**CALVERT GREEN PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd August 2022**

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

The meeting proper then began.

Attendance and apologies

**Attendees:**

Cllr Kirsten Gittins **(KG)**

Cllr Carl Blakeley **(CB)**

Cllr Colin Sharples **(CS)**

Cllr Adele Decent **(AD)**

Cllr Liza Thompson **(LT)**

Cllr Frank McMahon **(Cllr McM)**

Cllr David Russell **(DR)**

Clerk Tracy Horsfield **(TH)**

1 Members of the public

**Apologies**

None

1. **Declarations of interest**

None

1. **Minutes of meeting held on 28th June 2022**

Agreed and signed

Cllr McMahon was presented with a Jubilee coin for himself and Cllr McPherson and Cllr Rand.

1. **Public participation**

Open session here at Calvert for EWR/HS2? Yes **CB**, I joined the virtual meeting, it said there that there would be a virtual meeting in August or September**. (resident)** fed up of listening to the politicians saying how awful it is but not doing anything about it. **Cllr McMahon**. I have spoken with Liz Truss at the weekend, I explained we have accepted EWR/HS2 is coming but we need to look at senior management. MP G Smith has been quiet over the last six months. **CB** once the bill was passed it was done. **PG** last year our MP G Smith was very proactive and helpful towards our communities (in particular with HS2 and EWR) but that hasn’t been so evident this year. The PC feels like nothing can be done, but we need someone to engage in the daily struggle Calvert and surrounding villages has. **CLLR McMahon**, we need to get a petition, if we do nothing, we will be like everyone else. I am happy to put this together, lets take action before the new PM is in place.PG I agree, there has been a lack of support. **KG** people are going to be more worried about feeding their children or heating their houses, so from a government perspective our problems with HS2 are not their priority. **Cllr McM** focussing on the cost of HS2 might be the answer. **PG** I will pick this up with **Cllr McM. DR** the signs on the road to say closed, an accident waiting to happen. **PG** this was resolved, I will raise this so next time they place them safely. (**Resident)** what is happening in Brackley Lane? **PG** I have this on my radar. **KG** raised just under £100 and this was donated to PACE. **Cllr McM** the three houses at the entrance to Calvert are to be demolished, there will be no road closures for this. Chris James is back and we are having much more engagement. **Cllr McM** The Parishes boundaries plan is going out to consultancy, one map shows Calvert Green in Grendon ward and another shows it on the boundary, I have asked the question and will report back.

1. **Neighbourhood plan**

**LB** explained we will now be investigating option A, this defines the boundary of the village. Tried to schedule meetings with the steering group as we now have a draft plan, it has been challenging. Meeting arranged for the 7th September we will ask for the whole steering group to attend and go from there. **PG** because it is about plan A against plan B, **LB** the challenge is getting everyone together. **Cllr McM** be mindful of timeframes. **LB** we are hoping by the end of the year this will be done. **LB** it has been a slow trot, **PG** open to all councillors to attend. **TH** to book the meeting room.

1. **Tracker**

**Street light. TH** Still no update

**Dog waste bin TH** Email received; waste bins cannot go where we want them. A discussion was had to establish where they can go. **CB** replied to Bucks CC who advised us to make a decision about where they could go. **PG** they could go on the fence on Brackley lane, I will ask HS2. **TH** the other bin was an extra so that could be left. **TH** I replied to say we still require a dog bin.

**Bollards CB** Nothing to report, **TH** Bucks CC have had our money since October last year this is not good enough, **CLLR McM** please send me the details. **CB** I am know fed up chasing. **TH** it has become laughable the residents are as frustrated as us.

**Play parks AD** Nothing to report except he said they would come and spray the weeds. **TH** did you ask about the meadow? **AD** no I will do that.

**Website TH** has had a response, they would like us to come up with a plan and raise a ticket. **PG** and **TH** to meet to come up with a plan.

**Mem Garden TH** delivered on 8/6/22, **AD** to see if someone she knows can install. **CB** had installed the silhouette on the community centre.

**Allotments PG** cannot now take this on, can another Councillor take this on **DR** I can do this. **PG** to forward details to **DR**.

**Funding AD** I attended the Community Boards meeting, it was very interesting**, I** have also been sent a link by Alice Williams for people to complete the survey. **Cllr McM**, up to £15k can be granted towards projects, Alice wants to visit Parishes. **AD** to make contact. Next Community Boards meeting is on the 5th October **AD** to attend.

**Jubilee**

**Tree/plaque PG** to email

**PG>TH** to add grass cutting to the tracker, **PG** to discuss with **Cllr McM** the possibility of employing the groundsman from Steeple Claydon. **TH** to contact Lewis re cutting the green.

1. **HS2/EWR**

**PG** I organised a meeting in the hall for residents who had received a notice, they did say residents can opt out even though it is a legal notice. 109 notices went out. Lots of things were raised, one being selling properties with this equipment in, they said they would compensate. Clarified things like having to be in for them to have access, they agreed that you could claim for electricity and expenses for loss of earnings. **PG** they have finished on Brackley lane, some gates have been put in where the bridleway used to be. **This is still not open to the public. In time this will be diverted and re-opened.** There will also be a footpath from Calvert to Steeple Claydon. On one of the HS2 plans on Brackley Lane, there is a cycle way showing. Bucks CC didn’t know anything about it. Looks like HS2 will be funding it. **CB** went to the online meeting, they had organised some litter picking, they have a pot of money to repair pot holes. Gritting in the winter was raised, they will come back to us. Tree planting in Brackley lane. **Cllr McM** asked would there be a maintenance fund and HS2 said yes. Survey in June 9 queries and 2 complaints, they also had compliments. Mobile visitor centre visiting in September. **CB** they commissioned a traffic Survey through Edgcott. **AD** coming through from the A41 there is a stream of lorries.

1. **Financials**

Agreed and cheques signed

**AOB**

**CGCA** meeting, **TH** received an email to say September would be good for a meeting.

**DR** Oakpark came today to carry out the servicing of the fire alarm, shutters and fire extinguishers.

**Meeting ended 21.00**

**Next meeting 30/08/2022 @19.30**