

Minutes of a meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 9th July 2024 at Biggs Pavilion at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr G Antosiewicz (Chair)
Cllr H Vale
Cllr M Waters
Cllr K Shults

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

In attendance: Mr M Joy (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllr M Reilly

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 21st May 2024 were discussed by the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.

3. Declaration of Interest

None .

4. Reports

E scooters operated for hire by the Council in Aylesbury has been suspended due to regulation issues. Council officers have been involved in the election hence a slowdown in Council business. Nominations requested for Proud of Bucks Awards – Cllr Blamires to send through a flyer. Awaiting new guidelines from Government , anticipation there will be a lot of changes. Council elections in 12 months time. There was a discussion on Neighbourhood Plans setting out the pros and cons . Church path repairs have now been put on the works list.

5.1 To approve payments since last meeting.

The following invoices were passed for payment from 10th May to 30th June 2024:

21/5 Playsafety Limited £112.80 – playground annual inspection/audit.
26/5 Clerk Salary £198.27 – May salary
30/5 Information Commissioner £40.00 - data protection registration
20/6 PAYE £148.40 – quarterly payment
20/6 Mainly Mowing £430.50 – grass mowing and weed clearance.
27/6 Clerk Salary £198.27 – June salary

5.2 To review the accounting statements to 30th June 2024 and forecast to 31st March 2025

M Joy presented the accounts to 30th June 2024 which showed a surplus of £4,857.21 and cash balances of £19,316.13. The forecast to 31st March 2025 is a surplus of £3,507.21 and cash balances of £17,966.13.

6. Orchard Ground/ North Field Report

Quotes have been obtained for a new gate and fencing at the entrance to OG and for internal fire doors. More information has been sent to FCC concerning the grant application for a footpath which has gone to the next stage. The cricket club has obtained three quotations for drainage work on the ground.

6.1 New Charity and lease

Further meetings have been held with the proposed trustees and an application is being made for registration with the charities commission. M Joy had obtained advice concerning VAT and the relationship between the Parish Council and the charity. The advice confirmed the process of claiming VAT with OG can be used for the charity.

7. Planning Permissions

7.1 23/02119/APP - The Old Stables Reads Lane Cublington Erection of two detached dwelling – no objection.

8. Village Matters

8.1 Traffic

The wet weather continues to restrict Speedwatch activities. There have been two new recruits to the scheme. Vehicles travelling out of the village pass the Village Hall very fast . Unfortunately, Speedwatch is only allowed to check vehicles coming into the village.

It was noted judges had been in the village on Wednesday 3rd July. Thanks were offered to all residents who had supported the Best Kept Village competition by mowing, edging ,cutting back verges and hedges ,clearing footways and providing floral displays . Everyone’s contribution was much appreciated.

8.2 Street Lighting

Nothing to report.

8.3 Trees and hedges

It was noted that hedges throughout the village have grown fast due to the warm wet weather. Several streetlights along the High Street are covered with vegetation from the hedges. As reported in previous meetings the Council is not responsible for any of the hedges in the village and residents are reminded to ensure their hedges and/or trees are not impeding paths and roads.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 10th September 2024 7.30pm at Orchard Ground.

Signed:

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8.4 Moving 30 mph sign on Wing Road

The clerk had contacted Highways, and it was confirmed the cost to move the 30mph sign would be £10,000. Most of the cost is made up of legal fees and data collection to back up the movement of the sign. It was agreed this was a prohibitive cost.

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

There was no update for this item.

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.

8.5 D Day 80th Anniversary

Cllr Antosiewicz thanked the Vales for hosting the commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of D Day and for all the individuals who contributed to the event.

8.6 Best Kept Village Competition