**CALVERT GREEN PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Meeting held on 30th May 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 Carl Blakeley **(CB)**

Cllr David Russell **(DR)**

Cllr Adele Decent **(AD)**

Cllr Colin Sharples **(CS)**

Clerk Tracy Horsfield **(TH)**

10 Members of the public

**Apologies**

Cllr Liza Thompson **(LT)**

1. **Declarations of interest**

**PG** None declared

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

Agreed and signed

1. **Cllr Mahon** explained the new wards have been agreed, this will not change much to Calvert Green. Potholes and road repairs, from the 1st April with 6 gangs as of last Monday we had 15 gangs out in Bucks, working 7 days a week, we have 2 gangs operating the pot hole pro, plus 3 other patching gangs, we are comfortably at a level of 2.5 potholes a month. It will be monitored after 90 days the first report from the cabinet member will be expected early July. **Member of public**, How, many reported? **Cllr Mahon**, I do not have that information. We inherited many potholes and road repairs due to a change in contracts, a whole new system has been set up on fix my street, so essentially, we are trying to catch up on the back log of repairs and now the new reports. We have got to get out and get it done over the summer, there will be emergency repairs as we have a statutory obligation to keep the roads safe. I will come back in the summer and give a true update to what has happened in the 3 months. The review is very important it pts restrictions on the contractor. Targets have been set, 2.5 potholes, we may find out we have done more, but we wait to see how Balfour Beatty do. **CB** who is monitoring this? **Cllr M** we have technicians inspecting work and highways inspectors also checking. **PG** pothole pre has that started yet? **Cllr M** I am fighting every day of the week to get this in our ward. The last I heard it was heading north just on our border in Oving, it will be here. The commitment is there to support our PCs, please email me with your concerns. **PG** At the transport select committee that met at Quainton, the CEO of HS2 made a joke about the roads being years and years of neglect not the HS2/EWR HGVs, however, they did make it clear that some money should be released quickly. **Cllr M** we have invested 105 M plus 7.3 m on potholes, in context at present HS2 have given us 93k that is where the battle is. The select committee have put pressure on HS2 to add more funds. **DR** I emailed about the swales on the main road but was told due to me being a Parish Councillor they wouldn’t action my request. **Cllr M** asked **DR** to forward the email to him.
2. **Public participation**

The PC have put in a Memorial chair, it is my intention and would like approval to place this picture on the bench for one day (June 6th). **KG** I wonder if we could fix it so it doesn’t go missing. **AD** laminated then zip tied. PG this is proposed, no one objects, agreed by the PC.

Electric scooters, 2 children were speeding, they had no protective equipment on, we have discussed before and were told to call the police. Maye it is time to invite the police to come and educate the residents on how dangerous they are. **PG** yes this would be a good plan. **DR** to contact the PCSO. **PG>DR** try to get someone and post on Facebook to invite residents. The cycle path needs putting back to a cycle path, **PG** I agree with the holidays coming up more children will be about on scooters, cycles etc. **KG** memorial garden, it needs weeding and tidying up, **AD** proposed a post on Facebook to get a group together and look at some funding. Hedges on pathways are an issue, **TH** please post on fix my street. Can the grass be cut, **TH** hopefully in first weeks of June as No Mow May has finished. The gate at Brackley road? This has now been fixed.

1. **Neighbourhood plan**

**PG**>**CS** I have updated the draft, it is ready to go to the consultant, **PG** will email again. **CB** one thing that struck me was the local green spaces, the area around the MACE, this is owned by David Wilson and could potentially be developed, can this be included. **CS** the next step is consultation. Then we send to Bucks CC. **CS** explained what a neighbourhood plan is for the benefit of the residents in attendance.

1. **Dunsty hill**

**KG** they have had permission to do the work on the farmhouse, they have change of use for the barn. They still must ask permission to change it. Every time they submit a planning application, they do a few. Basically, they have put in planning permission to build house we objected with concerns. They have purchased a house on Cotswold way with the intention to knock it down and build a road to give access to Calvert. They are also still pushing to build a school and houses. **CB** an enforcement order came out last week for a resident to put there garden back.

1. **Tracker**

**Street light. CB** > **Cllr M** will chase also; **CB** I wrote to them to say still outstanding

**Bollards CB** will chase fix my street

**Allotments DR** I had a response, they are meeting with their engineers.

**Funding AD** to look at potential funding for the memorial garden.

**Litter bins TH** Still awaiting invoice.

**Memorial Garden TH** flag pole and flag installed. Working group to be put together. **TH** to look at quotes for signs that say Memorial Garden. **PG** kick bars need replacing, **AD** to ask Edward

**The Green/cutting PG** > **Cllr M** collaboration on green cutting, **Cllr M** we need to look at devolved services but this should not be an extra cost.

**Gate AD** Fixed and has asked Edward to look at the one at the front of the estate.

1. **HS2/EWR**

I did mention earlier some of the HS2, but there was a select committee meeting, they gave us an hour of their time, it was very constructive but they got a sense of how we suffer, I personally was pleased they took it onboard. **Cllr M** I did listen to the recording, I felt the meeting was like a CALM meeting they don’t answer they take away then never answer. **PG** I have been contacted by a PC chairman north of here and he was pleased that we are fighting on. **Cllr M** Addison Road closures, it came up at the select committee, I asked them to come here and see the state of the roads, the inconvenience of the road closures.

1. **Financials**

 Agreed and cheques signed

**AOB**

**Air quality, PG** possibly ask the environment agency to come and do another survey.

**Meeting ended 21.15**

**Next meeting 27/06/2023 @19.30**