**CALVERT GREEN PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Parish**

**Council Meeting held on 27th August 2024 @1930**

**Signed: Charman Phil Gaskin**……………………………………………………………………………

The meeting proper then began.

Attendance and apologies

**Attendees:**

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

Cllr Carl Blakeley **(CB)**

Cllr David Russell **(DR)**

Cllr Gary Atkins **(GA)**

Cllr Ross Yarker **(RY)**

Clerk Tracy Horsfield **(TH)**

Members of the public

**Apologies**

Cllr Frank Mahon **(Cllr FM)**

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

Cllr Colin Sharples **(CS)**

**9.24 Declarations of interest**

**CB interest in the fencing going alongside house**

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Agreed and signed

**10.24 Public Participation**

Lamp posts on Chimney meadows haven’t been changed to LED. Fix my street states this are has not been adopted. **TH** to email LAT. **PG** was told by the LAT that this area had been adopted and she would change on the Bucks system.

**11.24 Solar Farm/National grid**

**KG** attended the National Grid meeting, they discussed the need to replace the sub station due to it not being fit for purpose. **KG** sent a brief update, ‘the old substation was built in the 60’s and needs replacing, the new one will be next to it and will be bigger to accommodate new requests for power. It is a main substation so doesn’t just fulfil the needs of the immediate surrounding areas. They will be aiming to put in planning next summer with the new substation being completed by 2030’. **KG** will update at next meeting.

**GA** no update on the Solar farm

**12.24 Neighbourhood plan**

**PG** attended the first session, no one attended the second although it was well publicised. We need to encourage people to vote, **PG** it’s a referendum so I think it needs to be in person, due to it being a formal process. **PG** we engaged with all of the landowners, follow up from FCC and High Barrow. **PG** if people vote in favour of the plan it does carry weight. **CB** now the new government is in it may get turned over due to their commitment to building new houses. **PG** we have to conform the Aylesbury Vale plan. **PG** we had responses from statutory bodies, FCC wanted some consideration for their plans to build homes. Highbarrow missed the deadline, but we accepted up to end of July. **TH** at this point what are we waiting on? **PG** we need to review all of the requests. **TH** to arrange Zoom meeting to discuss next steps.

**13.24 Dunsty Hill**

No update, **PG** asked FCC about the ransom strip, FCC confirmed they don’t have right of way. FCC suggested to Highbarrow they work together but this was refused.

**14.24 HS2/EWR**

PG the good news is that the roads have finally improved. The Gawcott road is coming along but will probably be ready next year, Addison road still closed, it is being opened for Towersy Festival but then closed again. **PG** I really hope the road is resurfaced while it has been closed. **PG** HS2 were talking about another roadshow. Just seen a draft newsletter from EKFB, it covers road closures etc. **PG** EWR the line testing has been done.

**15.24 Tracker**

**Street lights** Cotswold way one has been fixed, but the accident a few weeks ago taking out a street light is still awaiting attention.

**Bollards CB** We showed the LAT on the walk around. **CB** awaiting a response.

**Allotments PG** the land that FCC had is unsuitable, they have shared that they are looking to build a few houses. Potentially they may have some land there. This would not be our parish so a discussion with Charndon would have to take place. **CB** when discussing the fencing with FCC I asked why it had stalled, they said it was a costing reason**. CB** potentially we could agree to help with costs.

**Funding** **TH** Haven’t heard anything re road safety fund. **PG** will ask.

**Litter bins CB** still had no reply. **PG** keep emailing.

**Memorial Gdn CB** my wife did some a few weeks ago, **PG** we have invested in the area. **TH** John will come and do it, PC agreed to a couple of hours a week.

**Green/verges PG** the verges are embarrassing, thankfully some residents are doing them**. TH** sent an email on Sunday to Cllr Mahon, the LAT **TH** to chase again explaining that if they are not cut within the next two weeks the PC will pay for someone to do it and charge back to Bucks CC. **TH** the pathway on Brackley lane has been cut back, **PG** potentially that was Charndon PC.

**Oakpark To be discussed at same time as CCTV.**

**Speed limit** On hold

**Bus stop markings** LAT, **PG** can we follow up with the LAT. **CB** to email to follow up.

**16.24 CGCA**

No CGCA attendance**, TH** the music quiz was very good and felt they are doing very well. **PG** ladies toilet seat is not attached, this need replacing. **PG/TH** to take a look.

**17.24 Financials**

**All agreed , TH** to look at claiming VAT back

**18.24 Next meeting**

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**19.24 AOB**

**CCTV**

**TH** I contacted the CCTV company re upgrading the system, he powered down the system and it took 10 minutes to power up. **PG** I am in agreement to replace the system and feel it needs to be installed and maintained. **PG** asked for a vote, Parish Council voted to investigate other options. **DR** to ask his chap to come and quote. **TH** to contact Insurance company to see if we should have an intruder alarm. **DR** met with Oakpark and they can install the system to monitor the fire alarm. **Parish Council** agreed to pay for installation and then going forward a yearly charge for monitoring.

**Councillor Correspondence**

**TH** has booked new councillor training for **GA** and **RY.**

**PG** Container? **CB** to contact and arrange delivery. **PG** agreement that it will go in to the parking space next to the disabled space. Also, we should look at getting it painted.

**TH** Floor cleaner, I have researched**. Parish Council** agreed funding,CGCA to pay half. **PG** a resident has about 50 bricks that we can have, they can be kept in the container for now.

**PG** anti-social behaviour has been on the increase.A local resident Police Officer had given them a very serious warning. **PG** there is also anti- social behaviour from people accessing FCC. FCC have agreed to place a new fence along the affected residents gardens.

**Meeting ended 21.00 Next Meeting 27th August 2024 @1930**