**CALVERT GREEN PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Meeting held on 5th November 2020**

**– Virtual Zoom meeting 1930**

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

The meeting proper then began.

Attendance and apologies

**Attendees:**

Chairman Phil Gaskin (PG)

Cllr Liza Bangham (LB)

Cllr Kirsten Gittins (KG)

Cllr Adele Decent (AD)

Cllr Thelma Watson (TW)

Cllr Carl Blakeley (CB)

Cllr Angela Macpherson (AMP)

Clerk Tracy Horsfield (TH)

17 members of the public

**Apologies**

Cllr Sheila Thiyagarajah (ST)

1. **Declarations of interest**

All councillors (except PG) made a statement regarding the Dunsty Hill Development petition

TW signed the petition

KG signed but is undecided

AD signed not predetermined

LB signed open minded

Carl signed open minded, against but can be persuaded

1. **Minutes of meeting held on 1st October 2020**

Signed and agreed

1. **Cllr Macpherson update**

Lockdown 2, The Council is working through the guidance which comes regularly. Trying to keep as many Council services open and are taking advice on events. Remembrance Day events can still go ahead following Covid 19 guidelines. The virus is accelerating especially in Aylesbury area, it was low 2 or 3 weeks ago it has now accelerated by over 100 by 100,000. Our local Hospitals are under increased pressure.

East West rail and HS2, we have set up a Community Board group which PG attends. We have had one meeting to date, we want to concentrate on the traffic implications for the local Parishes. AD I skidded on the bridge in my car, I couldn’t find anyone to report it too, it was mud on the road. AMP a lot of the time it is HS2 vehicles, please report to the HS2 helpdesk or email me. We have to be a little cautious though its not always HS2, I would also report to Fix my street. PG thank you, we have another HS2 meeting tomorrow where we can discuss the issues with the increased traffic in the area. HGV’s are just carving up the edge of the road. TW, I spent half an hour yesterday at Werner terrace, I counted 10 HGV’s that went through the village.TW listed the names. PG asked for the list so he could raise in tomorrow’s meeting.

CB With regards to the Vale of Aylesbury plan, government changes to planning. AMP we are looking at signing off in the New Year. I am not completely up to date on any legal challenges at present. PG the plan does that cover the area for 10 years? AMP no 5 years. Once the Aylesbury Vale Plan is made that will give us more protection.

1. **HS2**

PG a few things have happened, a positive, is the fund of money that was gifted to the 4 parishes. The Parishes have now come to agreement on how it will be split, it will be split 25% for each parish. We are formalising a letter for next steps. Increased number of meetings and calls, yet again HS2 are changing the plans on the edge of Brackley Lane, this was originally cleared for utilities to go under the railway rather than over. They have now decided to create another corridor further down Brackley Lane. PG raised the issue, that it goes alongside the bridal path. The area that they already cleared is now too big for what they want so the original clearing wasn’t needed. The concrete batching plant is moving ahead quickly, it wasn’t planned to be in Calvert, but now they have Royal Assent, we can do very little to change it. We however, are pushing for recourse. The protestors that were at the crossroads were about to be evicted. But it all seems to be cleared now, TW yes, all clear now. PG they have now moved up to Charndon and Steeple Claydon, AMP It is quite a process to move people on we have to take due diligence in to account. AMP the structure was in a very hazardous place, AD who pays for clearance, AMP our Environmental Health Officers were there 3 times a week, the Council pays for any cleaning up.
PG regarding the concrete batching plant, the governance process, this has been breached again, I would like to see officers from Bucks Council take a more active role. TW no one seems to be taking on board, that the dust can cause health concerns. PG these have been raised before, KG Research has been done to prove any health implications, AMP one of the first thing I asked for was a health survey I haven’t seen anything yet. PG its only in the last month they have shared what size it would be and we have been pushing for 2 years. The petanque pit, HS2 were originally going to landscape for us, this has not happened. They have now assured PG it is going to happen. They have also said they have a lot of wood, If any residents would like to some to contact them. Twyford have already taken some.

