

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020 via Zoom**

### **Present:**

Cllr McGrory in the Chair

Cllrs. L Mann, Cllr Kevan, Cllr Willard, Cllr Tierney, Cllr Offer, CBC Councillor Alison Graham.

Apologies: Cllr Kelly.

### **146/20 Public Participation:**

A resident asked if there was any further update regarding the Orchard, a meeting has taken place with Bloor regarding the transfer of land, there has been no detailed response as yet. An update will be provided under planning, there are a number of trees outside the designated Orchard.

A resident discussed the resolution for the bottle bank from the September meeting, a new resolution was discussed, and the minutes will be amended. The new signage is due to be fitted at the bottle bank in the next two weeks, there is a delay in CBC receiving the insulated bins, they are unable to provide an exact date as yet. The bins will be on trial for three months, if this does not prove successful then the PC will go to Consultation with the residents as to whether they should be removed? The resident asked if the Consultation could run along side the trial, this was declined as the PC have agreed to trial the bins for three months prior to taking any further action. Cllr Graham commented that CBC have tried a number of options and this was the final solution that could be offered. Clerk advised that the PC would need further advice regarding consultation.

### **147/20 Confirm the Minutes/ Matter Arising:**

- The Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020 were agreed, a resident expressed that the Minutes from September 2020 were not a true reflection of the resolution, Clerk will amend, and September Minutes will be signed in December 2020.
- The deletion of the previous meeting recording was agreed.

### **148/20 Declaration of interest/ Request for dispensation:**

- None.

### **149/20 Report by Central Bedfordshire Councillor:**

\* Cllr Dalgarno is an executive member of CBC, part of whose role is to support ward members in answering residents' questions. In this role he had recently had a face to face meeting with a resident and Cllr Graham, to answer the resident's questions.

- \* At the outset he repeated that the document prepared by the resident was not a petition which would be recognised by CBC. He explained that as an executive member he could not take action himself, and would not commit to any specific outcome, at the meeting. Several issues were discussed.
- \* Cllr Graham confirmed that her notes from this meeting had been circulated to all p c councillors. These were her notes which were to be presented to the pc at this meeting.
- \*. The main issues were new signage, north of the village. This had been discussed and agreed to, at a prior meeting between Cllrs Dalgarno and Graham, and Paul Salmon. The question of raised tables in Newbury Lane had also been raised at this meeting. Cllr Graham had been unable to locate funding. A resident in Newbury Lane had contacted her to say that traffic calming was not being asked for, by residents of Newbury Lane. Cllr Graham had advised him to contact the pc clerk.
- \*. HGVs: the resident who devised the document is contacting firms whose vehicles are using the side streets and the High Street. However local government cannot stop such vehicles from photographic evidence alone. Physically stopping, and requesting to see the paperwork for each trip is the only legal way, and neither CBC nor the police have the resources to do this.
- \*. Cllr Graham had suggested bollards in the High Street, to prevent vehicles from mounting the pavements., but the precise location of such bollards would be a matter for the pc and highways to discuss.
- \*. Cllr Graham had discussed Silsoe's issues ( narrow high street, Wrest Park, the old Cranfield site housing expansion) with the new officer currently undertaking Paul Salmon's role. Cllr Graham had asked her to liaise with Paul Salmon, to finalise the signage plans.
- \*. Cllrs Dalgarno and Graham considered that the Newbury Lane/ Silbury T junction might be changed in order to prevent HGVs using that road. The officer is willing to think about this, although there might be implications.
- \*. In general: any requests for changes to traffic flows anywhere in the village would need public consultation and petitions, to CBC's highways.
- \*. Cllr Graham reports to the pc, and then uses this as the basis for her magazine report; she would be appreciate it if this material is not used by others in the magazine, so that she can ensure its accuracy.

## **150/20 Finances:**

Cllr Kevan emailed his latest Financial Report which included

- Current Account = £47,251.47
- Deposit Account = £200,930.54
- National wide = 81,257.39

Outgoing payments for November 2020:

- David Granger £3,300.20

- Website/social media £150.
- Eon £52.10
- Arbtech £2,986.80
- CPM Playgrounds £804
- BATPC £60
- RJW Machinery £318

All payments agreed, Clerk will set up online payments to be authorised by Cllr Kevan.

There have been 19 cuts by Grangers and it is hoped that we are nearing the end of the cutting season, although it was agreed in the current lockdown its important to keep the village looking nice as more people will be out walking. The PC are about to go over budget with grass cutting so it was agreed to reallocate money, £850 for the Millennium green budget and £1,100 for the football fields and £500 for the allotments.

The PC will need to be looking at the budget for 2021/2022 soon, could all Cllrs please consider possible projects? The Silsoe News are anticipating that they will finish slightly better than breaking even this year but has requested that the PC still budget £250 for next year as support if required.

