

Chesham Bois Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Glebe Way, Chesham Bois at 8.00pm on Monday 13th January 2025

PRESENT: Cllr L Winrow (Chair), Cllr P Eckersall, Cllr J Harris, Cllr K Keen, Cllr D King, Cllr M Yeomans

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms A Dealey (Clerk), Buckinghamshire Cllr G Harris

111.1 Questions and Comments from the Public

None received

111.2 Apologies for Absence – Cllr V Yadav, Cllr J Bailey, Cllr S Staite, Cllr C Mellor, Cllr D Buckingham

111.3 To Receive Declarations of Interest or Dispensations Relating to this Meeting

None received.

111.4 To approve the Minutes of 9th December Council Meetings

Slight amendment requested. Minutes to be approved at next Council Meeting.

It was agreed that item 111.11 on the agenda would be brought forward for discussion.

111.11 Planning Appeal PL/22/4074/FA

CBPC received notification that the Hearing in relation to the planning appeal which was planned for 28th January will not take place. The Appeal will now be considered by the Planning Inspectorate (PI) by written representations. Contact has been made with Buckinghamshire Council regarding the decision to alter the process without consulting local members. This is against group policy. CBPC provided a response to the PI by the stated deadline of 8th January. CBPC response was rejected by PI on 9th January. To date, this is inconsistent with communication received by others. CBPC will take further legal advice on how to proceed. A statement of fact by CBPC will be prepared for publication in local papers/magazines. A site visit is expected by the PI. CBPC to request attendance.

Action: Clerk/Chair

111.5 Chair's Report

- i) The Chair's report was noted. The Chair wished to thank all who supported the successful community Christmas lights event on 6th December.

111.6 Clerk's Report

- The Clerk's report was noted.
- i) The amendment to the date of the Annual Parish Meeting was noted. The APM will be held at 8 pm on Monday 19th May 2025 in the Parish Centre.

111.7 Finance

- i) Finance reports were approved.
- ii) Payments were approved with the exception of invoice 5838 from Sparkx. 50% of this invoice to be paid. Cllr Winrow and Cllr Eckersall to approve payments on the bank.
- iii) A balanced budget was presented. There will be no budget for a contribution to reserves in the 2025/26 financial year. The precept will be increased by 2.99% from previous year. Reserves will be reconciled at the end of the financial year. The 2025/26 budget was approved. Precept request to be submitted to Buckinghamshire Council. **Action: Clerk**

111.8 To Receive Reports from Working Groups

a) *Burial Grounds Management WG Chair's Report*

- i) The Chair's report was noted.
- ii) Following the hedge laying in the Burial Ground, contractor to be requested to add wood chippings removed from BG to the footpath from North Road to the cricket pavilion. **Action: Clerk**

b) *Common and Woodland WG Chair's Report:*

- i) The revised remit for the Common and Woodland WG was approved.
- ii) The quotations for low priority tree work on the common were considered. It was resolved to appoint Contractor 3. Clerk to advise contractor. **Action: Clerk**
- iii) It was resolved to appoint Cllr M Yeomans as a member of the Common and Woodland WG

c) *Transport WG Chair's Report:*

- i) The Chair's report was noted.
CBPC to respond to Buckinghamshire Council regarding the consultation on the Lane Rental Scheme. **Action: TWG**

d) *Communications Working Group*

- i) The Chair's report was noted
The transfer to a .gov.uk domain for emails is to be actioned as a priority as the grant funding will close at the end of this financial year. **Action: CWG/Clerk**

e) *Environment Working Group*

- i) The Chair's report was noted
- ii) The revised remit for the Environment WG was approved. The new remit now includes the responsibility for the maintenance of Bricky Pond from 1st April 2025.
- iii) The consideration of the quote for the installation of drainage close to Bricky Pond was deferred to the next Council Meeting. The quote for pond maintenance is to be reconsidered before going ahead with winter maintenance.
- iv) The quote for the repair of the metal fence adjacent to the Burial Ground which was damaged by a fallen tree was approved. Ownership of the fallen tree to be ascertained. **Action: Clerk**

111.9 Planning Committee

- i) Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of 23rd December were noted.

111.10 Neighbourhood Plan Update

- i) The Chair's report was noted.
- ii) It was resolved to appoint Cllr M Yeomans as a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm