**CALVERT GREEN PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Meeting held on 25th January 2022**

**Signed: Chairman Phil Gaskin**……………………………………………………………………………

The meeting proper then began.

Attendance and apologies

**Attendees:**

Chairman Phil Gaskin **(PG)**

Cllr Kirsten Gittins **(KG)**

Cllr Carl Blakeley **(CB)**

Cllr David Russell **(DR)**

Clerk Tracy Horsfield **(TH)**

Cllr Colin Sharples **(CS)**

Cllr MacPherson **(Cllr AM)**

Cllr Frank McMahon **(Cllr McM)**

One Member of the public

**Apologies**

Cllr Liza Thompson **(LT)**

Cllr Adele Decent **(AD)**

1. **Declarations of interest**

None

1. **Minutes of meeting held on 30th November 2021**

Agreed and signed

1. **Public participation**

Nothing to raise

**PG** received some correspondence, when the petanque pit garden was done, the gardener has contacted me afterwards to see if we would be interested in some wild flowers around the green. I did make it clear that Bucks council own the green and we would have to get permission from them. **PG** shared his screen (see link on website), it doesn’t really interfere with any of the activities on the green. **DR** would it interfere with the grass cutting. **CS** I am in agreement this. **CB** it may interfere with the football. **KG** maybe it could be in the tree lines this would then not interfere with the green. **PG>Cllr McM, Cllr AM>** Is something that might be considered? **Cllr AM**, yes, I can’t see why, it falls in line with our environmental policies. **LT** Where would it be, **PG** then described the diagram again. My only thoughts are with dogs going in there. **PG** all valid points let’s look at Bucks Council, **PG** to contact Joe Houston to see if they would support it. **PG** we have been emailed about when the bollards are being installed, I will leave that to the point on the agenda. **PG>DR** shared some work that **DR** did on funding. **Cllr AM** there is lots of funding around. **PG** The bridleway that surrounds Calvert is very untidy and muddy, possibly contact David Wilson about tidying it up. **DR** I was approached today by a resident about the memorial. **PG** yes, we discussed this at the last meeting, we agreed to look at getting a silhouette on the side of the hall. **TH** we also decided on a memorial bench. DR to look into different options.

1. **Neighbourhood Plan**

**LT** We are arranging meetings with the landowners. This will be an exploratory step, **PG** then we will have the steering group back together.

1. **Dunsty Hill**

**KG** All quiet, haven’t heard anything. **PG>LT** have they agreed to meet. **LT** yes. **KG** would I be joining the meeting. **LT** No it would be a neighbourhood plan meeting that we would bring back to the PC. **PG** I would be happy for **KG** to attend at this stage. **LT** OK I will share the link for the meeting. **LT** they need to be controlled meetings; **PG** Neil will control this. **LT** the training I went on stated clearly it should be independently driven then fed back to the PC. **PG** in light of the planning applications I would like **KG** on the call. **PG** also **CS** it would be nice if you could take an active part in this too. **KG** the only other thing was the Solar Farm, we just went with it and made no objections. **TH** we have had a couple of residential ones.

1. **Verge Bollards**

**CB** Last meeting was that they were starting in February, they have contacted me to say they can’t find the 200ml bollards and could only get 150ml, they will be narrower but we won’t have a choice. **PG** I am not happy, **DR** well if the 200ml ones get knocked over the 150ml will go over a lot easier. I understand but these are not unusual things we are asking for. **Cllr AM** this has been dragging on for ages. **CB** do we want to go back to him and say no we want 200ml ones or wider. **PG** ultimately 150ml are too small, we are talking cars knocking them so potentially a waste of money. **DR** I agree, **TH** can we source them? **CB** can we source them? **Cllr AM** they have their procurement process. **CB** to go back to see if they can do wider. **CS** are we required to use Transport for Bucks, **PG** yes, it all to do with insurance, utilities etc and it is their land. **TH** can you call them tomorrow so I can respond to the resident. **CB** Yes. **KG** should we have a meeting next week to discuss? **PG** yes, we need to decide the precept. **TH** to arrange the hall. **PG** what is everyone’s thoughts? **CB** I feel we should leave it as it is, **KG** I agree. **PG** I agree too. **CS** how much is it? **PG** effectively to us it is about 18k. **PG** the reason we didn’t put it up was because we had the interest from the 1M mitigation fund. **PG>Cllr McM** Whether you raise it or not, you cannot make decisions on a zoom meeting.

