**CALVERT GREEN PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Parish**

**Council Meeting held on 14th January 2025 @1930**

**Signed: Vice Chairperson Kirsten Gittins**……………………………………………………………………………

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)**

Clerk Tracy Horsfield **(TH)**

CGCA representative

**Apologies**

Cllr Colin Sharples **(CS)**

Cllr Frank Mahon **(Cllr FM)**

**72.25 Declarations of interest**

**None**

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Agreed and signed

**73.25 Public Participation**

The land by the shop, we have still not had an update. **PG** we do have John maintaining on an ad hoc basis, Emma (CGCA) will make a complaint. **GA** saw email about saplings, would like to order some. **GA** to complete the order form.

**74.25 Cllr Mahon update**

No update

**75.25 Solar Farm**

**GA**  No further updates.

**76.25 Neighbourhood plan**

No update. Awaiting **CS, PG** has offered support. **TH** who would like to take over from **CS, CB** offered to take on.

**77.25 Dunsty Hill**

**KG** No updates, we had the meeting and presented their plan, but not heard anything since. **TH** received an email from resident re the work being carried out. **TH** emailed Highbarrow who have looked into it.

**78.25 Mega Prison**

**RY** I cannot attend the meeting this week, **GA** will attend in his absence. There will be an update to share at next meeting

**79.25 HS2/EWR**

**PG** I shared a document last night re the temporary road on Brackley lane. They have said they will not be able to complete the Calvert bridge by their original deadline. **PG** the plan is they get approval quickly, **PG** pointed out that it would mean more trees being removed. They have said they want to start in February with an opening of April. They have said the end of October the bridge should be ready. **PG** they have decided to do this due the penalties that would be occurred due to the delay. They are not allowed to close the Calvert Bridge road and the Twyford crossing road at the same time. **TH** to share in the next Claydons magazine advert. **PG** the Gawcott road should be open in the Spring. **PG** when we originally petitioned no HS2 traffic is allowed on Brackley lane. **PG** I am attending a meeting on Monday and will update. **RY** could this mean once the temporary road is closed we could have that land for allotments, **PG** don’t think so due to them putting all of the utilities in there.

**80.25 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** to bring up at next FCC meeting

**Funding** **TH** No update, road safety fund still no update. **PG** to contact. No update

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

**Memorial Gdn TH** Closed for the winter.

**Green/verges TH** closed for the winter. **TH** has emailed expression of interest.

**Oakpark GA** is meeting them and the light foot brothers for various electrical works.

**Speed limit** On hold

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

**81.25 CGCA Update**

**Emma,** Brickworx open every Friday, Caterpillars reopens from February, events coming up include, food vans every two weeks. The residents Facebook page has been handed over to the CGCA. Brush party in February in aid of Guys and St Thomas’s Charity, looking to organise a Beer festival (Calvert Fest) 19th July 2025, music quiz in May. Will we be allowed a dart board? Parish Council discussed position and think possibly not in the bar area due to space. **CB** maybe a freestanding one. **PG** for safety reasons it would need to be in the bar area. **Emma** to take back so options can be explored. A resident has asked if it would be feasible to an EV charging point at the hall. **CB** you need to get a large company to install ie BP Pulse, Emma to look into funding. Parish Council discussed and have no objections.

**82.25 Financials**

All agreed

**83.25 Next meeting**

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**84.25 AOB**

Colin Sharples has decided to step down due to family and work commitments, he has said he would continue with the neighbourhood plan. **PG** has told him that if he needs any help to let us know. David Russell has also stepped down. **PG** there is an advert out at present for Councillor vacancy.

**PG** the flag is looking a bit tatty, **TH** maybe go to PSP auctions to see if they have a flag. Parish Council agreed.

**Precept, PG > Parish Council**, thoughts? Discussion was had and decision to not raise it this year.

**Councillor correspondence, PG**

**Flooding, PG, Greg Smith MP** has now got involved. Farmers have started to complain about flooding, they have never seen this before in Calvert Green, **PG** there is a meeting between Bucks County Council, EKFB and the Environment agency. **CB** the Sailing club have said EKFB are having to pump out water from the lakes as they have never been so high. **PG** the two properties that flooded last year, the pumps have been used on multiple occasions so it was the right decision to purchase. **KG** is it worth investing in more of the bags. **TH** to investigate. **TH** has purchased the combination padlock and the residents affected will be given the number then it will be changed.

**Dust survey, PG** we have gathered the responses, **TH** to email with an update. **PG** to pursue next steps.

**Food bank, KG** how do they access it? **GA** its just come and take it. Maybe liaise with the Café Church? **KG** I am happy to take responsibility for it if we can decide where. **CB** we already had the voucher scheme, **PG** this is now just the Coop and Twyford store. **PG** to talk with Jane.

**Meeting ended 21.00 Next Meeting 18th February 2025 @1930**