

**CALVERT GREEN PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Meeting held on 6th
August 2020
– Virtual Zoom meeting 1930**

Signed: Acting Chairman Phil Gaskin.....

The meeting proper then began.

Attendance and apologies

Attendees:

Acting chair Phil Gaskin (PG)

Cllr Liza Bangham (LB)

Cllr Kirsten Gittins (KG)

Cllr Adele Decent (AD)

Cllr Thelma Watson (TW)

Cllr A Macpherson (AMc)

Tracy Horsfield (TH) Clerk

Apologies

Cllr Carl Blakeley (CB)

Also present 2 Members of the Public (CGCA) , (prospective councillor)

1. Declarations of interest

None

2. End of year accounts.

The financial report for year ending 31st March 2020 was distributed, discussed and approved as part of the 19/20 Annual Governance statement return review following third party independent auditing. It was subsequently signed by PG

3. Minutes of meeting held on 2nd July 2020

Signed and agreed

4. Cllr Macpherson update

(Joined the meeting later, updated throughout)

5. HS2/Expressway

No change at present, except the disruption for the enabling works. A large turnout for the Jubilee lake protest. **TW**, we managed to get them to open the footpath, as far as the nature reserve goes, they seem to have put it on hold. Some protesters have set up camp in the nature reserve. Police were called and one person was arrested. **PG** has found an email from 2014 re additional provisions. The question

was asked back then about the nature reserve. They replied there would be no demolition in the reserve. We were told categorically nothing was going to happen, I have shared this to relevant people. **PG** and **AD** attended an HS2 meeting, **PG** shared the outcome. Still awaiting plans of the batching plant, asked for clarification for the pumping station, verbally they have said it is not needed, due to line being increased in height. They also agreed to provide **PG** with a look ahead programme, not received yet. Also, a plan on how they will look at possible vibration impact on both new houses with concrete slab foundations and the old housing in Calvert. **AMc** lots going on, BBOWT have been talking with HS2. **AMc** It is private land not sure what agreement BBOWT and HS2 have come to. HS2 has backed off for now. **PG** with reference to the email discussed earlier should I go to Greg Smith? **AMc** Yes. I will also find out when his surgeries are. **AD** is there any chance he could come to Calvert? **AMc** Yes, he would like to come along, he would be keen to see what our community has been doing during lockdown.

E/W rail, **PG** received some maps from Charndon Parish, **PG** shared on screen.

No update on the expressway

6. Play areas

AD has meeting with Jo Houston (JH) on 19th August, to walk the new site for the park. Discussion around the Rustics play park. **AD** to take up with **JH**. **PG** asked if **AD** could also mention the other parks. **PG** also asked why the gates are a push and not a pull. **AD** to address with **JH**.

7. Emergency Community planning

KG had a meeting with **AMC**,

PG LAF (local area Forum) no longer exists. They are now called Community Boards. **PG** attended the latest one, lots of discussion around Covid 19 and speeding. We are lucky in Calvert Green that we do not have a through road.

PG hoping, we will have the opportunity to move back into the bucks panel.

KG and AMC had asked her to email. She was going to contact **KG** in the future.

KG Covid would have come under the business continuity side of things rather than a neighbourhood plan.

Ash CGCA have received some funding, which could be available for volunteer groups if anything like Covid happens again. **PG** next Community Boards meeting in the next couple of weeks.

8. Advert

TH to submit this month's advert

9. Website

TH to monitor and update regularly

10. Neighbourhood plan

LB We have around 70 completed surveys **LB** has put a post on the Facebook page to encourage more to be completed. Next stage is to formulate the answers in readiness of the steering group. **AMc** to follow up with David Broadley. **LB** still going through process **PG** asked if we could engage Charndon and Edgcott parishes, **AMc** asked if we could include Steeple Claydon. **LB** plan is to take every stakeholder with us through the process. **PG** to contact the developers re their survey.

11. BCC Land Lease

PG Has come to the point to conclude the lease, will only be a 99 year lease **AMc** had a meeting in March. **PG** discussed his recent comings and goings with the solicitors. In principal **PG** agreed with everything that was discussed, it is just one point. **AMc** do you want me to intervene? I will send an email to get an update, **PG** I was trying to respect the agreement we had.

12. AOB

Grass cutting/2 Cotswold way, **TH** to contact highways and about vision splays. **TH** received an email from 103 Cotswold re verges **TH** to check with Garden master

Litter picking, **TH** to post on Facebook, for residents to let us know if bins are full. Litter bin to be removed at the top of Brackley lane.

Dog fouling, **PG** had noticed when walking **TH** post on Facebook

Training

TH to look to see when next training is, **TH** to email all training to councillors. **LB** wants to do the finance training. **AD** councillor training

The tree/benches

The housing association has complained about the trunk, **PG** has engaged with HS2 re the petang pit **PG** proposes to put them there. **AD** possibly a memorial garden? **AD** is there funding? **AMc** no funds at present. I will get back to you. **PG** lets propose now seconded by **AD**. **AD** to confirm price and get a date.

New councillor

PG formally approved and seconded. **TH** to identify training for Sheila.

CGCA

PG we need to schedule a handover, Ash the yearly funds is a separate issue. We just need to handover. Next CGCA meeting 26/8 TH/**PG** to produce a document for handover.

CGCA

Decorators did come in, but it's clearly a patchwork, not very good. The wood in the front door still needs to be done. All other snagging done. **TH** to speak with builder re wood on front door. CGCA soundboards – warranty, probably not seeing £5,000 worth of boards. It is still noisy, **TH** to go back to supplier.

PG final point I have been doing the checks on the building, different requirements in a weekly check to a monthly check etc. Infers that shutters need a 6-monthly check, and the electrics need a 6-monthly check. Emergency lights in the hall 4 of the 5 light up one does not. **TH** to check.

PG proposed to purchase full Zoom for the next 12 months seconded by **KG**

Next meeting 10th September 2020 at 1930 virtual meeting