1. **East/West rail**

We haven’t been impacted as much as other parishes, ie road closures, traffic etc. We are still impacted by the HGV access. I have started receiving communications from EWR, I have asked them to supply in PDF format so we can share on the website TH to action.

1. **Play areas/questionnaire**

AD we have had a few replies would have hoped for more, it closed on Friday. I will collate and send over to JH copying TH.

1. **Emergency Community planning**

KG I have recently found some emails in my junk folder, in the emails they shared Waddesdon’s plan, I will research their’s.

1. **Website/ Minutes**

TH Still a work in progress, I have managed to fix the problem with uploading the minutes and am in the process of uploading previous minutes.

1. **Neighbourhood plan/Surveys**

LB We are still awaiting the Council to begin the formal process, Bucks Council have not started the consultation. The last email we had a couple of weeks ago was that it was going to start, possibly we need to chase them. PG I think the delay is to do with the Aylesbury Vale plan. LB I had an email from Neil Homer he is wondering if it’s the 6-week process. I want to send out a formal notification for people to declare their interest in the steering group. I have put together a draft. PG please advertise on the noticeboard and email the clerk.

We need to include Charndon and Edgcott. AMP is there anything to push forward with, can I help. PG yes, we have it accepted by the council but it has know stalled. LB David Broadley he was great, then he has passed it on. LB I will forward the last email to AMP. PG any update on the questionnaires? ST hasn’t been well so unable to get an update. LB has everyone given their questionnaires in? AD still have some to give you. LB I will drop one round. Any residents that haven’t completed one please ask for one. PG it is to support the neighbourhood plan, it is important we get views. It is to provide a voice of the village and how we grow, ultimately our voice. KG is there a specific link on the website. TH Yes.

1. **AVDC Land Lease**

PG Village hall extension, I am pleased to say that following the backwards and forwards we have come to an agreement. It has come to light that the land is designated Section 106 land, we will need insurance for that part of the land. This will cost £225 approximately annually, we need to confirm if we want to take it. It covers us, PG my view is we should cover ourselves. Seconded CB. PG I circulated the lease which has evolved.

1. **Dunsty Hill development/Calvert Green Residents Action Group**

PG members of the group are on the meeting tonight. PG we need to decide how we interact with the developers. There is no formal planning application in as yet. We as a PC have shared our concerns with them, re transport and infrastructure, nothing stops them from putting an application in. They are choosing to do it under the rural exception scheme, we have met with them 3 times. Clearly they are considering putting in the application, following the recent questionnaire and virtual meetings. We need to decide whether we still have an interaction with them, KG my view is we continue to engage, we would not have any influence at all otherwise, we won’t be able to raise our concerns. Possibly not stop it but steer it. AD if we continue to engage does it give them the excuse to say we have engaged so we can go ahead. PG we just want to ensure the views of the community are taken into account.

KG Continue to engage. CB seconded.

PG David Wilson did this before, they decided not to go ahead. We always encourage any pre application to consult the community.

CB AMP do you think there would be any appetite for the council to want this additional housing? AMP this is not included as a site in the VALP. PG do you have any previous use of the rural exception scheme? I know Quainton have but it doesn’t look like this. TH to contact Quainton to share information on their experience of the rural exception scheme. KG happy to take it on. AMP our cabinet member Warren Whyte did think it was unusual. AD what are the implications of them getting the go ahead to build? PG this is the fourth planning proposal for Dunsty Hill.

MTB I have been doing some research, there are five case studies on exception planning, this states their needs to be a robust planning case, It has to be in partnership with the local community and PC. Ask them for their robust business case. MTB the PC is an essential component who need to understand the whereabouts of exception planning. We could be hood winked. AMP ok so you’re asking for support for the PC? MTB yes to give guidance and how we can counter the deal. AMP yes, I understand and will take that forward. PG we have never said we have supported this. PG I understand it isn’t looked at until we have an official application. AMP yes, that is absolutely correct. There are developers circling looking for areas to develop. MTB if we could have a bit more knowledge on the PC then when we have discussions we are better placed. PG it is isolated from the rest of the community, we identified the lack of transport, amenities, building in Steeple Claydon. They still seem to think they are justified. MTB we need to be prepared. PG yes agreed.

