**CALVERT GREEN PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Meeting held on 4th February 2021**

**– Virtual Zoom meeting 1930**

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

The meeting is being recorded and will be uploaded to the website.

The meeting proper then began.

Attendance and apologies

**Attendees:**

Chairman Phil Gaskin (PG)

Cllr Kirsten Gittins (KG)

Cllr Thelma Watson (TW)

Cllr Adele Decent (AD)

Cllr Carl Blakeley (CB)

Cllr Sheila Thiyagarajah (ST)

Clerk Tracy Horsfield (TH)

Cllr Frank Mahon (FM)

3 members of the public

Meeting started recording

1. **Declarations of interest**

None

1. **Minutes of meeting held on 3rd December 2020**

Agreed and signed

1. **Apologies**

Cllr MacPherson (joined later)

Cllr Liza Bangham (LB)

1. **Cllr Macpherson update**

Feedback from Martin Tett, local NHS services under extreme pressure, the situation remains serious, but case have gone down. Vaccinations are moving forwards, capacity expanding. 70,000 people now vaccinated in Buckinghamshire; residents should be aware of false news being circulated on social media.

1. **Public comments**

**DR** Bollards on the corner of our turning, if you have time can you come and have a look. Is the Parish Council able to fund the bollards? **PG** last year we voted to put some funds aside for this project, we will be having some money through from the interest on the mitigation fund, **PG** to be added to the agenda for next meeting.

**CD** the flooding on the Gawcott Road, I believe this is because of all the trees that have been cut down. **PG** In the last 6 months I have seen three separate occasions where we have been cut off. **CB** This is the things we need to raise with the council. **PG** yes, I raised with **AMP**, she has seen a draft of the report which outlines the powers the Council has. They have a limited set of powers they can use. **TW** In addition the extra mileage the petrol prices are going up. **PG** Bus companies are also being impacted. **CD** A letter from Charndon, re actions by residents. **PG** There is some truth in that, I called the police out on Saturday morning, to two cars with their number plates covered up, I don’t believe these people are local. **CB** going back to the flooding, it is dangerous due to no lighting, my daughter got caught in it. **PG** I would suggest her writing to the Council, we should be reporting all these things.

1. **HS2. East/West rail**

**PG** Access to Brackley lane, there were a lot of lorries using this road, they installed the signs, it became evident this week when 4 large vehicles tried to come down. They have now put banks men on Brackley lane, this only works if the men are there and paying attention. I will follow this up, they should have proper routes. Edgcott are counting the numbers going through. **DR** On Monday when returning from Steeple Claydon the sign wasn’t there, **PG** They are there now. **PG** The five parishes regularly meet with HS2 representatives, we had a meeting last week, it was a long meeting and went into a lot of detail. I do believe HS2 are a lot more focused on our area following the press releases and parliamentary committee. We have found lots of failings; they have to conform to policy. E/W rail **PG > FM** it affects Steeple Claydon more, I have been a against HS2 but they are better neighbours than E/W rail, we have been told we will be having over 100 HGV movements and we as a parish knew nothing about it. **PG** This is why we have joined up as a group of parishes. **FM** we are succeeding in fighting. **PG** I was invited by the Sunday Times with other residents, it was a good piece.

1. **Dunsty Hill/ Planning applications**

**KG** We put the first objection in to the change of exterior.The change of use we couldn’t object to; we still haven’t heard about the rural exception scheme planning application as yet.

1. **Prison Consultation**

**PG ST** you completed our objections**, ST** yes.

**Solar Park**

**PG > TW** did you manage to raise this at the landfill meeting? **TW** I asked but they didn’t share much, they are aware they will look into it and share with us.

**KG** to update at next meeting.

1. **Community Boards**

**PG** > **TH** have there been any requests through **TH** none this month. **TH** could we ask for some funds for the bollards? **PG** yes we could but I am aware of us moving into the Buckingham Community Board from the Waddesdon Board. **AMP** The board is aware of the recent fatal accident at the crossroads, the other three PC’s are moving to that board in April. You could join forces on that, the Council and Police don’t feel this is a dangerous crossroads the community does. **PG** we as PC’s have discussed putting some traffic calming measures, when there is an opportunity to put some traffic surveys/traffic calming are we in favour, all agreed. **CB** Waddesdon LAF have the equipment, **PG** yes but due to Covid we can’t do it now.

