

Minutes of a meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 14th January 2025 at the Village Hall 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)

Ms M Parker, Community Board Manager for item 4 , and a member of the public

1. Apologies

Cllr P Cooper

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 12th November 2024 were discussed by the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.

3. Declaration of Interest

None .

4. Reports

The meeting discussed the road accidents in the village over the past few months. An e petition had been lodged on the Buckinghamshire Council website asking for a review of traffic issues within the village. Ms Parker, Community Board Manager, set out BC procedures for E Petitions. The petition closed on 10th January and two people had signed it. CPC contacted BC to find out who had sponsored the petition. BC is not allowed to disclose the sponsor, and we asked the BC to let the sponsor know we were keen to discuss the matter with them. Nothing was heard back. Bucks Highways would not review the traffic issues without data to support it. CPC is in contact with BH to complete four site surveys recording volume , speeds and types of vehicles . The survey will be on all the four roads coming into the village. The surveys will cover a 7-day period. The last survey was in 2019.

Our review of the data will determine what to ask for from BH. There are two grants' applications in progress with the Community Board one for storage facility on North Field and one for the path by Orchard Ground pavilion. Ms Parker offered to send through appropriate wording for the applications to Cllr Waters. Wing Caravan Park will require new planning approval for use as a caravan park. This site is not in our parish and the Unitarian Councillors were asked to notify us if any application comes in. The Unitarian Councillors confirmed that surplus reserves at BC are not being lost to less well off councils.

5.1 To approve payments since last meeting.

The following invoices were passed for payment from 1st November to 31st December 2024:

19/11 Autela Payroll £75.05

22/11 H Vale £321.68 -Orchard Ground replacement gate recharge

28/11 Clerk Salary £198.47 – Nov salary

23/12 PAYE £148.60 – quarterly tax

23/12 Mainly Mowing £546.25 – mowing work.

27/12 Clerk Salary £198.27 – Dec salary

30/12 Bucks Council £342.00 – dog waste collection to 31/3/25

5.2 To review the accounting statements to 31st December 2024 and forecast to 31st March 2025

M Joy presented the accounts to 31st December 2024 which showed a surplus of £5,784.07 and cash balances of £20,242.09. The forecast to 31st March 2025 estimates a surplus of £5,278.46 and cash balances of £19,737.38.

5.3 Precept Calculation 2025/26

A forecast of income and expenditure for 2025/26 was presented to the meeting which showed a deficit of £320 after allowing £5,000 for traffic calming measures and survey costs. It was agreed the precept should increase by £1,325 to £14,555 (10.02% increase). Cllr Shults proposed to adopt the precept and Cllr Antosiewicz seconded it.

6. Orchard Ground/ North Field Report

The fortnightly drinks evenings are well attended with occasional food nights. The planned drainage work by the cricket club was cancelled because the contractor could not complete the work. There was a grant of £5,000 from Heart of Bucks for the drainage work and HB has asked for a return of the money. Cllr Waters notified HB of the delays and told them the work will be completed by a new contractor by the end of May – HB has agreed to this rescheduling of the work. The Accounts and Annual Report were presented at the AGM. North Field work continues with general maintenance. There are three grants in progress – Tree Council £1,860 , Community Board – footpath £7,900 and storage container £4,000.

A letter was sent to Lucy Developers , the owners of Walnuts houses, asking for a meeting to discuss a contribution to our projects following the Inspectorate decision not to apply a S106 £24,000 levy on the development .

6.1 New Charity and lease

The application for registration of the charity is still progress.

7. Planning Permissions

7.1 APP/J0405/X/21/3287648 Wing Caravan Site, Wing Road – Inspectorate upheld the appeal and awarded costs against Buckinghamshire Council. The planning department confirmed a new application would be required for a caravan site.

8. Village Matters

8.1 Traffic – calming

Speedwatch has been restricted due to poor weather and holidays . E petition was discussed under item 4 of the minutes. It was suggested an article is put into the Crier about accidents and inappropriate

lorry movements in the village are recorded and reported to the clerk.

8.2 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. A quote has been obtained for cutting back foliage around the lights on the High Street. Further quotes to be obtained.

8.3 Granite sculpture – war memorial

Cllr Reilly had circulated plans for a granite war memorial. Planning permission is required. Local tradesmen will be used for the work. Drawings are being prepared and an estimate of the costs.

8.4 Other

It was noted there was a group of villagers looking into buying The Unicorn Pub under Community ownership.

The bench commemorating Arthur Read has been delivered.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 11th March 2025 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Signed:

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