**CALVERT GREEN PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Meeting held on 23rd January 2024**

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

The meeting proper then began.

Attendance and apologies

**Attendees:**

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

Cllr Frank Mahon **(Cllr FM)**

Cllr Carl Blakeley **(CB)**

Cllr David Russell **(DR)**

Cllr Gary Atkins **(GA)**

Clerk Tracy Horsfield **(TH)**

Members of the public

**Apologies**

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

Cllr Colin Sharples **(CS)**

1. **Declarations of interest**

**PG** None declared

**Minutes of meeting held on 28th November 2023**

Agreed and signed

1. **New Councillor** (Gary Atkins) approved by Parish Council, documents signed. **TH** to book new councillor training.
2. **Public participation**

**PG** asked the room, Resident advised that on the news that TV Police have made a statement that they will prosecute parents re the misuse of electric scooters. **PG** stated we did put a post on Facebook a few months ago, but there hasn’t been as many around the village, **DR** did arrange a talk by the local PCO’s. **PG** the Local Councils do have Electric Scooter initiatives. But private scooters are against the law and the PCO’s have said they will drive through on occasion. **DR** it is illegal to drive them on public highways with insurance.

1. **Neighbourhood plan**

**CS** No update, KG commented that we need to push this through and ask **CS** if we could help.

1. **Dunsty Hill**

**KG** Nothing to report

1. **Tracker**

**Street lights** **TH** lamp post now fixed

**Bollards PG** > **TH** to chase LAT visit. **CB** to check they haven’t been replaced first and let **TH** know.

**Allotments** **PG** > **DR** not had a response, on a meeting I asked for any other land available, they did say possibly. **DR** to make contact again.

**Funding** **TH** ongoing

**Litter bins** **TH** to be added for when LAT attend

**Memorial Garden** **TH** all completed

**Green** **TH** now has a contact in Bucks as soon as policy is updated, they will send it out.

**Oakpark**/

**Hall Ceiling DR** arranged all of the work, **PG** thanked him for his efforts, **DR** box of tiles in cupboard, **DR** to email GB Partitions about the clips. **PG** has spoken with the **CGCA** to not let anyone play ball games in the hall.

**Speed Limit** **CB** Re assess in 6 months

1. **HS2/EWR**

**PG** The bridge is closed, demolition will start soon. **KG** yesterday my house was vibrating**, PG** possibly they started yesterday. The road will be closed for 2 years, there will be drill piling over the next few months. **PG** just to highlight, now the new Gawcott road is open, eventually it will connect to go over HS2. This will mean more road closures. **PG** drop-in session in the Community centre in the week, there was an assurance years ago that they would provide a footpath between Calvert and Steeple Claydon, this is being done, however they did say not on the bridge, **PG** has asked them to look into this. They may not put the street lights back either. A request came in from Greg Smith’s office to allow access for residents with disabilities. They are putting a defib in Old Calvert. **CB** Planning application, **PG** the boarding across where the bridge was will be painted green.

1. **Solar Farm**

**PG >**Did anyone attend? No, we objected formerly at the scale of the project and other reasons. **PG** to speak to East Claydon Chairman. **TH** had asked for a Councillor representative, **GA** agreed to take this on.

1. **Financials**

All signed off

**AOB**

**Planning application**

**PG** nothing to object around the Bat structure. But will check with Frank Mahon

**TH** Heaters in the hall, works completed. **DR** emailed the manufacturer and they aren’t happy with the installation. **PG** to go back to the builder. **DR** still leaves in the Gas tank, also a fire proof cabinet. **PG** to ask **TH** to get prices. **DR** Gutter snakes need looking at **PG** to ask **TH** to ask **JMP. DR** one of the cameras onthe CCTV is flickering. **DR** truck in car park? To be raised with the CGCA. **PG** attended a meeting with the CGCA, mentioned amendments to the lease, they were OK with that, also understand now that the ceiling is fixed no ball games in the hall. They are keen for us to attend their meetings and have regular meetings with us going forward.

**TH** still to organise the fixed wiring inspection 3 quotes, at present has one.

**Next meeting 23rd Jan 2024**

**Meeting ended 20.40**