

# **CHEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2019 AT 7.45 pm IN CHEDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL SIDE ROOM**

### **109/19 OPEN PUBLIC FORUM – 7.45pm – 8.00pm**

The following topics were discussed:-

- **Bollard at Recreation Ground** - Cllr Town commented that one of the bollards had been removed again. The Clerk advised that the contractor, Brayscape, had now been given a set of keys for the metal bollards. These have been signed for and noted in the Clerk's key record.
- **Local Area Forum email** - Cllr Town briefly mentioned the Local Area Forum and the possible sources of funding to start the process of introducing a 20mph speed limit through the village High Street.
- **Reinstatement of Trees at the Orchard Letter** – Alan Hollett was advised that a draft letter had been circulated to the Councillors for comment. Cllr Fee had made some slight amendments. Cllr Richards asked that the trees be reinstated '*on the original site*' be included just to ensure this was the done. The Clerk would address the letter to Bill Tilley at AVDC Planning Enforcement Department.  
Mr Hollett had contacted the Leighton Buzzard Observer and other village residents and asked Cllr Jenkins to contact Bill Tilley. Cllr Fee would ask the Cheddington Residents Association to write.
- **Overgrown Hedge** - Cllr Jenkins asked about the overgrown hedge at no. 12 Mentmore Road. The Clerk had written to the houseowner. The houseowner had a 14 day period to carry out the pruning.
- **Village Clock and Jackdaws** - Anne Tarbox enquired about the village Clock. The Clerk confirmed that it appeared that the jackdaws had gone and that she had been in contact with the school caretaker who was on holidays until the 20<sup>th</sup> August. She would arrange for a cherry picker/operator to install netting to the bell tower and ask the school caretaker to re-start the clock's chiming mechanism. She has a contact who has the correct licence who will come and inspect the tower first to provide a quote for his services.

### **110/19 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

**Apologies:** Cllr Everton, work commitments

### **111/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There was nothing declared.

### **112/19 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Parish Council RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 should be accepted as a true record of the meeting and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

### **113/19 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Cllr Jenkins discussed that she had attended a meeting to meet the new Chief Executive, Rachel Shimmin, of the Buckinghamshire Council, the new unitary authority set to take over local government in the county next year.

Rachel Shimmin, the current interim head of paid service and implementation lead and the current chief executive of Buckinghamshire County Council, will lead the brand new £1bn council.

Cllr Jenkins felt that the Unitary was progressing along quite nicely.

Cllr Town advised that he had attended the Cheddington and Tring Travel workshop. Brochures given out. Cheddington and Tring were both discussed together in respect of parking, disabled access (an issue at

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Cheddington) and toilets. Tring had increased in numbers gradually every year but Cheddington had not. He mentioned that there had been no County Councillor representative at the meeting.

Tring and Cheddington were both running at capacity. This means actual trains and not passenger numbers. There was a suggestion of putting in a 3<sup>rd</sup> railway. As Cllr Finch highlighted, this was discussed 2 years ago and was not feasible, so would it be now?

One approach was that the railway authorities were looking to improve Tring e.g. parking being extended. There was a brief discussion about the use of Cheddington Station for alternative uses e.g. a nursery but this had now gone quiet.

**Local Area Forum** – Cllr Town reiterated that he had received an email from the Bucks Local Area Forum in respect of monies totalling £16,157, remaining from the 19-20 budget, to be allocated to community projects. These will be considered at the next LAF meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019. The LAF was also accepting transport application for 2020/21 with a deadline of 31 August 2019. All transport projects must have a minimum of 50% match from a non-Buckinghamshire County Council Source.

Cllr Fee suggested that one of the Parish Councillors attend and that the Clerk puts on the September 4<sup>th</sup> Agenda for discussion.

### 114/19 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

**Cllr Anne Wight discussed the following:-**

- **Buckinghamshire Road Survey** - Cllr Wight would be very pleased to know residents' views on Buckinghamshire's roads, via an on line survey. Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC) is seeking the opinions of residents on the county's road system that will provide information that will inform the council's strategic highways planning. The survey will remain open to the residents of Buckinghamshire until 30 September 2019. It takes under five minutes to complete and is open to all residents even if they have responded to the initial NHT survey received last month. The results will be made available on the BCC website in the autumn this year. [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BCCtransportsurvey2019](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BCCtransportsurvey2019)
- **Heat Advice for Heatwaves.** Cllr Wight gave a brief summary of what the main risks were, who the most vulnerable people were and the tops tips to keep cool and comfortable. The Health and Wellbeing pages on the BCC website has more information on summer safety.
- **Update on the New Unitary Buckinghamshire Council** – Cllr Wight also mentioned that Rachael Shimmin had been announced as the Chief Executive of the new Buckinghamshire Unitary Council and that a team of more than 300 staff from the five current councils are working together to setup the new Buckinghamshire Council for April. In advance of the elections next year to the new council the new Chief Executive will also work with the 202 elected members who make up the Shadow Authority and the decision-making Shadow Executive to oversee the creation of the new council. After the transition to the new Buckinghamshire Council is complete, the focus of the new council will be to improve services for communities by bringing functions together as one council to work more efficiently. For more information about the new Buckinghamshire Council, and the Shadow Authority which has been set up to create it, visit [shadow.buckinghamshire.gov.uk](http://shadow.buckinghamshire.gov.uk) and follow on twitter [@DeliveringBucks](https://twitter.com/DeliveringBucks).

