

**Minutes of a meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Biggs Pavilion at 7.30pm**

Present:

Cllr G Antosiewicz (Chair)  
Cllr H Vale  
Cllr M Reilly  
Cllr M Waters

Cllr D Blamires (Bucks Council) for item 4  
Cllr P Cooper (Bucks Council) for item 4

In attendance: Mr M Joy (Clerk) and one member of the public

**1. Apologies**

Cllr K Shults and Cllr A Bond

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024 were discussed by the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.

**3. Declaration of Interest**

None .

**4. Reports**

The Government has applied legal targets for the building of new houses, but no funding given for infrastructure resources ie sewage, schools, medical facilities etc. Reallocation of Community Board boundaries include Cublington with Aylesbury. Councillors have objected to the allocation as rural needs are completely different to town needs. Applications for Solar farms are increasing and easier to obtain including battery storage units. Wind turbines on shore have now been approved by the Government . A New Town will be approved within the next 12 months – shortlisted villages are Calvert , Steeple Claydon and Winslow. The aim is 10,000 houses for the New Town. A local plan will be prepared for agreement by 2026/27 which will replace the current Aylesbury Vale Local Plan . This will be an enormous job for BC. Before the change of Government there was a Community Fund which made contributions to community

schemes such as purchasing a village pub. Cllr Blamires agreed to send details.

**5.1 To approve payments since last meeting.**

The following invoices were passed for payment from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 24<sup>th</sup> August 2024:  
3/7 Autela Payroll £75.05 – payroll costs.  
22/7 Mainly Mowing £247.50 – mowing costs.  
22/7 Mcfee M Joy expenses £140.14 – antivirus software  
27/7 Clerk Salary £198.27 – July salary  
12/7 Zurich Insurance £1,963.36 – annual insurance  
23/7 PKF Littlejohn LLP £252.00 – annual audit fee  
27/8 Clerk Salary £198.27 – August salary

**5.2 To review the accounting statements to 24<sup>th</sup> August 2024 and forecast to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

M Joy presented the accounts to 24<sup>th</sup> August 2024 which showed a surplus of £1,782.62 and cash balances of £16,241.54. The forecast to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 estimates a surplus of £3,002.53 and cash balances of £17,461.45.

**6. Orchard Ground/ North Field Report**

The member of public attending the meeting wanted to discuss an incident at the fete held at Orchard Ground. A young girl was struck on the arm by a gazebo which had fallen over after a gust of wind. The girl received medical treatment from the on-site first responders. No further treatment was required. The member of public wanted to ensure there was adequate insurance to cover public liability and risk assessments were carried out by the fete organisers. This matter was not for the parish council, but the concerns would be relayed to Orchard Ground committee/fete committee. The new gate and fencing work will be carried out soon. New drainage on the outfield was proposed at a cost of £30,000. Funded by Bucks Cricket £5k, Heart of Bucks £5k , ECB £10k, Orchard Ground £5k and a loan from ECB. A site meeting with the contractor and councillors has been arranged for

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Still awaiting a decision on the grant application with FCC concerning the new footpath. OG is reviewing rents and income. A shipping container is to be located in North Field for storage purposes.

### **6.1 New Charity and lease**

The application for registration of the charity is in progress which is taking time due to the amount of information requested. The trustees will be Pippa Cheetham (Chair), Hugh Vale, Colin Antosiewicz , Andy Brown, Jenny Brown , Liz Smith and Martyn Waters. The amendments to the draft lease will be completed once the registration of the new charity has happened. Cllr Waters will put an article in the Crier setting out the new charity and its operation. Provisional target date of OG AGM in early November for the new charity to be in place.

## **7. Planning Permissions**

**7.1 24/02039/APP** – Ridings Cottage Ridings Way , Cublington LU7 0LW  
Erection of new dwelling – objection

**7.2 24/02425/APP** – Great Oak Farm Dunton Road Cublington LU7 0LS – change of use of farmyard and farm buildings from agricultural to B2 (general industrial) use and associated storage by The Quartz Worktop Company Limited(Retrospective) – no objection but comment that the business is visible from the road - the application says that it is not.

## **8. Village Matters**

### **8.1 Traffic**

Nothing to report.

### **8.2 Street Lighting**

Nothing to report.

### **8.3 Trees and hedges**

A resident, whose property backs onto the High Street, has questioned who is responsible for the hedgerow. The matter has been put to Bucks Council. Since the meeting Bucks Council has confirmed *the*

*hedge referred to is part of the historic hedge which formed the boundary to the farm / field before the area was developed and as such it is the responsibility of the landowner to maintain. The council has never adopted or taken on the responsibility for maintaining the hedge.* Cllr Reilly to draft an article for the Crier and write to all the residents whose properties back onto the High Street setting out their responsibilities to ensure their hedges and/or trees are not impeding paths and street lighting.

The clerk to arrange a site meeting with the Local Area Technician.

### **8.4 Unicorn Public House**

It was noted the pub had closed and was up for sale. Cllr Blamires had discussed community funding to assist in any village purchase. The Stag at Mentmore was a good example of a pub bought by the village and was led by Cllr Peter Brazier. Whilst the pub is closed the village hall is trialling opening Wednesday nights for three weeks where villagers pay £3 and bring your own drinks. Orchard Ground is discussing a similar arrangement for Friday evenings.

### **8.5 Quartz sculpture at Bell Close/High Street corner – war memorial**

Cllr Reilly discussed the concept for a war memorial where the old public telephone used to be on the corner of Bell Close/High Street. He will prepare a feasibility study.

### **8.6 Arthur Read memorial.**

It was suggested that a bench should be located on the grass area at Bell Close. Exact location will depend on the 8.5 above. Clerk to progress .

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 7.30pm at Orchard Ground.**

Signed:

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