1. **Play around the Parishes**

The CGCA has agreed to pay for half the costs, **TH** can we have two sessions? **PG** yes this is a good idea, do all agree. **TH** They have told me we will get a refund if it has to be cancelled. **TH** to email the CGCA to ask if they are happy for two sessions.

1. **CGCA Handover**

**PG>TH** has this been done now? **TH** yes all agreed by CGCA awaiting payment.

1. **£1 M Mitigation Fund**

We decided not to put the precept up because we were getting the interest, and this money can be used for bollards around the village. Can we start to think about what projects we would like. **CB** What about the path that goes through the woods, that needs to be a proper path. **PG** that is Charndon Parish, we need to be mindful that we would need to up keep it. **PG** we could discuss with Charndon about an extension of our Parish. **AMP** I think your right, having clusters is good. **TW** the problem is the farmer crosses that bridle way to dump his manure and the pathway would get damaged. **TW** I have had three complaints from residents, **PG** we need to have the conversation with Charndon, I will have a chat with him. **PG** I wanted to thank **AMP** who is fighting our case for a bridging loan to cover the costs of the VAT before we can claim it back.

1. **Neighbourhood plan**

**PG** We have had our application approved, and had feedback from Bucks CC it is worth noting that at previous meetings it was made clear that there was some mis information**,** representations made 3 main points – this is the body of the email received

1. A distrust as to the intentions of Calvert Green Parish Council. 2. The lack of consultation by the parish about the proposed neighbourhood area and 3. A misinterpretation of the role and purpose of a neighbourhood area fearing that the designation of a neighbourhood area was akin to the designation of the area as a housing site.

None of the above were reasons not to designate the neighbourhood area as applied for but indicate that you as the parish and or the neighbourhood pan group will have to work hard to involve the wider community and to undo any misinterpretations being spread. As a result, in my conclusions for the report recommending the neighbourhood area was designated I made the following statement.

Calvert Green Parish should be reminded of the need to involve the whole community in the neighbourhood plan process which should include representatives of the recently formed local residents’ group and ideally a representative of Charndon Parish council.

I am sure the aims of the parish to produce a neighbourhood plan for the area including the part of Chardon parish are to improve planning across the whole area but it just appears you need to bring the residents of the Chardon part of the area on board with the aims of the neighbourhood plan.

I also had a phone call today from the potential developer of an affordable housing scheme complaining that he hadn’t been notified of the neighbourhood area application. I pointed out there was no requirement to contact individual landowners as part of the neighbourhood area designation process but that the neighbourhood plan process should aim to consult resident’s business and landowners with interests in the neighbourhood area. He didn’t give his contact details but implied he had been working with the Parish council. However, it would be in your interests to approach known landowners as you develop your plan.

**PG** they are all valid, there was some mis information, on the point of mistrust I hope we clarified that at our last meeting, the lack of consultation I struggle with it has been on our agenda and feel that one is unfair. The third point I can see where they are coming from, we know the developers are the same developers who built Calvert Green so we know there are areas in Calvert it self that have roads that lead nowhere. **FM** we did our neighbourhood plan a few years ago, we included the development of the 100 houses. **PG** handing over to **ST**.

**Screen shared to show the outcome of the Parish Council Questionnaire details can be found on our Website.**

**PG** we have had three residents express an interest in steering group.

1. **Noticeboards**

**TH** shared three quotes,

£1664.20 without fitting

£1910.00 without fitting

£1710.00 with fitting

All agreed to go with Angus Daniels quote. Proposed by **KG** and seconded **TW**.

1. **Village updates**

No correspondence from residents.

1. Financials

All agreed.

**TH** Advert, are you happy to summarise the meetings? **PG** Yes, lets add in that we need people to report issues with road closures. Also ask them to copy in you as clerk, then can you forward them to me. **PG** we could add in that we keep all updates on our website and put /news. **PG** can you add website onto the agenda for next time, we possibly need to pay for training.

**FM** I wanted to go back to the allotment allocation, since the pandemic we are running at 100 %. The Churches came to me to see if we could set up a meeting with HS2, they offered me more land than we could site 100 houses on. This land was taken off a farmer, they then didn’t want to use it and handed it over to the church. My advice to them was do not touch HS2 for anything. **PG** we have a small area we wanted to change to a memorial garden, we are still waiting for HS2.

**CB** With all the emails we get is it possible to prioritise the more relevant ones. **TH** Can we talk about Parks, **PG** yes, Joe Houston has emailed about moving forwards, **AD** I will contact him tomorrow.

**Meeting ended 21.30**

**Next meeting 4/3/2021 @19.30**