATE

Clerk to contact Joe Houston at AVDC re. a possible Deed of Variation to the S106 agreement to include playground facilities at the Green and if acceptable for other areas of Parish Council land. Possible grounds to get it modified as no longer any LEAP in the development.

133/19 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Payments were agreed as per the financial report for Month 6.

Insurance - The reason for the increase in premium is the 4% index linking, which keeps the sums insured under the policy in line with inflation. Premium increased by £44.85 from £1494.98 to £1539.83.

b) To agree Remembrance Wreath £50 – **approved**.

c) To agree the Parish Council's Yr 19/20 annual contributions to:-

The Village Hall £2000 and £40 towards lighting costs - **approved**

St Giles Church £750 for upkeep of the churchyard and £40 towards lighting costs - **approved**

Cheddington Methodist Church £40 towards lighting costs - **approved**

Mrs Horn re. Barkham Close Garage Lighting £40 - **approved**

The School caretaker IRO clock winding £60 – **approved**

Clerk to prepare cheques for the next meeting.

c) To consider quote for tree works from Jack Rimington, JDR Tree Care Ltd – **approved**.

Clerk to arrange a date in October for this to be carried out. Agreed to have 2 trees done every 2 years so Clerk to note this in the budget.

d) Large bush at the back of Gooseacre. Clerk to forward Brian Small's details to Cllr Daly.

134/19 PLANNING MATTERS

a) To consider applications received via AVDC

19/02593/APP – 1B Church Hill, Cheddington LU7 0SX – 1st floor side extension over car port. NO Objection

19/03020/APP – Beechwood 10 Mentmore Road, Cheddington LU7 0SD – Variation of Condition 2 on application 17/04329/APP relating to the approved plans (retrospective) – NO objection.

b) To receive determinations by AVDC

There were none.

c) Other Planning Matters

18/01705/APP – 97 High Street, Cheddington, LU7 0RG – Demolition of existing buildings and the construction of 3 No. dwellings and 2 No. carports. – 19/08/19. To Comment – 'no access to recreation ground for construction purposes'.

135/19 - REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S GDPR POLICY

Cllr Everton and Cllr Richards will discuss.

136/19 - LOCAL AREA FORUM – Cllr Richards will attend on the 16th September.

137/19 - Traffic Calming Sub Group - Freight Workshop 19.09.19 - Cllr Bevan and Cllr Daly will attend. Clerk to confirm numbers to Peter Brazier.

137/19 REPORT ON ANY URGENT MATTERS

Clerk to ask Mr Masters for a copy of the insurance IRO the Pram Race.

Request by the residents who maintain the war memorial to plant Peace Roses – approved.

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138/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd October 2019 at 7.45pm in the Methodist Church hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.27 pm.

Signed: -----
Chairman

Date: -----

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FINANCIAL APPENDIX

MONTH 6

AS AT 03/09/2019

VCHR	DATE	PAYMENTS - CURRENT ACCOUNT	NET	VAT	TOTAL
DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS DEBITED					
81	08/08/2019	Nest Pension - R Roberts July 19	£ 54.74	£ -	£ 54.74
82	12/08/2019	E-ON August 19 - Street Lighting	£ 671.63	£ 134.33	£ 805.96
83	29/08/2019	O2 Clerk's Mobile 13.08-12.09	£ 12.81	£ 2.56	£ 15.37
84	29/08/2019	Wave (Anglian Water) re. Pavilion	£ 91.67	£ -	£ 91.67
85	15/08/2019	Wave (Anglian Water) re. allotments	£ 62.39	£ -	£ 62.39
86	30/08/2019	Nest Pension - R Roberts August 19	£ 64.99		£ 64.99
			£ 958.23	£ 136.89	£ 1,095.12
ONLINE PAYMENTS MADE					
87	13/08/2019	Aylesbury Mains Limited (19312)	£ 64.80	£ 12.96	£ 77.76
			£ 64.80	£ 12.96	£ 77.76
CHEQUE PAYMENTS TO BE MADE					
88	04.09.19	Mr G Cruise - allotment wasp killer spray	£ 6.66	£ 1.33	£ 7.99
ONLINE PAYMENTS TO BE MADE					
89	06/08/2019	BMKALC Training re. GDPR 25/09/18 (never paid)	£ 38.32	£ -	£ 38.32
90	19/07/2019	Aylesbury Mains Limited (19266)	£ 72.80	£ 14.56	£ 87.36
91	01/08/2019	Aylesbury Mains Limited (19295)	£ 47.40	£ 9.48	£ 56.88
92	06/08/2019	Came & Co re. Annual Ins	£ 1,774.61	£ -	£ 1,774.61
93	21/08/2019	PKF Littlejohn re External Audit 18/19	£ 300.00	£ 60.00	£ 360.00
94	06/08/2019	Mrs E R Roberts - Expenses August 19	£ 57.47	£ 11.49	£ 68.96
95	30/08/2019	Simon Barrow - August verges	£ 1,200.00	£ -	£ 1,200.00
96	30/08/2019	Brayscape - grass cuts August x 3	£ 1,989.60	£ -	£ 1,989.60
97	31/08/2019	Mrs E R Roberts - Salary August 19	£ 870.18	£ -	£ 870.18
98	31/08/2019	Brian Small Handyman August 19	£ 813.19	£ -	£ 813.19
99	31/08/2019	Village Hall - Meeting/Play in the Park x 2	£ 53.50	£ -	£ 53.50
			£ 7,217.07	£ 95.53	£ 7,312.60
		TOTAL Payments made/due	£ 8,246.76	£ 246.71	£ 8,493.47
CURRENT ACCOUNT - Community					
T6	08/08/2019	From Savings Account	4000.00	0.00	4000.00
T7	09/08/2019	From Savings Account	4000.00	0.00	4000.00
			£ 8,000.00	£ -	£ 8,000.00
SAVINGS ACCOUNT - BMM					
T6	08/08/2019	To Current Account	-4000.00	0.00	-4000.00
T7	09/08/2019	To Current Account	-4000.00	0.00	-4000.00
			-£ 8,000.00	£ -	-£ 8,000.00
BALANCES					
	03/09/2019	Current A/c			£ 4,688.60
	03/09/2019	Savings A/c			£ 92,314.96
		TOTAL			£ 97,003.56
		Less Unpresented Cheques			£ 7.99
		Less Online Payments to be made			£ 7,312.60
		CURRENT BALANCE			£ 89,682.97