**CALVERT GREEN PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Meeting held on 10th October 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 Carl Blakeley **(CB)**

Cllr Colin Sharples **(CS)**

Cllr Adele Decent **(AD)**

Clerk Tracy Horsfield **(TH)**

5 Members of the public

**Apologies**

Cllr Kirsten Gittins (Deputy Chair)**(KG)**

Cllr Liza Thompson **(LT)**

Cllr David Russell **(DR)**

1. **Declarations of interest**

**PG** None declared

**Minutes of meeting held on 28th August 2023**

Agreed and signed

1. **Public participation**

**PG** asked the room, no questions.

1. **Neighbourhood plan**

**CS** we have a draft plan ready to release to residents and landowners, this will be for six weeks, to enable feedback from residents. Once completed changes can be made to the Neighbourhood Plan from the feedback then submitted to the Council. **PG** I have read through and ask for one change, the reference to Bucks Council this should be formal and show Buckinghamshire Council. **CS** I will make this change. **PG** do we share with anyone in Buckinghamshire Council now, **CS** no**. PG** we do need to make sure we include Edgcott and Charndon Parish Councils. **CS** yes. **CS** I suggest we share with Steeple Claydon too. Publish on Facebook and website, Resident, what about if residents aren’t on Facebook? **CS** we can put it up on the noticeboard, shop etc. **CS** policy maps are hand drawn and should really be official. **PG** to pass log in details of Parish Online. **CS** we also need to engage the landowners. **PG** timescales, six weeks then take feedback, **TH** to make a questionnaire. **CS** we could hold a session in the hall. **PG** yes, good idea, I propose in the evening or a weekend. **CS** when we post on Facebook should we open for comments. Group discussed and no disable comments. Resident comments should be on the questionnaire. **CS** to formerly minute that Parish Council have agreed the draft.

1. **Dunsty Hill**

**PG** no planning applications at present, **KG** absent so update for next time

**CB** with the change to the Aylesbury Vale plan call for sites this could change. The numbers they had planned were incorrect so now have to re look at the plan. **PG** the VALP will be superseded with the Buckinghamshire plan. **Cllr FM** to have a look to confirm. **CB** found email to explain planning update. **Cllr FM** Bucks CC planning dept is gridlocked, applications are taking far too long, **Cllr FM** has been calling planning departments around the country and has been told they are in the same situation as all getting applications for Solar Farms. **Cllr FM** explained the planning process re calling in.

1. **Councillor Mahon**

**Cllr FM,** I have just found out that Addison Road is now not opening until at least 8th December, this pushes everything back. I should have had an email today for the 2nd quarter of road repairs, but I haven’t received this. **AD** what is the delay, **Cllr FM** no comment from them, they haven’t communicated with us officially. **Greg Smith MP** has made it quite clear that Solar Panels should be on Roofs not fields. Since the decision on HS2 this week I propose that the solar farm applications wanting to take agricultural land, take the land already damaged by HS2 and put the Solar panels on this land. The infrastructure is in place, residents wouldn’t be affected going forward. The government have made a massive loss on HS2, this idea would bring money into the government. 2nd point, we have all been impacted, the government could then put funds back in to make right the destruction HS2 have made. **Cllr FM** I will go on Change.org and set up a petition, two motions, 1st every new commercial buildings should have solar panels. **AD** we should ask for it to be put on social housing. **Cllr FM** we have three farmers who lease this land. **PG** I have a contact that could be useful to you, **Cllr FM** Please write to me**. CB** you told us recently that if residents tyres are affected by potholes we should claim for compensation. Is there any way that this process could be improved. **Cllr FM** I agree sometimes the system fails, I would suggest you email me once you have put a claim in then email me the details.

**Cllr FM** anything else before I go, **TH** yes, we have had notification from Fix my street that all of our repairs logged with them have been fixed, these have not been fixed. **Cllr FM** I will get Alison Poland (LAT) out, if one or two councillors can meet me we can walk around and show her the issues. **CB** can I ask why we have traffic lights on roads where no work is taking place, **PG** do you mean when you turn right at Charndon? **CB** Yes. **Cllr FM** I asked the question and was told it was due to the expected increase in traffic.

**Councillor Mahon left the meeting.**

**Tracker**

**Bollards** to be added for when LAT attend

**Allotments** **PG** I was on an FCC call with **DR, DR** asked why it had now been decided we couldn’t have the land, FCC responded that it wasn’t feasible but they do have some additional land we may have.

**Funding** **TH** hasn’t had chance to look

**Litter bins** **TH** has had no response

**Memorial Garden** Upkeep NO UPDATE

**Green** **TH** now has a contact in Bucks as soon as policy is updated they will send it out.

**Oakpark** **TH** received quote for hall ceiling, **PG** has tried to get hold of the original contractors but no answer. All other outstanding items have been completed.

**Hall Ceiling** **PG** if I don’t get a response within the next week, we will have to look at plan B.

**Speed Limit** **CB** I have received an email, they are reinstating the Highway Communities Tool kit. I have looked at website and submitted a request. You can get funding but first you have to present evidence to them, the speed check survey is £550.

1. **HS2/EWR**
2. **PG** I have placed road closures/diversions on the website, I wasn’t aware until today the extension to the Addison Road closure. HS2 are very keen for us to go on site visit. **CB, TH** happy to attend with **PG. CB** Friday 20th. **PG** lots of road realignments going on. There will be a flyover for cars replacing the road by the sailing club. **PG** HS2 continues to dominate, I did have an hour call with an HS2 Marshall employed by Bucks CC, they have been reporting reckless/dangerous driving.
3. **Solar Farm**

**CS** I attended the presentation here in the hall, they had various people associated with the Rosehill team. Lots of modelling and consultants, all the information shown is on their website. Resident asked what will the residents get? **CS** nothing all electricity generated will go to the grid, but there will be a community pot. **CS** the reason they want to put it there is because they already have a sub station at East Claydon. It will be surrounded by fencing. They will do ecological mitigation and possibly allow sheep to graze. The panels will be over 3 metres high. **PG** I attended a meeting to that **Gregg Smith MP** had called with EDF, a few things were debunked, substation doesn’t have a 500-megawatt feed, so potentially it could be placed anywhere. Quizzed on location they stated if it wasn’t one landowner it probably wouldn’t be here. This due to its size will be decided at Parliament. **PG** we need to vote for when this comes to planning. 3 Councillors opposed, 1 abstained.

1. **Financials**

All signed off, **TH** now is on the account but sadly has no log in details.

**AOB**

**FCC Planning Application**

**PG** looks like a road realignment. **PG** I need to look at it in depth. Need to respond by 2nd Nov.

Liza Thompson has resigned as a Parish Councillor, **PG** wanted to thank her for her service to the Parish Council and residents. **TH** to advertise officially.

**Limit on works**

Vote to change from £500 limit and 3 quotes. **PG** any thoughts on increase? £1k anything above that needs 3 quotes. **PG** proposed £1k seconded by **CB**.

**Correspondence**

Community Board on 26th October, can anyone attend? Sadly, all working.

Correspondence from resident about blocking and parking Bus stops, **PG** personally I don’t have a problem. **Cllr McP** is checking whether the PC need to vote. Parish Council voted - all agreed for having the road markings.

**Next meeting 1st Nov 2023**

**Meeting ended 21.30**

**Next meeting 01/11/2023 @19.30**