**CALVERT GREEN PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Parish**

**Council Meeting held on 18th February 2025 @1930**

**Signed: Vice Chairperson Phil Gaskin**……………………………………………………………………………

The meeting proper then began.

Attendance and apologies

**Attendees:**

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

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

Cllr Gary Atkins **(GA)**

Cllr Ross Yarker **(RY)**

Cllr Carl Blakeley **(CB)**

Cllr Frank Mahon **(Cllr FM)**

Clerk Tracy Horsfield **(TH)**

**Apologies**

**85.25 Declarations of interest**

**None**

**Cllr Mahon,** Solar farm, I will leave when discussed.

**Minutes of meeting held on 14th January 2025**

Agreed and signed

**86.25 Cllr Mahon update**

Drop-in session by HS2 for the diversionary road, 6pm on 20th February Greg Smith MP will be at the Swan in Grendon Underwood. Steeple Claydon Library will be holding a drop in on Saturday 1st March 2-4pm this session will be giving advice on energy saving and will be handing out energy bulbs and smart plugs. **PG** to put on the Facebook page. Noise barrier? **PG** had received an email, there will be a meeting on the 11th March. **PG** had replied to an email from Councillor MacPherson detailing the original agreement. **Cllr Mahon** 3pm – 8pm 19th March East Claydon Village Hall, Battery storage. There was a strategic planning meeting and BESS said they had a connection to the National grid; I challenged this as the National Grid have said no one will have a connection until at least 2030. The Verney family have said that the land will either be developed or become a solar farm. **Cllr Mahon**, finally this could be my last Parish meeting before the Elections in May. I wanted to say it has been a pleasure working with you all. **CB > Cllr Mahon** Do you have an update on all of the items that have been reported on Fix my street? **Cllr Mahon** the LAT is off long term so we have a new temporary LAT, I would like to do a meeting again in April, it has been going on too long. **Cllr Mahon** I am still chasing the change in wording for the Mitigation Fund, I will try to get this in place before I leave office. **PG** I emailed Abdul in reference to the road safety fund, according to the Bucks Council website decisions were being made in December, **Cllr Mahon** email Abdul. **PG** I have and he has replied and said he has escalated it. **Cllr Mahon** left the meeting.

**87.25 Solar Farm**

**GA**  They have put in an application for a greener substation. **PG** when I attended the session in the hall, I asked what they will have in place if there was a fire and they said nothing. **CB** it would be a disaster for the environment.

**89.25 Neighbourhood plan**

No update. Awaiting **CS, PG** has contacted him and is awaiting details to pass on to **CB**. **CB** will email to see where he is with it.

**90.25 Dunsty Hill**

**KG** No updates

**91.25 Mega Prison**

**GA** attended the meeting on **RY** behalf. **GA** I have some copies of the proposal, they made some key points, unacceptable behaviour on site, surveys will start in March and continue for a couple of months. New part of the prison will be supplied by national grid, so they cannot say when it will be completed, they will be having a drop-in session but no date yet. There will be a temporary road for their traffic. A leaflet will be coming out to residents in the local area. **PG** Edgcott made were concerned by sewage? Did they make reference to that? **GA** No.

**92.25 HS2/EWR**

**PG** EWR is operational, HS2 the temporary road, the markers have been painted but still waiting final approval, they will take out the traffic islands. Not sure on final details yet. I have had EKFB and HS2 come out and look at the flooding, one thing is they didn’t commission the new drainage under the railway line until Dec 24. The capacity of the culvert is nothing like the pictures I have seen. HS2 have admitted that there were problems during last year while they diverted the water. The Bucks Council flood team visited a resident. The temporary road, building will start in March and planned to open in May. **GA** we have been given a date about the surplus tree saplings. **PG** in reference to **Cllr Mahon** point about the noise barriers, Bucks Council supported us and said they wouldn’t sign off the noise barrier element, they have now proposed a 5 metre barrier, I have gone back and asked for a 6 metre barrier. **PG** read out the email he sent to **Councillor MacPherson**. Parish Council agreed to stand by this and push for the 6 metre barriers.

**93.25 Tracker**

**Street lights Cllr Mahon** to chase, no update, **PG** to email Cllr Mahon

**Bollards Cllr Mahon** to chase, no update, **PG** to email Cllr Mahon

**Allotments PG** I need to follow up, but they did say they haven’t identified anywhere yet but they are still looking.

**Funding** **TH** No update, road safety fund still no update. PG has chased.

**Litter bins Cllr Mahon** to chase. No update, **PG** to email Cllr Mahon

**Memorial Gdn TH** John to complete weeding this week.

**Green/verges TH** closed for the winter. **TH** has discussed with John re weed killing.

**Oakpark GA** All completed. Did ask that the air freshener is not kept on top of the Fire alarm panel box. **GA** has told Emma.

**Speed limit** On hold

**Bus stop markings Cllr Mahon to chase.** No update, **PG** to email Cllr Mahon

**TH** to send the Fix my street references and pass on to the LAT.

**PG** the PADS on the defibrillator are out of date in July.

**94.25 CGCA Update**

**GA** attended the meeting, a few things coming up Calvertfest and bingo night. They discussed the dart board and our decision to possibly not have a permanent fixture. They will have a think about what they can do.  **GA** how do we know who is in charge of what between PC and CGCA. **PG** it is in the lease, anything fixed i.e. the kitchen it is the PC ‘s responsibility. CCTV was also mentioned, **TH** to email them.

**95.25 Financials**

All agreed

**96.25 Next meeting**

25th March 2025@ 1930

**97.25 AOB**

**Councillor correspondence, PG** email from a resident in Kiln close, re flooding.

**Dust Survey, PG** not had a response after sharing the results with Greg Smith MP and Bucks County Council. **TH** to email residents.

Food bank, **PG** has spoken to Jane and she said they did try it during Covid but it wasn’t taken up well. The school uniforms, Jane asked if we could help with storage. PC suggested the meeting room storage area.

**New Flag RY/GA** to look for one.

HS2 tour, **PG** to arrange the 17th March.

**Meeting ended 21.00 Next Meeting 25thth March 2025 @1930**