**CALVERT GREEN PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Parish**

**Council Meeting held on 26th November 2024 @1930**

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

The meeting proper then began.

Attendance and apologies

**Attendees:**

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

Cllr David Russell **(DR)**

Cllr Gary Atkins **(GA)**

Cllr Ross Yarker **(RY)**

Cllr Carl Blakeley **(CB)**

Clerk Tracy Horsfield **(TH)**

CGCA representative

**Apologies**

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

Cllr Colin Sharples **(CS)**

Cllr Frank Mahon **(Cllr FM)**

**59.24 Declarations of interest**

**None**

**Minutes of meeting held on 29th October 2024**

Agreed and signed

**60.24 Public Participation**

No public attending

**61.24 Cllr Mahon update**

No update

**62.24 Solar Farm**

**GA /TH** submitted the PC objections. No further updates.

**63.24 Neighbourhood plan**

No update. **KG** to email **CS** to remind him to send information to **CB**.

**64.24 Dunsty Hill**

**KG >TH** Phoned them yesterday to see if they wanted to attend this meeting, unable to attend. **TH** confirmed with them a zoom meeting would be proposed tonight. Meeting dates to offer 3rd, 5th or 6th December. **TH** to email.

**65.24 Mega Prison**

 **RY** email received from Sarah, re meeting 15th January, I will attend.

**66.24 HS2/EWR**

 **Update from PG**

EWR trains will start running next week (26th I think).

EKFB has tonight announced that the Calvert railway bridge opening has slipped and is now likely to be October next year (instead of June). They will update the signs accordingly.

They are also still investigating a temporary route for traffic to pass from Calvert to Addison Road / Botolph Claydon but this is still subject to approval and if approved should be available from March next year which will help bypass the current diversion for Steeple Claydon, Botolph Claydon etc. They still haven’t shared any details on this yet but promise to share something very soon.

EKFB has also announced tonight that the current main Gawcott to Edgcott Road closure will also be extended but no details are available yet. The excuse is gas mains work at the Steeple/Twyford crossroads.

Concern has been raised about the road closure signage and speed that HS2 vehicles are existing the road closure. This traffic management is now under review and Buckinghamshire Council is working with EKFB on it.

Concern was also raised about traffic light failures on the Charndon diversion bridge. EKFB is now monitoring this more closely.

EKFB has submitted updates to planning applications for the northern part of the HS2 scheme in the Calvert area which includes higher noise barriers. We are still awaiting updates for the area alongside Calvert Green but it is hoped that it will also include improved noise mitigation.

**67.24 Tracker**

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

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

**Allotments DR** No update

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

**Litter bins Cllr Mahon** to chase. No update

**Memorial Gdn TH** Closed for the winter

**Green/verges TH** John has fixed the planter and thanks to **CB** for planting bulbs.

**Oakpark DR** raised that they say they maintain 3 shutters, **TH** to check maintenance agreement.

**Speed limit** On hold

**Bus stop markings Cllr Mahon to chase.** No update

**Velux window TH** company came out and it turned out to be a spider web, no charge.

**68.24 CGCA Update**

**TH** Dishwasher has been fixed, invoice paid. **TH** dead tree removal is Bucks Council, **CGCA** to write to them due to the hazard and then replace. **TH** light above the key safe? **CGCA** all fixed, a solar light has been put in place. **TH** container storage, sadly we don’t have any space. **CGCA** will find space for the storage of the grotto. We have had a Christmas tree donated by PSP Auctions. There will be lights on the tree outside, the Rotary club will be here on the 7th December, Christmas Fayre on Sunday with a Tombola, and craft stalls. Every Friday the bar is open and we have food vans coming. Children’s Christmas party then the float will go around the village. Open Christmas eve and a couple of hours on Christmas Day. We will not be having a New Years Eve party this year, we are short of volunteers and the Committee are having to pick up most of the work. Lots of things coming for the New Year. We will be replacing the glass washer, we will need PC support for a beer festival. We will be having Fireworks, we have asked if we could have low noise or no noise. There has been reports of children up at the Dunsty build site and parents have been spoken too. Sadly, Thelma Watson has passed away, Parish Council suggested a plaque for the bench **TH** to send a card.

**69.24 Financials**

All agreed

**70.24 Next meeting**

14th January 2025@ 1930

**71.24 AOB**

**Pump station on Rustics close**

**TH** has contacted them, they will be in contact in the New Year. Vegetation clearance will take place first.

**Dust Survey**

**TH** has made a QR code and will post on Facebook. I have received your test responses so it is working well. **PG** and **TH** walked around the back of Rustics close and Kiln close to see flooded areas.

**CB** raised how will the padlock with keycode work, **TH** happy to share the number in the future, then the number can be changed. **TH** read the email **PG** had sent to Greg Smith MP re flooding.

**Meeting ended 21.00 Next Meeting 14th December @1930**