**CALVERT GREEN PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Meeting held on 28th February 2023**

**Signed: Deputy Charman Kirsten Gittins**……………………………………………………………………………

The meeting proper then began.

Attendance and apologies

**Attendees:**

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

Cllr David Russell **(DR)**

Cllr Colin Sharples **(CS)**

Cllr Adele Decent **(AD)**

Cllr Carl Blakeley **(CB)**

Cllr Liza Thompson **(LT)**

3 Member of the public

**Apologies**

Cllr Frank McMahon **(Cllr McM)**

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

Clerk Tracy Horsfield **(TH)**

1. **Declarations of interest**

**KG** None declared

1. **Minutes of meeting held on 28th February 2023**

Agreed and signed

1. **Public participation**

**BP** not in attendance his subject moved to next meeting

1. **Neighbourhood plan**

**KG** where are we? **LB** last meeting in October 2022 with a small selection of steering group. Several actions were put in place, due to Christmas a delay has occurred, four actions left to complete. The draft will then go back to NH for final review. If he is happy then it will be presented to the PC for review by end of March. **CS** if PC approve the plan a six-week consultation starts. Then back to the steering group for approval, then submitted to the Bucks Council to reconsult to anyone who responded to the consultation. Then at that point it can go to formal referendum. **KG** so can we say 6 months. **CS/LB** yes.  **KG** end of summer? **LB** yes. **KG** what did we end up with, no development option A or small development option B. **LB** Option A. **LB** has a one-page document with timescales she will share with the PC. **LB** spoke with High barrow today; he basically wants a meeting to discuss their development. **KG** will email to arrange a meeting. **CS** any changes made to the plan to accommodate development will mean reopening the process for the NP.

1. **Tracker**

**Street light. CB** explained they had said raise again on street scene, I haven’t done this, they are aware of it and have said they will replace. **KG** maybe raise it. **CB** looked and a resident has also lodged a complaint on fix my straight.

**Bollards CB** we reported the ones that were damaged before Christmas, awaiting update.

**Play parks KG** No update from **PG**.

**Website PG** raised a ticket, awaiting a response.

**Allotments DR** had a meeting, FCC are looking at the feasibility of draining the area. Set out some terms and conditions happy to go forward.

**Funding TH** On hold.

**Litter bins PG** chased again.

**Memorial Garden TH,** sent out some options for a flag pole, discussed by group **KG** proposed, seconded by **AD** agreed to purchase.

**The Green/cutting AD** query about where the wild flowers would be.

**Gate AD** will contact handy man. **KG** sign on Rustics close has been fixed. **KG, PG** had spoken to **Cllr McM** about the grass cutting.

1. **HS2/EWR**

**PG update** The state of the roads has been challenged by Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council following pressure from impacted areas. HS2 keep citing a road safety fund which they paid to Buckinghamshire Council, but this was never available to impacted areas - it was always positioned as an added benefit of the scheme. HS2 claim they surveyed roads before work started and will provide remedial action when they are finished - clearly this is not enough.

Many properties in Calvert have complained about vibration. Several of these properties were previously supplied formal legal notices which HS2 "sold" as a way to protect properties by surveying them before work started. Now, a year later work has started, vibration has been generated, and some properties now have cracks, but still no baseline surveys have been completed. This was exacerbated when it was found that HS2 still had no vibration monitoring equipment in Calvert despite promises for years. This also caught out a senior engagement manager who claimed that measured vibration was in the order of 20 times less than that generating structural damage - how he could claim this with no monitoring equipment in the area is outrageous.

Following this, the BBC visited Calvert on Friday and a short broadcast went out on Friday's news at 6:30pm, and 10:30pm

The local parish councils are also challenging the closure of both Edgcott Road and Addison Road/Calvert Railway Bridge at the same time because originally HS2 gave an assurance to prevent this happening. This is still ongoing.

There was a recent HS2 roadshow at Calvert Green Village Hall and another in old Calvert which were poorly attended.

HS2 is now building a bat mitigation structure past Sheephouse Wood (near the incinerator). HS2 refused to disclose the cost but it uses NASA technology and rumoured to cost 10's of millions of pounds. There is an online HS2 briefing session on 8th March (6pm-7pm) and a face-to-face session at the village hall on 15th March - I'll share the details on the PC website and Facebook when I return.

Additionally, many complaints have been made regarding HS2 driving behaviour, parking and state of the roads (mud, potholes, verge ruts etc).

1. **Cost of Living**

**KG** no update yet.

1. **Hall Ceiling**

**KG** completed, two tiles are upside down so we know where the smoke alarms are, Oak park are coming in on the 15th March. No ball signs have been put in place by **PG. CGCA** will ensure no ball games. **KG** discussed payment.

**PG** we should do something. **TH** explained what was on offer. **PG** we could ask the CGCA if they would like to assist. **AD** asked if it would be possible to have a temporary skate park. **AD** to research.

1. **Financials**

Agreed and cheques signed

**AOB**

Relook at the Councillor responsibilities

CGCA would like to put reflectors on the windows, agreed by the PC. Also replace the front door locks. KG asked if an email could be sent to confirm we would be given two keys. **LB** asked if there are any events for the Coronation. CGCA have a meeting to discuss.

**Meeting ended 21.00**

**Next meeting 28/03/2023 @19.30**