

Chesham Bois Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Glebe Way, Chesham Bois at 8.00pm on Monday 9th September 2024

PRESENT: Cllr L Winrow (Chair), Cllr P Eckersall, Cllr S Staite, Cllr J Harris, Cllr K Keen, Cllr D King, Cllr D Buckingham, Cllr V Yadav and Cllr G Harris (Buckinghamshire Council)

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms A Dealey (Clerk)

107.1 Questions and Comments from the Public

Cllr G Harris provided an update on the proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). It was therefore agreed that item 107.11 would be discussed at this point. The Government have launched a consultation as part of the process of reviewing the NPPF. The deadline for responding to the consultation is 24th September 2024. Buckinghamshire Council will be holding online sessions on 10th and 12th September to outline the proposed changes and what the future proposals are.

It was resolved that Councillors would attend the online sessions organised by Buckinghamshire Council. A group of Councillors to then put together a representation in response to the Government consultation by the deadline date.

Action: All Councillors

107.2 Apologies for Absence – Cllr J Bailey

107.3 To Receive Declarations of Interest or Dispensations Relating to this Meeting

None received.

107.4 To approve the Minutes of 8th July Council Meeting and EGM of 29th July 2024

Minutes of EGM of 29th July were approved. Minutes of Council Meeting of 8th July were approved with the exception of minute 105.6 (ii). Cllr King stated that this did not reflect the original Council decision. The financial plans for the fete will be revisited at the October Council Meeting.

107.5 Chair's Report

The Chair's report was noted. The Chair thanked all who volunteered to help with the Picnic and Music on the Common on 31st August.

107.6 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report was noted.

- i) The freedom of information request from resident was noted. Clerk to respond to resident.
Action: Clerk
- ii) It was resolved that further advice would be sought regarding drainage on the boundary of North Road resident's property.
Action: Clerk
- iii) The Council resolved to decline the resident's request for a bike stand in the village.
- iv) The approval of the Freedom of Information Policy was deferred to the October Council meeting.
- v) The Data Protection Policy was reviewed and approved
- vi) The Code of Conduct was reviewed and approved
- vii) It was noted that the refurbishment and cleaning of the War Memorial will take place during week commencing 28th October 2024.

107.7 Finance

- i) Finance reports were approved.
- ii) Payments were approved.
- iii) The approval of the Financial Regulations was deferred to the October Council Meeting.

Mid-year figures will be produced for the October Council Meeting. Year-end estimates to be produced by Working Groups. Draft budget will be produced for November meeting and reviewed in December. Budget for 2025/26 to be approved in January.

107.8 To Receive Reports from Working Groups

a) *Burial Grounds Management WG Chair's Report*

- i) The Chair's report was noted.
- ii) The Burial Ground 100th Anniversary Open Day will be held on Saturday 14th September. A service of remembrance, led by a Celebrant, has been arranged. The Celebrant fee of £300 will be taken from the Burial Ground marketing budget.
- iii) Further quotes to be sought for a plaque for the chapel or information board for the Burial Ground.
Action: BGMWG/Clerk
- iv) Further quotes to be sought to make safe and restore war grave in the Burial Ground **Action: Clerk**

b) *Common and Woodland WG Chair's Report:*

- i) The Chair's report was noted.
- ii) It was noted that a meeting is to be arranged with an arboricultural consultancy to review the Woodland Management Plan and advise on the general maintenance of the common. **Action: Clerk**

c) *Transport WG Chair's Report:*

- i) The Chair's report was noted.
- ii) Cllr Yadav volunteered to monitor the MVAS units and download traffic data. The MVAS unit in office to be located in Copperkins Lane. Cllr Eckersall to look into the use of the Sentinel speed monitoring equipment to carry out a traffic survey in the village.

d) *Environment Working Group*

- i) The Chair's report was noted. It was resolved to adopt the proposed wording to reference the biodiversity policy in remits for the Planning Committee and Working Groups.
- ii) Chesham Bois Common does not currently meet the criteria to be designated as a Local Wildlife Site. It was resolved that the EWG and the CWWG will work together to produce a management plan for the common.
Action: EWG/CWWG

e) *Village Community Working Group*

The Autumn Common Clear-up has been arranged for 5th October 2024.

107.9 **Planning Committee**

Minutes of 27th August Planning Committee Meetings were noted

107.10 **Neighbourhood Plan Update**

The Neighbourhood Plan webpage and survey has been launched on the website. As at 9th September, 45 responses have been received to the survey. The Steering Group will provide a summary of the facts and responses after the deadline of 24th September.
Action: NPSG

107.11 **National Planning Policy Framework**

See 107.1

107.12 **Parish Centre Appeal re Planning Application PL/22/4074/FA update**

It was resolved to put forward a claim to Buckinghamshire Council for the Parish Council's costs incurred in providing traffic and ecology reports which were lacking from the original planning application.

Action: Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.37 pm