**CALVERT GREEN PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Meeting held on 23rd January 2020**

**– Calvert Green Village Hall**

**Signed: Acting Chairman Phil Gaskin**……………………………………………………………………………

The meeting proper then began.

Attendance and apologies

Attendees:

Acting chair Phil Gaskin (PG)

Clerk Angela Perrott (AP)

Cllr Liza Bangham (LB)

Cllr Kirsten Gittins (KG)

Cllr Thelma Watson (TW)

Cllr A Macpherson (AMc)

Tracy Horsfield (TH)

 Also present: 6 Members of the Public

 **Apologies:;**

Cllr Carl Blakeley (CB)

Cllr Adele Decent (AD)

Cllr Colin Perrott (CP

1. **Declarations of interest** None
2. **Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 28 November 2019 – 7.30pm** – approved and signed.
3. **Appointment of new Parish Clerk**, Tracy Horsfield all agreed and voted on.

 Seconded by KG

1. **PG** wanted to thank **AP** for her service to the Parish Council, agreed by all.
2. **Cllr Macpherson update**

At the end of February, we will be moving to a larger council bringing lots of services together. With 65% of total budget going into Children’s Services and Adult Social Care. New Chief Executive Rachel Shimmin, from Durham. Developing Town Parish Charter and localism agenda including community board, this will allow people not to feel remote

HS2…. MP’s are meeting with the Prime Minister next week; they are continuing with enabling works to remove vegetation but not ancient woodland. Both councils have opposed HS2. The Vale of Aylesbury plan is taking time, the new Bucks plan may take possibly up to 5 years.

**PG** So when that plan is being developed nothing can change until the 5 years?

**A Mc** Yes, unless Government impose housing on us.

**KG** If HS2, Expressway and East West go ahead we should say yes to a station in Calvert

**AMc** There will be support for neighbourhood plans

 **LB** Has investigated Village Plans and will share later.

**AMc** Regarding HS2 I have asked to view any Section 17/61 applications; communications seem to have gone quiet. Elections will take place on the 7th May 2020, Including, Council, Parish Council and Police and Crime Commissioner.

**PG** All Parish Councillors will have to be re-elected.

1. **PG** **New Clerk hours**, BALK have recommended increasing from 5 hours a week to 10 hours a week due to the three projects currently underway at Calvert.

**TW** Seconded

**PG** New Council Tax rate for PC, discussion around how much to raise. To cover Clerk Hours, bollards and ½ % to cover housing shortfall. Agreed a 9% increase.

**KG** Abstained

**LB** Seconded

1. **PG HS2/Expressway PG** wrote to Mr Brown recently to discuss lack of support and communication recently around the concrete batching plant etc. Asking for dates when he could come and discuss with the PC, to date no reply.
2. **CB Project** No update at present.
3. **Network Rail** Network Rail employed a consultant to design a landscape garden for Calvert but haven’t completed the work yet. AP will chase for an update to keep the pressure on.

**PG** There is a pot of money available from HS2. The PC are trying to get some for community projects.

1. **AD update** read by **AP. AD** is meeting with J Houston re Rustics Close play area, discussion around where the dog waste bin should be relocated. **KG** and **TH** to mark map and send to **AP.**
2. **AP Hall update** Entrance matting**. AP** shared some carpet samples with the group, all agreed on Charcoal, AP to pass to builder. **Acoustic Boards** CGCA (Ceril) asked if they could have 3 boards instead of one large one. Discussed and agreed if they have the same effect as the large ones. **PC** have promised to contribute £4,000 towards the cost of the acoustics. **CGCA** will pay the rest. **AP** plumber coming in soon to fix the heating. **AP** Builder will complete the final snagging once acoustics have been agreed on and installed. We can then settle the builders final account and hand over the hall to CGCA. **CGCA** are keen to have all cracks repaired on walls and ceiling and a more thorough redecoration of the hall than is covered by normal snagging. It makes sense for this to be carried out at the same time as the snagging repair work. **AP** will ask builder to obtain a quote and pass it on to the CGCA. **CGCA** have agreed that two members of the PC can have access to the CCTV if and when required. No training to be provided to PC members.
3. **KG Emergency Community planning** No update yet.
4. **PG** PC to provide an update on local matters in the Claydon’s magazine, **TH** to take on submitting this by the 9th of the month starting in February 2020.
5. **CGPC Village Plan LB** At recent training it was discussed that an external consultant could come to discuss and put plan into place, it was agreed that **LB** to contact to establish costs and a visit. **PG** Seconded

**AVDC Land Lease**  Group agreed to proceed with the application for a 99-year lease **KG** Seconded. **AP** will let our solicitors and AVDC know.

1. **AOB PG** discussed recent proposal for housing on Perry Hill, no formal application yet.
2. **Summary of spend, confirmed by PG and signed.**

**Cheques for invoices to be paid** signed by PG

**Date of next meeting 5th March 2020 19.00pm – 21.30pm**

**Meeting closed 21.30**

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