**CALVERT GREEN PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Meeting held on 24th June 2021**

**Virtual Zoom meeting 1930**

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

The meeting is being recorded and will be uploaded to the website.

The meeting proper then began.

Attendance and apologies

**Attendees:**

Chairman Phil Gaskin (PG)

Cllr Liza Bangham (LB)

Cllr Kirsten Gittins (KG)

Cllr Carl Blakeley (CB)

Clerk Tracy Horsfield (TH)

Cllr McMahon

1 member of the public

**Apologies**

Cllr Adele Decent (AD)

Meeting started recording

1. **Declarations of interest**

None

1. **Minutes of meeting held on 20th May 2021**

Agreed and signed

1. **Presentation by EWR**

Presentation to be uploaded to the PC website

1. **Cllr McMahon**

Some changes at Bucks Council, myself and the Chair met with Peter Martin who is the deputy cabinet member, who looks after HS2 and EWR. He seems on top of things has visited many areas. I will give you his email address. We really need to engage him in everything going on in the area. Planning, pre 2011 a Councillor could be involved in planning decisions, this was changed and is now back on the agenda again, this has to be approved by end of July. Are the newly elected councillors going to be trained, I have been assured this will be done when it becomes legislation. They have introduced a new PIP (permission in principle), this is they go in with a smaller application to see if they get planning permission. The PIP is only decided by the planning Officer. Then it has to go to full planning this is where PC’s can make objections etc. Its to smooth out the process. Bucks Council is way behind on their applications, NPPF National Planning Policy Framework this is a minefield, **PG** this is encouraging as PC will have input, **Cllr McM** Yes. **Cllr McM** another gentlemen Patrick Feeley he is very knowledgeable in planning process, run things past him. Also, Cllr Michael Rand who has been on the planning committee for many years. PCs are the eyes and ears of the Bucks Council. **PG > KG** this is a positive step I will definitely want to go on the training. **TH** to keep an eye on training. **PG>LB** anything to add? **LB** yes with everything going on it is imperative to our plan. **PG>LB** I would suggest you go on the demystifying planning course **PG>TH** to check with **BALC** as to when the training will include new legislation i.e. PIP. **Cllr McM** the neighbourhood plan is the first document we check when considering planning applications**. Cllr McM** what was bought up today by a green member of Buck Council, most of the plans for Buckinghamshire, and they didn’t do enough for climate change. The QC that attended said new NPs should include green matters.

1. **ARC**

**PG** This is the Cambridge to Oxford ARC which is the area that has been highlighted for huge development. It has been flagged as a priority for us to keep an eye on it. When we had our meeting to decide Councillor responsibilities **KG** and **AD** took this action. **PG>KG** is there anything you want to share or reference at this stage **KG**? i have nothing to share, **PG** we just need to get a high level what is it. It is all about development. **KG>McM** Do you have anything on ARC, **Cllr McM** no**. PG** is it on Steeple Claydon’s radar? **Cllr McM** yes, I would say it is on MP Greg Smith’s radar too. The minister for rail and the HS2 minster and MP Greg Smith they are going to lobby for a station at Calvert Green**. KG** that has been discussed for 20 yrs. +, this feeds into the Calvert Green city. **Cllr McM,** they didn’t know what was going on in Calvert and surrounding villages, the MOD have again looked at putting a Super prison at Grendon, a new station will open up further development. **LB** isn’t there an argument that this is just happening. **Cllr McM** yes, I think North Bucks is blighted and has been for some time.

1. **Public participation**

**DR,** I had a meeting with the contractor and we have the signs up at the Brackley Lane end, I asked for them to be put up at the front of CG too. They have said they will look into it. **PG** I will pick that up.

**DR,** I have sent you pictures of the trucks filling up on water. **LB** so /hs2 aren’t supposed to use our water? **PG** well yes, they can but we have sub-contractors coming in now. **DR** as you know we have had a lot of dust, they said they have monitoring stations around, **DR** I said they don’t have one near us. **PG** you will be pleased to know that due to them building around us, I pointed out they are in breach of conduct and now they have water sprayers. We were out recently and the dust clouds were awful, they still need to be good neighbours to the community. **PG** I know the Bucks CC environmental Officer has been out. **PG LB** pointed out that we have the declaration of acceptance letters, register of interest forms these need to be completed and **TH** needs to sign them. **LB** the form is quite complicated. **PG** I will run through how to complete.

1. **EWR/HS2**

**PG** Peter Martin is now responsible for taking them to task which is great, the big thing in our area is the work on Brackley Lane. They are looking to change their programme of works to reduce the number of weeks. They are now going to alternate between both and be finished a month earlier, they will stop work for the August Bank holiday weekend. At least they are considering us. **CB** when they are finished will they restore back? **PG** I have asked on many occasions, it is on the list for next week’s meeting. **CB** it looks very permanent to me. **PG** the concrete batching facility is erected, it will be operational for about two months on a generator until they get electrical connection. I have asked for the safety data. **TH** I thought is was going to be bigger, **PG** yes it is only 4 instead of 6 silos, with the open hoppers and diggers it will be very noisy and dusty. **CB** will there be certain times they can work, **PG** yes, 8am to 6pm weekdays then Saturdays 8am – 1pm. **CB** also a constant stream of concrete mixers coming and going. **PG** as before we are still monitoring the HGV movements around Calvert. **Cllr McM** we have had small wins around these movements. As a group of PC’s we are in a better position. We had an instance when they wanted to close Sandhill for 19 months and we got it down to 9.

1. **Dunsty Hill**

**PG > KG** They responded to everything, all objections. Not an awful lot we can say, I believe the application has now closed. **CB** it is a response to the public consultation. **KG** No also our objections. **KG** It will go to the next decision. **PG** I have shared this with **Cllr MacPherson** and MP Greg Smith. **Cllr McM** has anyone called it in. **PG** Cllr MacPherson has said she will, I assume it will go to planning committee. **KG** they have also put planning in again on the barn. **PG** yes converting from metal to brick, now they have slotted the word windows in. **KG** we had no grounds to object and still don’t know. **PG>KG** can you reach out to Patrick Feeney? **KG** yes. **Cllr McM** the planning officer cannot call it in, Cllr’s can, then it goes before the committee. Some sort of contact should be made with Patrick Feeley. **KG** to email.

1. **Prison Application**

**PG KG** found out that it is going ahead**, PG** is it an application? **KG** No they have outlined their proposals, this seems like it is happening. As soon as **TH** Gets the planning, I will send our objections. **TH** we won’t get a notification of planning as it is not our parish. We just need to keep an ear out.  **PG** Grendon gave us the nod last time. **PG** is everyone in favour of objecting.

1. **Solar farm**

**KG** No update.

1. **Verge Bollards**

**CB** I completed the form to the council, I received an email back saying a PID is in process. **CB** still waiting, I will chase them tomorrow.

1. **Neighbourhood plan**

**LB** A great team effort all round, we had our steering group meeting on the 10th, **CB** did an amazing job of talking through development in the area. The report that Neil has sent today TH to share with the team. Two main approaches the easy one and the hard one, easy option is green areas etc. The hard one is as Neil described as half a village as we have no infrastructure. With that will be consultation with the village around new development to enable a GP surgery etc**. LB>Cllr McM** I would be interested in your comments. **PG** we also have the opportunity for extra funding. **Cllr McM,** I think the hard route is the better one, was the information helpful? **PG** yes. **LB** maybe organise a meeting with neighbouring PC’s. **PG** yes good idea. **PG** my take is that they are going to do what they are going to do. They will have a lot of land when all of this work is completed and they won’t put it back to countryside. **LB** we should influence the development in our area, that is something we can win**. PG** I think it is all about setting the ground rules**. LB** I am attending the training next week. **CB** how is it going to fit with the VALP. **PG** the point is with the VALP it is about to be adopted; it will only run until 2025. The government is already talking about using green belt land.

1. **Community boards and funding requests**

**PG** as we have moved to the Buckingham board, we haven’t had a meeting as yet. **KG** it was cancelled and is now on Tuesday. **PG** I will join that too. **PG** David Oakley is now the chair of Charndon PC and he is on the board too.

1. **£1 million mitigation fund**

**PG** We have got our allocation, we still don’t have a detailed design of HS2 in the area, but we need to make sure we can use these funds. We should be looking at what we can use it for. LB what about a tennis club. PG we have discussed before, what did seem popular was the trim trail and we have been invited to go see Charndon’s.

1. **Councillor responsibilities**

**PG** We held a meeting separately to establish responsibilities. We have a spreadsheet now and still need a primary and a secondary councillor.

1. **Village updates**

**TH** We have had an email around grass cutting, I emailed Cllr Macpherson, they haven’t responded to me as yet. They have responded to John Hopkins. TH Juliet Gilliard sent an email about the Dunsty planning but we have already discussed. **PG** we had an email about additional training for the steering group, **TH** it is £100 pp**, LB** sadly no one can attend, it will be myself and Adele.

1. **Logo and signage**

**PG >TH** can you drop Adele an email

1. **Parks, Garden and Allotments**

**PG I** have been chasing HS2, they are committed to completing the works on the petanque pit **TH** were they not prepared to give us the funds. **PG** I think it will be the individual contractors to come in and do it as their funding has dried up. **Cllr McM,** we need to push them. We have to get what ever we can. **PG>TH** do we have any idea when they are going to start. **TH** I can only say August. **TH** We did have an email about the flooding on the green, this could possibly be worked on if we have a trim trail installed**. PG** I am concerned that there is no one responsible for the allotments. **CB** we just don’t have any land, **PG** as a PC we legally have to provide allotments, there is grants available. **CB** FCC wouldn’t sell us land a few years ago. It might be worth asking again. **PG** we need to agree that this is picked up next time.

1. **Website**

**PG** we need to have a meeting for an hour to discuss how we want the website to look.

1. **AOB**

**PG it** is just after half past, we can carry on if all agreed for another 15 mins. All agreed **PG** Rubbish bin, **TH** yes, they have responded and they have said they won’t put in a bin we provide only theirs. **CB,** we need an enclosed bin. We will see when they send the pictures. **Cllr McM** what would you like me ask? **PG** why is it know we can’t get our own bin. **Cllr McM** I will phone them in the morning. **PG** The fixtures and fittings for the needy in the local area. **Cllr McM** we are still waiting for a response. It is one of my passions and I find it completely against environmental policy that HS2 can demolish a building and all of its contents. Are there people that could benefit from these fixtures and fittings. **PG** yes, I feel there is. **LB>PG** are we going to advertise for new councillors, **PG** yes, **TH** I have put an advert in the Claydon’s magazine.

**Financials**

**TH** explained that the financials will be sent out later in the week due to the accounts being done. **NB** AGAR documents circulated and approved for submission.

**TH** I have received an email from the CGCA with dates for the rest of the year, I will share with the group.

**Meeting ended 21.45**

**Next meeting 20/7/2021 @19.30**