Cllr Wight had received another mail in respect of the overgrown bridleways. She had forwarded this to the Buckinghamshire Rights of Way officer.

Cllr Town suggested looking at the 20mph speed limit along Cheddington High Street. This exercise could cost up to £20k so could the Parish Council obtain funding through the Local Area Forum? BCC do not give examples of where these 20mph speed restrictions are in place. Cllr Richards would research this and in particular Askett Village and report back.

Cllr Wight reminded those present about the next Freight Strategy Meeting on the 19th September at Mentmore village hall. Cllr Town was attending but one more Councillor should attend. The Clerk to circulate the information to the Parish Councillors and put on the September agenda. Cllr Fee confirmed that she had received more offers of road traffic surveys. Cllr Wight has received photos and updates on the HGVs going through the village.

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Mr Hollett asked about introducing a weight restriction and if that could be done. Part of the problem was the HGV traffic from the estate where some of the units had been granted Heavy Industrial B2 permits by BCC and retrospectively as well. Problem is with the freight we are the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest generator. Cllr Fee stressed that the Parish Council had objected to it.

### 115/19 CLERK'S REPORT - to note updates to ongoing matters.

- **Petanque Licence draft prepared** – on-going. Hoped to finalise before next meeting.
- **Village Hall Lease** collected from Trefor Hamer. Clerk will obtain solicitors advise/cost to add extension to the lease.
- **Gully cleaning.** – Clerk contacted Matt Whincup via Cllr Wight. TFB are currently working on a weed spraying programme which will cover all roads in urban areas in Aylesbury Vale. This will also include footways.  
However road sweeping is a function carried out by AVDC as part of their street cleansing duties. Unfortunately road sweepers are not that great at sucking up tough weed growth along kerb lines so once a machine has made a pass along a road, it's not uncommon to see stubborn weeds still in place. The day after the sweepers were in the village i.e. 30<sup>th</sup> July. Clerk checked with Parish Support and they have confirmed twice a year.
- **Village Walk – Land at Gooseacre** – Ward's Construction/BDW Trading Limited – Clerk has emailed Jenny Matthews at Barratt Plc to enquire.
- **Bench at Church path for Mr Meacham** – Clerk checked with family where and has contacted BCC with a map/photos and stating a 1.5m bench.
- Clerk checked with Cllr Bevan that he was still ok to open up the village hall on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> for Play Around the Parishes, start at 2pm. He confirmed he could but could the Clerk lock up at 4.15pm. Clerk would check and contact Cllr Bevan.
- Clerk has asked Cllr Everton to check the GDPR policy for the September meeting.
- Clerk has forwarded the relevant council documents to Cllr Daly as requested.
- **Outdoor Gym Equipment** – Clerk has contacted Laurie Eagling and Bridget Knight has confirmed that the cost for Ivinghoe was £21,396 (inc VAT). Clerk to ask how it was funded.

Cllr Fee asked the Clerk to write to Mr Masters regarding the Prams in the Park event on the 28<sup>th</sup> September to confirm what was discussed at the last meeting.

Clerk to remind Brian Small about the potholes at the recreation ground, the tree at Lammas Road and to check the cracking resin on the green.

### 116/19 CORRESPONDENCE, CONSULTATIONS AND CIRCULARS

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

- **Laurie Eagling Pitstone Draft Bus Community Survey** – The Clerk confirmed that the survey will look more professional and provide more information on who, why, when results etc. They will provide the printed copies for circulation.
- **BMKALC Cyber Essentials Certification** – The Clerk confirmed that the processes highlighted under this were already being carried out in respect of passwords etc. She had renewed the McAfee protection.
- **Transport for Bucks - Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust (VAHT) and grass cutting** – The Clerk confirmed that this will run in conjunction with the current BCC devolved services Deed of Variation agreement until it is renewed in 2020. In terms of the VAHT grass, payment will be in early September. When BCC re-run the numbers for next year the additional grass will be included in the overall figure. Cllr Fee asked the Clerk to check if there were still monies being received for the devolved services for the Year 19-20.
- **Ruth Draper - Tree on the green** – The Parish Council agreed to this with a few conditions. The decorations must be maintained and taken down a week after the event. Miss Draper does this at her own risk and the Parish Council take no responsibility if any accidents occur. It was also suggested that the PC be informed so could she email the Clerk a week before the decoration starts and what the decorations are for.

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The Clerk to check when the Tommy Silhouette could be put out for the Remembrance Period.

- **Resident Keith Price, Cheddington - HGV Traffic Cheddington** – Clerk to recommend Mr Price to report the condition of the road via the Bucks Fix my Street website.
- **Ella Scott Use of green to sell cakes** etc to raise funds for her trip – The Parish Council approved this request and ask that she is advised of the normal use conditions.

### **117/19 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

There were no reports received.

### **118/19 PAVILION UPDATE**

A meeting of the Parish Council with the Architect, Hugo Hardy, to discuss the pavilion development was held on Tuesday 30th July.

Clerk advised that Jan Roffe at AVDC New Homes Bonus Grants Department was on leave until the 12<sup>th</sup> August. She would contact her then to discuss the next step in respect of the NHB and the S106 monies.

### **119/19 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Payments were agreed as per the financial report for Month 5.
- b) Clerk confirmed that the tennis club lights were included in the electricity bill and that the tennis club are recharged for this every year.
- c) Clerk had not heard back from Eco Sustainable Solutions IRO the bark for the Green so would confirm the order with Fenland Leisure and confirm a delivery date. It was suggested a week day in September when the school was open. Clerk to make sure the bark was delivered in the correct place.
- d) Clerk confirmed that the heavy-duty strimmer (£494.69) was mainly for the bigger jobs, like the allotments or anywhere the weeds or grass were too long. It was agreed to go ahead with the purchase for the village.
- e) A delivery of 12 bottles of wine (as in previous years) for Mr Roger King, was delivered by the Clerk.

### **120/19 PLANNING MATTERS**

a) To consider applications received via AVDC

**19/02586/APP - 29 Station Road, Cheddington, LU7 0SG** - Single storey rear extension – NO OBJECTIONS

**18/01705/APP – 97 High Street, Cheddington, LU7 0RG** – Demolition of existing outbuildings and the construction of 3 No. dwellings and 2 No. carports.

Cllr Fee asked that all of the Councillors look at this planning application and email the Clerk with comments before the 28<sup>th</sup> August.

b) To receive determinations by AVDC

**19/00801/APP – 15 New Street, Cheddington** – Convert garage and porch roof to pitched tiled roof – **APPROVED 21.06.19**

c) Other Planning Matters

There were none.

### **121/19 REPORT ON ANY URGENT MATTERS**

Cllr Fee advised that the dog bin between numbers 7 and 9 Hillside was full again. The clerk had already been advised and had contacted AVDC Street Scene Dept.

Clerk to ask Brian Small to remove any tree debris from around the village.

Cllr Town advised the Council that he had The Queen's Commonwealth Canopy Woodland Trust saplings and that by Autumn 2020 they should be ready for planting - 2 silver birch, 2 rowan and one hazel.

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**122/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.45pm in the Methodist Church hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.37 pm.

Signed: -----  
Chairman

Date: -----

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FINANCIAL APPENDIX

MONTH 5

AS AT 05/08/2019

VCHR	DATE	PAYMENTS - CURRENT ACCOUNT	NET	VAT	TOTAL
<b>DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS DEBITED</b>					
70	13/07/2019	O2 - parish clerk mobile	£ 12.81	£ 2.56	£ 15.37
			<b>£ 12.81</b>	<b>£ 2.56</b>	<b>£ 15.37</b>
<b>ONLINE PAYMENTS MADE</b>					
71	23/07/2019	PAYE to 05.08.19	£ 37.31	£ -	£ 37.31
72	23/07/2019	Fenland Leisure (Online Playgrounds) re. resin for playground	£ 56.00	£ 11.20	£ 67.20
73	23/07/2019	Cheddington Village Hall re. June	£ 19.50	£ -	£ 19.50
			<b>£ 112.81</b>	<b>£ 11.20</b>	<b>£ 124.01</b>
<b>CHEQUE PAYMENTS TO BE MADE</b>					
74	07/07/2019	Mr Graham Cruise - Laminating paper for allotments	£ 6.78	£ -	£ 6.78
			<b>£ 6.78</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 6.78</b>
<b>ONLINE PAYMENTS TO BE MADE</b>					
75	29/07/2019	Simon Barrow Gardening	£ 1,200.00	£ -	£ 1,200.00
76	31/07/2019	Cheddington Methodist Church	£ 80.00	£ -	£ 80.00
77	31/07/2019	Mrs E R Roberts - Expenses July19	£ 187.89	£ -	£ 187.89
78	31/07/2019	Mrs E R Roberts - Salary July19	£ 760.04	£ -	£ 760.04
79	31/07/2019	Brian Small Handyman July 19	£ 893.96	£ -	£ 893.96
80	30/07/2019	Brayscape	£ 1,989.60	£ -	£ 1,989.60
			<b>£ 5,111.49</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 5,111.49</b>
		<b>TOTAL Payments made/due</b>	<b>£ 5,243.89</b>	<b>£ 13.76</b>	<b>£ 5,257.65</b>
<b>CURRENT ACCOUNT - Community</b>					
			£ -	£ -	£ -
<b>SAVINGS ACCOUNT - BMM</b>					
			£ -		£ -
<b>BALANCES</b>					
	05/08/2019	Current A/c			£ 2,979.75
	05/08/2019	Savings A/c			£ 100,314.96
		<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 103,294.71</b>
		Less Unpresented Cheques			£ 6.78
		Less Online Payments to be made			£ 5,111.49
		<b>CURRENT BALANCE</b>			<b>£ 98,176.44</b>