VMG The developer didn’t pay 2.8 million to put up 25 houses. PG we asked the same question. It was made quite clear by the consultant that the landowner would want to build. VMG The housing needs survey by ARC4, if they sent out 450 copies and only got 20 back, that reflects what the community think. The petition shows over 75% of the community are against. KG we did raise this with the developer, they had got their stats as 50% for the build and 50% against. VMG just want to reinforce what MTB has raised. It will be good to see the Aylesbury vale plan. PG yes HS2 and EWR are good examples of the mass disruption we have no control over. VMG most people are reasonable over HS2 for the benefits as opposed to this type of proposal. KG we are saying we will be do everything in our power. But they haven’t put in a planning application. ADthey have done 2 surveys, lots of discussion. MTB in the town council meeting they said they sent to other parishes. PG yes it included Charndon and Old Calvert. MTB that was the first survey. PG now with GDPR they cannot use personal information this is why they send to the Occupier. MTB I think again it might pay us to be diligent. LB how about a steering group . PG happy to support KG seconded. KG to take the lead. PG can we have a lead contact in the Calvert residents action group? VMG was put forward. LB the first questionnaire was June 2020 VMG this led to a virtual meeting.

1. **Financials**

All agreed

1. **AOB**

**Update CGCA rent**

We charge a nominal cost of expenses of the building, still awaiting update from previous clerk. PG I did the checks with the chair of the CGCA last week, he identified some hairline cracks, touch up, and a wooden door stop on the door. Personally I think these are standard shrinkage. The door stop was put there to stop damage. I don’t see any reasons why we can’t agree to handover. TH to write to confirm. CB Covid has had a massive impact on finances. Have they said they have financial difficulties? PG no they haven’t, we have also funded the sound panels, also the matting changed at the door, I really don’t think there is any reason not to move on.

**Stand pipe Cotswold way**

JG stated that she saw workers using the standpipe outside her house number 7, she asked him why and he stated because he hasn’t been given the relevant permission to use the HS2 one. PG please email me the details I have a meeting tomorrow. I asked HS2 and they told me they had the relevant licenses. Fusion have said they now have the licence. MTB I have been fighting this for two years, they flood and waste water. I got Anglian water down to look at this it is illegal; they must have a certified standpipe. It is a purple standpipe. HS2 have said they will not allow them to use their facilities. This is a health and safety issue as the fire service won’t be able to use them. JG they are also using the one in the little slalom. There was a bin lorry and a bus everything came to a standstill. TW they are also stealing water on the corner of the Edgcott road. VMG I personally have had to drive my car on the wrong side of the road. It is a danger to our residents. PG I approached HS2 with this we will confirm tomorrow. AMP lets raise this tomorrow this is so concerning. PG to residents please record these and email them in. MTB I am worried if a child walks around the HGV’s there could be an accident. The wooden bollards should have been put all the way up. PG this is something we are saving funds for. MTB I’m happy to contribute to this. CB can the £250,000 be used for that. PG at present its environmental mitigation but that could possibly come under that. AMP yes.

**PC Public meetings**

This has already been corrected this is now online. VMG the meeting has been very well organised. But a few residents were trying to get in. TH explained that next time the meeting won’t have a waiting room, so the public can just join.

AD I have written to Hastoe about the £250 grant waiting to hear back.

CB I know the playgrounds were being put on the green. AD no this is what the questionnaire is about. CB are we waiting for the next financial year, AD they are looking for the next date line. MTB the junction where I live there is a street light one side but not the other. PG AMP do we have to apply for one. AMP I suggest TH writes to Transport for Bucks.

Next meeting 3rd December 7.30

**Meeting closed at 2115.**