**CALVERT GREEN PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Meeting held on 10th September 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 Sheila Thiyagarajah (ST)

Tracy Horsfield (TH) Clerk

Apologies

Cllr Carl Blakeley (CB)

Cllr A Macpherson (AMc)

Also present 4 Members of the Public (CGCA)

1. **Declarations of interest**

None

1. **Financials**

PG discussed the anomaly’s and reasons for them and explained why expenditure had slightly risen.

1. **Minutes of meeting held on 6th August 2020**

**Signed and agreed**

1. **Cllr Macpherson update**

On Annual Leave

1. **Expressway/East, West rail**No update on the expressway.

**East, West rail,** lots of work ongoing in the Bicester area, other Parishes are in volved but not Calvert.

1. **HS2**

**PG** shared a presentation on screen to all, of the meeting held with HS2. Steeple Claydon didn’t attend the meeting. There was a discussion on the mitigation fund, three parishes wanted it split four ways, Steeple Claydon wanted a larger share. It was decided that Buckinghamshire Council would be the custodians of any monies. PG discussed if we don’t take our share now will it accrue interest and HS2 said no this would not be the case even though we were told previously it would.

(Member of the public asked what share did Steeple Claydon want?)

**PG**  wasn’t sure, possibly could be decided on the number of properties in each parish.

Another option is that all four parishes could place money in a scheme that will benefit us all. We asked them to consider if we can fund projects to benefit our community.

In Wendover they got a pot of money and theirs was less defined than our mitigation fund. (**CD)** asked if this £1m is for mitigation what happens if the mitigation costs more. **PG** they have said this is all we will get. Charndon Parish said they could use theirs for residents in Brackley lane to have triple Glazing installed, PG interjected and said no it was agreed in parliament that if triple glazing was needed HS2 would do it. This money is not to do HS2’s job. There was no real outcome of that meeting but they will go on. To summarise, nothing has really changed it is always different people that attend.

A separate Hs2 meeting with EKFB this is the contractor who will come along and build the compounds for construction and the HS2 line itself. We petitioned against them using land alongside the railway bridge, we were told quite categorically it was only for construction and stockpiling. They then got royal assent and built a batching plant there. They came up with reasons why it had to go there and it couldn’t be changed. **PG** then shared the presentation with the group and asked for it to be put on the Website **(TH**). They can’t use Brackley Lane to bring in the construction materials they will use the Landfill. **TW** asked is that why the Public footpath is closed**. PG** no I asked HS2 and they have said it is still open down to the incinerator, Bucks Council website say its closed but this is incorrect. **PG** to look into this.

**TW** has it been spelt out to them that concrete can be very poisonous. **PG** has a contact and will share with **KG** to discuss with environmental health. **KG** stated that these batching plants are placed in towns so not sure if the environmental health will do anything. **PG** I’ve copied emails with Sheila and they have bounced back, **TH** I have asked them to add her, will chase them tomorrow.

1. **Play areas
AD** TW and myself went to meet JH on the green, basically we examined all the play surfaces on the playgrounds. JH stated they had done a risk assessment and they weren’t any major issues. So possibly some patching for now until the new ones are done. He has asked us to put together another questionnaire for the residents. I propose one weekend to meet any interested residents and explain what will be done. It will be grass not the bouncy surface like before. There will be pathways and they will crown lift some of the trees. **PG** I assume they will be decommissioning the old parks. **AD** Yes. **AD** he has lost staff from his department , he seems frustrated with emails just going around and around since the new Unitary Council. We asked him to takeaway lessons from the Rustics Park and have a better plan for the next park refurb.
2. **Emergency Community planning**

**KG** Its not really gone very far, I am going around in circles. I will keep trying. There is a plan already done by Aylesbury Vale so I want to find the right person.

1. **Advert**

TH to submit this month’s advert, cut off today, I put in that we had a new councillor, information about the August PC meeting. She wants some stories from the lockdown.

1. **Website**

**TH** and **PG** attended website training; our website is compliant.

1. **Neighbourhood plan**

**LB** We have all the surveys in, I haven’t done anything about putting the stats together yet because we need to put the steering group together first. I am awaiting the area designation code before I can apply for the fund. **ST** said she could collate them. **LB** to the group, can you drop off any you have. We still have some spares if anyone asks for one. We have had 100 back which is a good response.

**PG** This is not specifically on the agenda but I would like to touch on it. You are all aware that an application is being considered for 20 houses to be built on the Dunsty Hill plot, they have sent questionnaires to residents and had 20 back.

1. **BCC Land Lease
PG** Managed by Bucks council, Angela MacPherson has been helping me with this.Aylesbury Vale agreed to fix the costs. Hoping for an update soon.
2. **AOB**

Grass cutting TH I have sent lots of emails and contacted three contractors but they don’t have the time. PG we decided the first port of call should be highways, if we cannot resolve it then we will pay for it. **AD** try landscape matters in Kingswood

**Training**

**TH** I circulated an email with new training schedule please let me know if you want to go on anything. **ST** has attended her Councillor Training.

**The Tree/benches**

**PG** I see **AD** has been oiling them, PG we have to move them, I have asked HS2 if they could help and they have agreed to place them at the Petanque pit. **AD** happy to design the new area, possibly a memorial garden.

**CGCA**

**PG** Ongoing discussion, CGCA have been operating the community centre for two and a half years. The ‘rent’ is just the costs the PC incur. We want to do an official handover. We are pretty close **TH** I am meeting with Angie next week and will ask her to redo the figures. John (CGCA) we are ready to go ahead, **TH** I have sent Ashley the letter he has a couple of issues I need to speak with him about.

**PG** final Laptop, the one the clerk has is several years old so I propose we purchase a new laptop.  **AD** seconded. **TH** has been looking and a laptop would be approximately £300 and the software £250.

 **Allotments**

**PG** over the years there has been interest, as a PC we have a duty to find a way of providing allotments. I approached Twyford and Charndon who have capacity at their allotment sites. We have had 30 residents express interest. The developer has indicated they may allow allotments. The challenge we have is we have no land so we need to look at options. **CD** my understanding is it is down to the council to find the land. PG agreed but stated the land put aside for allotments was now taken by HS2.

**PG** can we look at using a bigger room ie the hall. Due to HS2 ramping up we may get more public joining= once we can meet in the hall? **John CGCA** I can ask. I do think the diary could be full but I will check.

**Next meeting 1st October 2020 at 1900 virtual meeting, Public can join from 1930**