1. **HS2/EWR**

**PG>** The biggest impact to the village is the works on Brackley Lane. I have received a notice this week to say they are extending until mid-April. If you remember HS2 opted to put in a 5 metre barrier, more properties will now be affected as noise increases, my poll on Facebook this was unanimous for a higher barrier. I put in a proposal for a green tunnel, we did originally put this in but it was rejected. I have had a response which isn’t favourable. I am going to reply to that, I want to thank Bucks CC in particular Cllr McPherson. I consulted a civil engineer he and another said the noise was significant. **Cllr McM** has been kept busy over the Christmas period. Lots of closures, I have been out walking more and can now see how dangerous the roads are with no pavements. The Gawcott road is particularly in bad repair. **Cllr AM** I fully agree, certainly past the huge compound, HS2 have been asked if they can fund repairs on that road. **PG** the road out of Calvert is very bad up to and beyond the crossroads. Also, the Werner Terrace Road down to the crossroads is impassable and needs cutting back. Also, the mud on the roads is awful.

1. **Play areas**

**KG** Met with Joe, this was fed back at the last meeting. There was some confusion. They have finished the play park. I have walked past a few times and everyone seems to be enjoying it. **Cllr McM** It will be a pleasure and an honour to come down on the 24th February to officially open it.  **PG** we haven’t heard formally about it. **Cllr McM** myself, Angela and the cabinet member have been informed. **TH** to add to calendar, **Cllr AM** will email Joe Houston to confirm to the PC. **LT** I have been to the park a few times, I have noticed a lot of older children are using the equipment. Can we put something on the Facebook page, to ask parents to speak to their children? **TH** to email Joe Houston re signs. **Cllr McM** we have signs that we put up ourselves. **CB** maybe put a post on Facebook to get parents to advise their children. PG the tarmac areas, we were looking at the option of planters. **KG** yes, we can only put temporary structures, if we wanted permanent ones like markings on the floor, we would have to lease it. **KG** I thought it would be nice to have an area for adult residents to sit in. **PG>KG** Can you investigate the options? **KG** yes. **LT** When I spoke to Joe, he was very clear about the fact that we can use it for anything. **KG** maybe use chalk and buy the large game equipment. **PG** we did, years ago talk about buying the tables with chess boards on etc. **LT** why would we not lease this? **PG** It has been awful getting the lease done for the hall. **KG** Bucks CC are quite keen for us to take over the upkeep. **PG** If someone else wants to take on the lease then that’s fine. **DR** Don’t the developers have an interest in the green. **PG** yes, it is section 106 land, so managed by the council but the developers still own it.

1. **Website**

**TH** has emailed but no response as yet. We received an email today to let us know that they are aware of the scam emails. **PG** I would like to do more with the website, we need to think about what we want from it. **TH** to be discussed at next week’s meeting. **LT** what has happened with the logo? **TH** lots of back and forth. **PG** So of the ones we have seen can we put them together and choose one at the next meeting.

1. **Allotments**

**PG** We would like to investigate this further, **CB** did we get a response from FCC? **TH** no response from FCC. **PG** I approached other parishes at the time and Twyford and Charndon have availability so nothing stopping them from going there. **PG** if there is a demand then residents can take that option. **DR** we are responsible to look at or get land, with funding opportunities with BALC. **PG** if there is a recognised need. **Cllr McM** I have 200 allotments, I’ve got Fusion in to supply another 5. This is run by the community not the PC. **TH** to put a post on Facebook to see if there is any more interest. **Cllr McM** there is nothing to say that the PC need to supply allotments. **CB** I have found a website that states the Council have to supply if there is a need. **Cllr McM** If there is no land available then its not the obligation of the PC. **PG>TH** can you contact BALC? **TH** yes.

1. **Funding**

**PG>DR** you have been looking? **DR** yes, I have a list of places for possible funding. **DR** I seem to remember a few years ago, we discussed the lest we forget memorial, **PG** there was a small pot of money. **PG** there is also the community boards. This could be something we could use. **CS** could we ask the community? **PG** Yes, sadly the PC meetings are the place to discuss this but we don’t get a lot of residents joining. **Cllr McM** the community boards will fund small projects too.

1. **AOB**

**PG** telephone box to be used at a community library, it was agreed at the last meeting. CGCA have asked for it to be placed in a different position. **PG** they would want it at the side of the bus shelter. This is our land (**PG** shared a map showing our land boundaries). **PG>CS** can you measure and see what space is available.

**TH** lock on meeting room door, is there anyone available to meet him at the weekend around 9am. **DR** agreed to meet him.

**PG>TH** Oakpark came in this morning, the lights in the hall are still not working, I will contact the CGCA to find out what the problem is.

1. **Financials**

Agreed

**Meeting ended 21.30**

**Next meeting 22/02/2022 @19.30**