The Village hall Committee have requested funding for a project at the hall amounting to £3500. The project will include Ground clearance to the north boundary area, works to trees and new access to northside grounds from the car park. Cllr Graham suggested the Ward Cllr funding maybe suitable? Derek hardy and her will discuss this. The PC agreed to provide £2000 which is the budgeted grant for this year and to top this up with £1000 from next years grant to cover the costs.

A budget meeting for the PC was arranged for 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 via Zoom.

## **151/20 Planning:**

**CB/20/03431 - TAYMAR NURSING HOME.** The decision that the application was approved appeared on the planning portal but no decision notice, this was an error, and the information is now there. Planning have not approved the noise condition; planning is seeking further information.

CB/20/03530/FULL 8 THE MAPLES First floor extensions including dormers. Single storey extensions, erection of detached garage, detached outbuilding for swimming pool/gym, new gates and wall. The position of this property is in a secluded area and the majority of work will be behind the existing building, shrubs will be removed for the outbuilding. The gates and wall will change the appearance of the front of the building. The Committee didn't feel there was any need to submit views.

CB/20/03712/FULL 6 FIR TREE ROAD Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey orangery style rear extension, new porch and side window. The new building will be slightly closer to the boundary but is replacing an existing conservatory. No objections to the application.

CB/20/03788/FULL 12 COLLEGE CHASE Single storey rear extension. All planned works is within the existing demise, it is filling in an area, Committee had no issues with this application.

CB/20/03883/FULL/DOC HIGH STREET, Discharge of condition 4 from planning permission at the Hayfields development. This has just been uploaded to the website, so Cllrs had not reviewed. Cllr Offer will review it and update at full Council meeting.

**Hayfields/Highways lighting:** Cllr Offer emailed his response from CBC, the PC do not agree with the outcome, but it appears that CBC, particularly Highways are satisfied with the current lighting provision.

### **CBC- Affordable housing:**

Cllr Offer has received a response from CBC, and he will respond, the PC are of the view that this decision is not one of Government legislation, it is an oversight.

### **Bloor:**

A further meeting has taken place with Bloor and they have indicated that they are still willing to discuss the adoption of open spaces with the PC but wish to be discussed alongside other elements. A document was received from Bloor and a further Zoom meeting was arranged, the document was confusing, and the Trustees are attempting decipher the plans and implications, whilst awaiting further response from Bloor regarding funding.

Jon Balaam from Greensand Trust contacted the PC to discuss the scoping exercise to the south of the village, Cllr Offer will contact him.

The PC have received information regarding an Airspace Consultation which has begun, the PC agreed to the planning committee taking this on and preparing a submission. The Planning committee will meet to discuss this on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Cllr offer is communicating with CBC regarding the maintenance and upkeep of Whitebeam close.

### **152/20 Projects:**

**The Cage:** Cllr Offer has been communicating with Michael Dales, they are still awaiting further information.

**Tree Inspection Survey:** The invoice for the tree survey has been paid and work is due to commence prior to Christmas. The inspection results require a Geo file download which will enable the inspector to provide an exact location of each tree using a grid system. This Geo file can be purchased for £333 for the main village or £570 for the Parish, as the trees being surveyed all fall within the main village this would be the better option. The alternative would be a paper copy of the report but would not be as accurate. All Cllrs agreed to the main village file.

**The Website:** Aurora provided three example websites that Cllrs have reviewed and agreed that the third option was the best. It was agreed to keep the current logo and the colour scheme that Aurora has used. Could all Councillors who have not already emailed their photograph to Aurora please do so?

**Park Avenue:** The project is on hold until the Legal Dept at Wrest Park reviews the draft contract.

**153/20 Consultations and correspondence:**

- The signs at the bottle bank will be fitted in the next two weeks, there is a delay on CBC receiving the insulated bottle banks.
- CBC Highways matters will discuss next meeting.
- Airspace Consultation, as discussed under planning.
- CBC Leisure consultation discuss next meeting.
- Kempston branch of Barclays is now closed.

**154/20 AOB:**

- The PC discussed a memorial for Mike Jarrard, the PC will discuss this in further detail at the next meeting.
- Clerk has put a post out on FB to see if there would be any volunteers willing to help refurbish the village sign? She has had some responses, PC happy for her to look into the works further.
- Clerk arranged for Highways to look at the speed sign which is obscured by hedging in response to a residents report, they have inspected, its minor, so will be reviewed in March 2021.
- Works will be starting on the hedges in the next few weeks.
- Reminders for allotment payments have been sent out,
- Clerk is still following up with Cranfield estates the poor condition of the garages in Holly walk.

**155/20 Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held via Zoom at 7.30pm on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

There will be a village open meeting on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020 via Zoom.