

**Minutes of a meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Biggs Pavilion at 7.30pm**

Present:

Cllr G Antosiewicz (Chair)

Cllr H Vale

Cllr M Reilly

Cllr M Waters

Cllr Shults

Cllr D Blamires (Bucks Council) for item 4

Cllr A Bond (Bucks Council) for item 4

In attendance: Mr M Joy (Clerk)

**1. Apologies**

Cllr P Cooper

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024 were discussed by the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.

**3. Declaration of Interest**

None .

**4. Reports**

Bucks Council secured their first prosecution concerning rubbish thrown out of car caught on a passing driver's dashcam . Wing Caravan Park – the planning applicant was successful on appeal concerning the council issuing a Lawful Development Certificate. The Inspectorate was critical of Bucks Council and awarded part costs to the applicant. Clerk to contact Planning Officer to establish what the implications are to the site. Cllr Blamires will contact the planning officer concerning the Lockhart site to see if there is an update on the situation.

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

The following invoices were passed for payment from 25<sup>th</sup> August to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024:

10/9 Mainly Mowing £311.25 – mowing costs

10/9 PAYE £198.27 Quarterly payment

19/9 WEL Medical £1,020 – replacement defibrillator

27/9 Clerk Salary £198.27 – September salary

24/10 MW Jenkins Plant Hire £2,280 – foundation work to North Field storage area recharge to OG

28/10 Clerk Salary £198.27 – October salary

31/10 DPS Property Maintenance £980.70 – gate and fencing for entrance to OG recharge to OG

31/10 DPS Property Maintenance £336 – OG pavilion work recharge to OG

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

M Joy presented the accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 which showed a surplus of £7,223.23 and cash balances of £21,682.15. The forecast to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 estimates a surplus of £2,638.88 and cash balances of £17,097.80.

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

There is a race night on 30<sup>th</sup> November , 1<sup>st</sup> February is Trivia Quiz (which is already sold out), and every other Friday is drinks from 8-10 o'clock . A new gate has been put in place and thanks to Hugh Vale for sourcing it , at North Field there is a new pedestrian side entrance donated by Hugh Vale , and 2 tons of crushed road stone was donated by Michael Jenkins. New gate post put in place at North Field. New foundation put in place for a storage unit. The recent Art Festival donated £100 to Orchard Ground and £100 to North Field. Waiting on three quotes for footpath from the driveway across to the hard standing parking area and to replace and widen the paving alongside the pavilion to the front patio estimated to be £7,000 net of vat. Application to Community Board for 50% matched funding. Community Board will pay £10hr for volunteer work on the 50% element required from Orchard Ground. Public consultation is a requirement and Cllr Waters has had feedback from his article in the Crier. Further grant applications will be made for a path from the playground .

## 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

## 7. Planning Permissions

**7.1** 24/02873/ALB Old Manor Farm , Reads Lane, Cublington Listed building application for 2 x replacement windows and 1 x pair of French doors in rear elevation – no objection

**7.2** 24/02919/APP 7 Bell Close Cublington Buckinghamshire LU7 0LH Householder application for part front infill, part single storey / part two storey rear and single storey side extension including alterations to fenestration – no objection

## 8. Village Matters

### 8.1 Traffic – calming

Speedwatch has been restricted due to poor weather and holidays .The options arising from the Cublington Traffic Calming Feasibility Study from 2019 were discussed and concluded the costs were too high for us to fund but more volunteers for Speedwatch would be a better deterrent to drivers speeding through our village. It was noted a crash occurred at the Crossroads. This incident might not have been reported to the police, so it was suggested people record vehicle registration numbers if they witness a crash . Cllr Shults will put a note in the Crier asking for volunteers and the recording of registration numbers.

### 8.2 Street Lighting

Nothing to report.

### 8.3 Trees and hedges

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.

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

Cllr Reilly confirmed planning permission will be required for a memorial. He is in the process of preparing drawings and an outline estimate of the costs.

### 8.5 Local Area Technician / Bench

Matters discussed with the LAT were: Gullies need to be cleared – corner of Silver Street/Stewkley Road , Whitchurch Road near 30mph sign , High Street and Stewkley Road/Steart Farm junction. Dropped Curbs – start of Wing Road,village hall by the path , crossroads by bus stop , crossroads by Aston Abbots Road sign and High Street. Two dropped curbs have been asked for Bell Close. Church Path – edges to path need filling in - this has been discussed several times.Trees – there was a tree near the road bridge close to Steart’s Farm which was leaning dangerously over the road. It was noted this has been dealt with.

The Arthur Read bench will be located in Reads Lane overlooking the field. LAT confirmed no planning permission required.

### 8.6 Defibrillator

The defibrillator has been replaced. Thanks to Mark Cheetham for his guidance on the matter, and the monthly checks he carries out on it.

### 8.7 Meeting dates for 2025

This was not discussed at the meeting, but the following meeting dates are proposed for 2025.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May and AGM

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November

All meetings to start at 7.30pm at the Village Hall

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 7.30pm at the Village Hall.**

Signed:

.....Dated: