**CALVERT GREEN PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Meeting held on 25th July 2023**

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

The meeting proper then began.

Attendance and apologies

**Attendees:**

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

Cllr Frank Mahon **(Cllr FM)**

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

Cllr David Russell **(DR)**

Cllr Adele Decent **(AD)**

Cllr Colin Sharples **(CS)**

Clerk Tracy Horsfield **(TH)**

3 Members of the public

**Apologies**

Cllr Liza Thompson **(LT)**

Cllr Carl Blakeley **(CB)**

1. **Declarations of interest**

**PG** None declared

**Minutes of meeting held on 27th June 2023**

Agreed and signed

1. **Councillor Mahon update**

Discussed all Parishes being invited to organise an event for Silver Sunday. Update on road repairs, 4.5k repairs in mid-April, out of the Capitol works 56 schemes identified, have been completed. Gullies 27,270, 2 x rural grass cuts and street lights repaired. 6 crews in April and we now have 7-day coverage with 15 crews. Member of the public asked for figures relating to previous years, **Cllr FM** would try to get them. **PG** asked when the pothole pro would be in the Calvert area. **Cllr FM** explained **Cllr MCP** and himself were pushing hard, he asked if we could keep reporting on fix my street. He understood resident and Parish Council’s concerns. **PG** explained that with all the HS2 and EWR activity we should be prioritised. **Cllr FM** Bucks council are still fighting with HS2 and EWR for money towards repairs, to date we have been given £96k. **CS** asked why then are HS2 publicly saying in meetings they are giving Bucks CC money? **Cllr FM** yes, they are, I was in a public drop in and asked, they are quoting the £5m road safety fund, but this is not for repairs. **PG** we have the worst roads in Bucks. **Cllr FM** we will keep pushing and we do hear what you are saying. **PG** we have a lamp post here that has not been fixed for over a year, surely if they cannot do the roads, they should prioritise other items that need fixing. **AD** fix my street was bought up at a local meeting I went to a few weeks ago, no timeline given, things are not resolved. **Cllr FM** I asked if the repairs could be split into what repairs have been done in different parishes, I was told they would look into it. **PG** asked if it could just be split into Community board areas? **Cllr FM** All I can do is deliver the figures I am given; I will take away your questions and comments and report back to the Cabinet Minister. We could be in a situation where in areas where more work has been done the figures are available. I am quite happy to ask for breakdown figures. Member of the public, most residents will only be happy when they see the figures. **Cllr FM** I will get the figures and come back, if I don’t get them, I will come back and tell you why. I want to represent the residents properly, I am more frustrated at present, but I will endeavour to get the answers you need. **Cllr FM** hoping to get a meeting next week on devolved services. Member of the public why can’t the clerk know when they are coming? At least then clerk can arrange in between cuts. **AD** I have been given a name of someone Clerk can email. **PG** a couple of residents have raised health concerns around air quality. We can’t just point the finger at HS2, how can we get some support from environmental health, **Cllr FM** I can ask. Would the residents co-operate with the environmental health officer? Yes. **PG** we did have a check around 15 years ago so there is a comparison. **Cllr FM** we have exhausted at CALM noise and dust mitigations, I feel I now should ask environmental health. **DR** to get resident details and pass to the Clerk. **PG** there must be some sort of monitoring. **Cllr FM** left the meeting.

1. **Public participation**

**PG** the previous point raised with **Cllr FM** on air quality has been raised. Anything else to raise? No, **PG** feels we should invite someone from the department at fix my street to a PC meeting. **AD** we need to email if we are not getting a timescale. **PG** we still need to find who owns the part of land by the shop. The footpath at the front of the estate, that is overgrown. **TH** thinks highways are responsible. **AD** maybe we should email all complaints. **PG** where I live there is a gully that feeds into Cotswold way, for some reason Transport for Bucks say it is not theirs. I have to repeatedly send an email with the original email stating they have adopted it, then they come and clear it out.

1. **Neighbourhood plan**

**CS** I have sent documents off to consultant, nothing received yet.

1. **Dunsty Hill**

**KG** no update,

1. **Tracker**

**Street light. CB** > **CB** to chase with Cllr McMahon

**Bollards CB** Cllr McPherson has replied and said she will chase. **CB** to copy her into an email to the contact at Bucks CC

**Allotments DR** I had a response, the higher management team have said no to the land being used for allotments. My contact at FCC has said there is potentially another site. **DR** to ask what the costs are to see if we could use our mitigation fund.

**Funding AD** to apply for the funding from the Community Boards. **AD** will attend the next meeting. Also, there is a community fund where the matching is less, I will look into this.

**Litter bins TH** Still No response.

**Memorial Garden AD** we have received quotes for the gates and the memorial garden, **TH** to get other quotes so the PC can vote. **TH** to purchase a plaque.

**The Green/cutting TH** should I contact the Council re devolved services, so we have an idea around costs. **PG** yes.

**Gate AD** Quotes received £800 per gate, the difference from the previous one is he has to dig out the posts. **CB** we should get 3 quotes. **TH** to try.

**Oak park** To be added, still no response on the smoke alarms. **PG** to chase original contractor

1. **HS2/EWR**

**PG** I wasn’t able to attend the last meeting, I did send in some points one being the dust, EKFB claim they are using bowsers and sprays. They have put covers on the aggregate storage but more to protect from rain than prevent dust. I also raised the road closures, end of July and August. They did promise not to cut us off. **CB** could you raise the traffic lights by their pound? **PG** yes this has been raised. **PG** the next HS2 meeting I am on holiday could anyone attend? **CB** possibly **PG** to email details over. **PG** there will be another roadshow at the end of July to cover the road closures.

1. **Financials**

AGAR presented and agreed for submission

Agreed and cheques signed

**AOB**

Resident should we think about Carols in the hall this year. Directed to the CGCA. **PG** the PC would fully support.

**TH** to arrange a meeting with CGCA.

**Meeting ended 21.10**

**Next meeting 25/07/2023 @19.30**