**CALVERT GREEN PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Meeting held on 6th December 2022**

**Signed: Chairman Phil Gaskin**……………………………………………………………………………

The meeting proper then began.

Attendance and apologies

**Attendees:**

Cllr Phil Gaskin (Chair) **(PG)**

Cllr David Russell **(DR)**

Cllr Colin Sharples **(CS)**

Cllr Kirsten Gittins (Deputy Chair)**(KG)**

Clerk Tracy Horsfield **(TH)**

2 Members of the public @ 8pm

**Apologies**

Cllr Frank McMahon **(Cllr McM)**

Cllr Carl Blakeley **(CB)**

Cllr Adele Decent **(AD)**

Cllr Liza Thompson **(LT)**

1. **Declarations of interest**

**PG** I have an interest in the FCC garden leases

1. **Minutes of meeting held on 26th October 2022**

Agreed and signed

1. **Public participation**

No Members of the public, two residents arrived at 8pm

1. **Neighbourhood plan**

**PG** have seen a message to tie this up by the end of the year.

1. **Tracker**

**Street light. TH** On the Bucks CC to do list.

**Dog waste bin TH** Now paid for, waiting on works.

**Bollards PG** now installed. **CB** to confirm if loose one had been fixed. Resident asked why not outside number 6? **CB** to confirm plan

**Play parks AD** No update. **TH** Funding declined, no response from Bucks CC. **PG** to follow up with Cllr MacPherson and Cllr McMahon.

**Website TH** to send **PG** log in detailsto raise a ticket. **PG>DR** could you take a picture of the community centre at night to capture the Christmas lights.

**Allotments DR** Good news, spoke with FCC. Very positive chat, the proposal is the old football field, they will look into it and go forward from there. They did ask if we had an allotment society, they want a meeting I suggested 15th or 16th January. **PG** they raised access and need to do a bit of clearing, they leave to us how access is gained. **PG** I think we could ask Adele and Craig if they are interested to start the association.

**Funding TH** fundingdeclined from Fairhive.

**Litter bins PG** No response. Will chase again.

**Tree/plaque TH** to arrange dates for planting.

**Memorial Garden PG,** I would like to recommend a flag pole. Not in the memorial garden but close to the Community centre, to be added to agenda.

**The Green/cutting PG** chased Cllr McMahon today, he is looking into it, just waiting on quotes. **CS** asked if we could employ their caretaker, **PG** we need a handy man. **TH>AD** was going to ask the gentleman that installed the benches. **TH** chased **AD**.

**Gate** No update, **TH** chased and was told it will be in a bulk works order, but no date given.

**Fire risk**

**assessment** **TH** sent emails but no responses. **DR** to chase

1. **HS2/EWR**

**PG** They are going to close Addison Road for 5/6 months. Apparently, there is a contract and are obligated to hand over to EWR. In particular businesses in Steeple Claydon are hugely effected by this road closure, HS2 stance is no compensation for businesses. **PG** properties demolished, the old railway bridge will be demolished in March 2023, so both roads being closed at the same time. **Resident**, the lights are awful, you sit and wait and they do not change. **PG** yes, it has been noted. Traffic lights at Tywford / Charndon junction, **PG** all of the parishes have pushed back on these lights, but they put them in due to HGVs not being able to pass. **PG** Gawcott Road will be closed for a while, we petitioned originally for it not to be closed forever, they are building a flyover. **PG** we had an assurance from parliament that they cannot cut us off. **MP Gregg Smith** has been supportive but less so over the last year. **PG** priorities on the crossings, their vehicles should not have priority. HS2/EWR have responded and said they would investigate it, mud on the road will also be dealt with. **PG** we were promised from the start that all the local roads would be gritted, Bucks council have now agreed they will grit and HS2 will cover the cost. **PG** they have been doing some pilling work, they are building a wall between FCC and the rail line, **PG** there were some complaints from residents, HS2 denied working that day. **PG** tunnel, this was rejected as they were no longer building the bat tunnel, now they are, due to the railway being 3 metres higher. I tried to get the tunnel back on but they still refused. They said it would not be feasible as it would be far too complicated. I have now pushed this back to **MP Gregg Smith**. **Resident**, is there any push back on Bucks CC about the state of the roads, **PG** Bucks CC said its for HS2/EWR to fix and HS2/EWR say its Bucks CC. This has been escalated to **MP Gregg Smith. PG** some good news is we will be getting some more interest from the mitigation fund.

1. **Cost of Living**

 **PG** I have leaflets to drop, they will be delivered to all residents including Brackley Lane. **PG** they have agreed to give us the part of the fund as a pilot scheme first, before the parishes having to give any money. **PG** we will not be involved in distribution, helping hands will and then report back to us how many have been given out.

1. **Hall Ceiling**

**PG** met with the company on Friday, they have provided quotes for different options including the lighting strip and the electrical sockets. Discussion with councillors around options, consensus was option 2 which was to bring the ceiling down, electrical sockets and lighting. **PG** proposed for option 2 **KG** seconded, **TH** to email the company for dates. **TH** to then contact the CGCA re going forward. **TH** to look for signage, no ball games. **TH, AD** did email and express concern over spending 7.5k, but we have interest from the mitigation fund and the lease.

1. **Precept**

**PG** we haven’t put precept up for two years, Bucks CC could possibly put theirs up by 5%. Councillors discussed in length, to be agreed at the next meeting when more councillors are present.

1. **Financials**

Agreed and cheques signed

**AOB**

**FCC garden licences**

**PG** FCC have contacted residents, they are prepared to enter into a garden licence, you pay a nominal amount to use the land. Resident, we received a letter we were told it was our bit of garden. **PG** believes they sent letters to all residents on Cotswold that back on to their land a generic letter, **PG** suggested contacting them to discuss. **KG** there are residents that have extended their gardens. **Resident** yes, we do not feel we have. Will it potentially be a footpath if they do develop. **PG** no, it is a strip of land owned by another developer so potentially a ransom strip.

**Gents toilets**

**PG,** the ceiling has again been defaced with toilet roll balls. **TH** to email the CGCA.

**Meeting ended 21.10**

**Next meeting 17/01/2022 @19.30**