**CALVERT GREEN PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Parish**

**Council Meeting held on 29th October 2024 @1930**

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

The meeting proper then began.

Attendance and apologies

**Attendees:**

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

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

Cllr David Russell **(DR)**

Cllr Gary Atkins **(GA)**

Cllr Ross Yarker **(RY)**

Cllr Colin Sharples **(CS)**

Cllr Carl Blakeley **(CB)**

Cllr Frank Mahon **(Cllr FM)**

Clerk Tracy Horsfield **(TH)**

CGCA representative

**Apologies**

None

**47.24 Declarations of interest**

**None**

**Minutes of meeting held on 26th September 2024**

Agreed and signed

**48.24 Public Participation**

No public attending

**49.24 Cllr Mahon update**

**PG** and I are looking at a survey for residents re the dust in Calvert green. **Cllr Mahon** felt a leaflet drop and knocking on doors could be affective. **PG** it seems we have had reports from residents about white dust and red dust. **PG** several people have had respiratory type deterioration in the last year. **PG** we did request an air survey from environmental health but they said it is too costly. **Cllr Mahon**, sadly its hearsay or word of mouth, the residents are not attending the PC meetings. **PG** to start a survey. **Cllr Mahon**, once we get the results in it needs to be shared with the relevant parties. **PG** remembers attending one of the first PC meetings years ago that a couple said they put a bowl of water out and it got covered in red dust. **PG** to put the survey together. **TH** to put together a leaflet and print. Cllr Mahon, I have been told an engineer gave out the information about the delay to Calvert bridge and he shouldn’t have done. They have said they are looking at a diversionary road in March, **PG** we asked for this before they closed it? **Cllr Mahon**, so still no definite answer as to when it will be open. **PG** to put a piece together for the Claydon’s magazine. **Cllr Mahon** there will be elections next year. **CB** are you able to get us an update on the items raised with the LAT a few months ago. **Cllr Mahon** I will raise with the LAT. **TH** raised the land by the shop, **PG** the developer has said this has been adopted, **TH** has sent this to the LAT, **Cllr Mahon** asked for a copy **TH** to forward. **Cllr Mahon** left the meeting.

**50.24 Solar Farm**

**GA** attended a meeting, lots discussed about how it will look, the deadline is the 14th of November. The PC has agreed to object, **TH** and **GA** to get together to but objections together. **PG** attended a meeting also; **GA** they have said they have reduced the size. **PG** but will still have the land so could potentially extend later? **GA** they couldn’t confirm what would happen if there was a fire, or what would happen with any run off of contaminated water. They did confirm that they need the national grid upgrade to be done before they could complete. **KG** the National grid said they have no plans but it is a different department that deals with Solar farms. It is the batteries that store it then it is fed into the national grid.

**51.24 Neighbourhood plan**

**CS** has been working on the NP, I have received all of input from other councillors and Clerk. **CS > TH** have you managed the basic conditions? **TH** no not yet, happy for someone else to cover if they can. **CS** the responses need to be collated, maybe do a consensus. **PG** in terms of next steps, is there anything else you need help with? **CS** no only the basic conditions and responses. **CS, CB** has already summarised it just needs a response from us**. PG > CB** can you take this on, **CS** I will write out the responses and share. **PG** so when we get to submission, we then send to Bucks Council.

**52.24 Dunsty Hill**

**PG** High barrow contacted us with reference to new project and looking for update on the neighbourhood plan, they also asked if they could come to a PC meeting to discuss a new plan. **PG** we should invite them to next PC meeting, **TH** to respond.

**53.24 HS2/EWR**

**KG** I saw a BBC news report, saying the government is overseeing spend. **PG** I have attended meetings on the mitigation fund, other Parish Councils have spent all or some of theirs, we still have ours and have asked if we could make changes to how we can spend. EKFB and HS2 were also present and asked why we don’t spend our money, **PG** responded with how can we mitigate against something unknown. **PG** the new railway bridge being built **Cllr Mahon** already explained the response he received. Also, the bridge that is being built HS2 have said they will not be putting lights on, the original lights were funded by Charndon. We believe they should replace the lights, the Parish Council unanimously agreed they should be put back. The Gawcott road is likely to be closed till March, the Twyford chicane will be possibly later. **PG** at the last CALM meeting there was a presentation from EKFB showing the next phase. We are likely to get a lot of disruption in the coming years due to the IMD.

**54.24 Tracker**

**Street lights Cllr Mahon** to chase

**Bollards Cllr Mahon** to chase

**Allotments DR** No update

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

**Litter bins Cllr Mahon** to chase.

**Memorial Gdn TH** John has attended last time for this year. **PG** a resident asked if we could take some bricks, **GA** and **RY** to arrange collection.

**Green/verges TH** John has cut last one before winter, CB planter box on Brackley lane needs fixing, **TH** to contact John to take a look.

**Oakpark TH** awaiting service. PG can we put a list together before they attend.

**Speed limit** On hold

**Bus stop markings Cllr Mahon to chase.**

**Velux window PG>TH** emailed the original company, no response as yet.

**55.24 CGCA Update**

We have had our AGM, had lots of nominations so we co-opted 3 additional members. We have Fireworks on Sunday awaiting response from Bucks CC re cost. Looking for volunteers for Monday to help clear up. Lots of events going forward, there will be no NYE event, we are looking to putting Christmas tree lights on the two trees closest to the Community centre, could John clear the area underneath the trees, PC agreed, **TH** to ask John. We are having trouble with the outside lights, is it possible to get photocell lights? **DR** to contact the Lightfoot brothers. **PG** we should just go ahead and ask for options. The barrels have been changed and we will be supplying Hawkstone.

**56.24 Financials**

All agreed

**57.24 Next meeting**

26th October 2024 at 1930

**58.24 AOB**

 **CCTV**

**TH** we need to discuss what option we would like to go with. PC voted and agreed to go with MK CCTV

**Councillor Correspondence**

**PG** had an email from the farmer who maintains behind Kiln close, who is concerned with the drainage in the bottom part of the field. Concerned about flooding in the future.

**TH** email received about London Brick phorpress cutlery, **TH** to respond.

**TH** register for elections**, PG** we will need to be re-elected when they do the unitary Councillor elections, if no one challenges we can just be co-opted. **TH** to also respond to the electoral register.

**WCAG, compliance TH,** our host asked to discuss with PC that they will be doing this in the background, no cost.

**Gov.co.uk domain, TH** to contact BALC as to what the benefits would be.

**Mega Prison PG** I attended a meeting, I am not sure why we were not included in the invite, **RY** to take this as an action going forward.

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