**CALVERT GREEN PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Parish**

**Council Meeting held on 24th September 2024 @1930**

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

The meeting proper then began.

Attendance and apologies

**Attendees:**

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

Cllr David Russell **(DR)**

Cllr Gary Atkins **(GA)**

Cllr Ross Yarker **(RY)**

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

Clerk Tracy Horsfield **(TH)**

Members of the public

**Apologies**

Cllr Frank Mahon **(Cllr FM)**

Cllr Carl Blakeley **(CB)**

Cllr Colin Sharples **(CS)**

**36.24 Declarations of interest**

**None**

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Agreed and signed

**37.24 Public Participation**

Still have not received a reply from Alison Poland re the land by the shop. **TH** to chase again. **GA** Who owns the Community centre car park? **PG** PC does. **GA** it is very dark at night. **PG** we will have a look on the way out.

**38.24 Solar Farm/National grid**

**PG** attended a meeting today, this was the Bucks CC planning team and the local Parish Councils, there is an impact on the tenant farmers and agricultural land. It has gone from 448 hectares to 279 hectares so reasonably reduced. The solar panels have been moved away from Botolph Claydon. It hasn’t changed massively from the Calvert side, although panels appear slightly nearer to our village. There is a consultation next Thursday, **GA** is there anything you would like me to raise. **PG** Our Parish land isn’t affected by the site, but it does include Sheep House wood (SSSI), Decoy pond wood (ancient woodland), and I asked why you’d wrap it around these sites. I asked Planning but they didn’t comment, only to say they would consult their experts. **PG** they have a say, but it is of national strategic interest, and due to its size, the approval is not their decision. **TH** to make objections again. **GA** I will be attending Thursday on behalf of the PC. **PG** they referenced the sub station at East Claydon, and said they are not to be confused with the upgrade to the National Grid. As well as that there will be a need for substations within the footprint of the Solar Farm**. GA** there is also a fire risk, the run off would contaminate the land. **PG** the current consultation I would ask we not only as a PC comment but personally too. **PG** ask about the woodlands and the tenant farmers livelihoods. **GA** what happens when these panels are at the end of their lives, **PG** that is another question to ask.

**39.24 Neighbourhood plan**

No update**, TH** to arrange meeting when **CS** gives some dates. **PG** to message **CS** to comment on the National Planning Framework.

**40.24 Dunsty Hill**

No update.

**41.24 HS2/EWR**

**TH** email received from **Cllr Mahon** re the flooding on the Gawcott Road. HS2 have investigated and believe it to be debris blocking the pumps. **PG** HS2 mitigation meeting that **TH** attended. Next meeting 8th October 2024 **PG** to attend. **GA** is there any news on the bridges with the wrong concrete, **PG** not as yet. **PG** I also get asked if they could put a viewing window on the road closure at the bridge, I was in Euston and they have portholes so I have asked them as there is a precedent set. **PG** the container is in place with the mower and flood defence kits. **DR** I would buy a D lock for the container. **PG** yes, I agree. **PG** the Gawcott road will be closed from October to January, February. **PG** also it was agreed that no two roads were closed at the same time, these roads were named. They are looking at putting a temporary road in as they need to close the Twyford road and the Calvert bridge road. EWR nothing to report.

**42.24 Tracker**

**Street lights** No update

**Bollards CB** to chase the LAT. No update

**Allotments DR** No update

**Funding** **TH** No update, at the mitigation meeting it was discussed about fund matching.

**Litter bins CB** No update.

**Memorial Gdn TH** John is attending weekly.

**Green/verges TH** John has cut twice, hopefully one more cut before winter.

**Oakpark TH** no reply re the CCTV service.

**Speed limit** On hold

**Bus stop markings CB** No update.

**Velux window PG>TH** to contact the builder.

**43.24 CGCA Update**

The park has been removed, and replaced by soil. AGM on the 7th October, Fireworks on the 3rd November, we are looking for volunteers. **PG** to check he is around. Plan to open the bar and supply food, fireworks are at 1830 but we will open from 5pm. Booked a Christmas children’s party on the 7th December, we are discussing something on Christmas Eve, but there will be no New Years Eve party. There will be a Christmas market. **TH** shared the spec for the cleaning machines, CGCA agreed to split the cost, **TH** to order once agreed with the CGCA committee.

**44.24 Financials**

All agreed

**45.24 Next meeting**

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**46.24 AOB**

**CCTV**

**TH > DR** sent across the quote, £690 plus VAT. Call out was £240 plus VAT. MK CCTV quote £720 plus VAT. PC discussed different options, **TH** to email MK CCTV for their call out charge/Service charge.

**Councillor Correspondence**

**TH** email received for fundraising for a resident’s daughter to go to a cheerleading competition. **TH** to ask **BALK,** possibly ask **CGCA** or **Bucks CC. TH** to reply as not under the remit of the PC, you could approach the CGCA who would waive the charge to hire the hall if they wanted to do something to raise funds.

**Meeting ended 21.30 Next Meeting 28th October 2024 @1930**