**CALVERT GREEN PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Meeting held on 25th July 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 Kirsten Gittins (Deputy Chair)**(KG)**

Cllr David Russell **(DR)**

Cllr Adele Decent **(AD)**

Cllr Colin Sharples **(CS)**

Clerk Tracy Horsfield **(TH)**

3 Members of the public

**Apologies**

Cllr Liza Thompson **(LT)**

Cllr Carl Blakeley **(CB)**

1. **Declarations of interest**

**PG** None declared

**Minutes of meeting held on 27th June 2023**

Agreed and signed

1. **Councillor Mahon update**

Discussed all Parishes being invited to organise an event for Silver Sunday. Update on road repairs, 4.5k repairs in mid-April, out of the Capitol works 56 schemes identified, have been completed. Gullies 27,270, 2 x rural grass cuts and street lights repaired. 6 crews in April and we now have 7-day coverage with 15 crews. Member of the public asked for figures relating to previous years, **Cllr FM** would try to get them. **PG** asked when the pothole pro would be in the Calvert area. **Cllr FM** explained **Cllr MCP** and himself were pushing hard, he asked if we could keep reporting on fix my street. He understood resident and Parish Council’s concerns. **PG** explained that with all the HS2 and EWR activity we should be prioritised. **Cllr FM** Bucks council are still fighting with HS2 and EWR for money towards repairs, to date we have been given £96k. **CS** asked why then are HS2 publicly saying in meetings they are giving Bucks CC money? **Cllr FM** yes, they are, I was in a public drop in and asked, they are quoting the £5m road safety fund, but this is not for repairs. **PG** we have the worst roads in Bucks. **Cllr FM** we will keep pushing and we do hear what you are saying. **PG** we have a lamp post here that has not been fixed for over a year, surely if they cannot do the roads, they should prioritise other items that need fixing. **AD** fix my street was bought up at a local meeting I went to a few weeks ago, no timeline given, things are not resolved. **Cllr FM** I asked if the repairs could be split into what repairs have been done in different parishes, I was told they would look into it. **PG** asked if it could just be split into Community board areas? **Cllr FM** All I can do is deliver the figures I am given; I will take away your questions and comments and report back to the Cabinet Minister. We could be in a situation where in areas where more work has been done the figures are available. I am quite happy to ask for breakdown figures. Member of the public, most residents will only be happy when they see the figures. **Cllr FM** I will get the figures and come back, if I don’t get them, I will come back and tell you why. I want to represent the residents properly, I am more frustrated at present, but I will endeavour to get the answers you need. **Cllr FM** hoping to get a meeting next week on devolved services. Member of the public why can’t the clerk know when they are coming? At least then clerk can arrange in between cuts. **AD** I have been given a name of someone Clerk can email. **PG** a couple of residents have raised health concerns around air quality. We can’t just point the finger at HS2, how can we get some support from environmental health, **Cllr FM** I can ask. Would the residents co-operate with the environmental health officer? Yes. **PG** we did have a check around 15 years ago so there is a comparison. **Cllr FM** we have exhausted at CALM noise and dust mitigations, I feel I now should ask environmental health. **DR** to get resident details and pass to the Clerk. **PG** there must be some sort of monitoring. **Cllr FM** left the meeting.

1. **Public participation**

**PG** the previous point raised with **Cllr FM** on air quality has been raised. Anything else to raise? No, **PG** feels we should invite someone from the department at fix my street to a PC meeting. **AD** we need to email if we are not getting a timescale. **PG** we still need to find who owns the part of land by the shop. The footpath at the front of the estate, that is overgrown. **TH** thinks highways are responsible. **AD** maybe we should email all complaints. **PG** where I live there is a gully that feeds into Cotswold way, for some reason Transport for Bucks say it is not theirs. I have to repeatedly send an email with the original email stating they have adopted it, then they come and clear it out.

1. **Neighbourhood plan**

**CS** I have sent documents off to consultant, nothing received yet.

1. **Dunsty Hill**

**KG** no update,

1. **Tracker**

**Street light. CB** > No update

**Bollards CB** > No update

**Allotments DR** > received email to say the land originally identified can now **not** be used due to cost. **DR** to go back to see if there is any other land.

**Funding AD** > attended meeting. Spoken to Alice around funding for the memorial garden, this comes under maintenance and Community Boards would not fund that. **AD** to contact Alice to arrange a walk around Calvert. **TH** any other funding opportunities, **AD** no not at present.

**Litter bins TH** > I have emailed **Cllr FM**, as I still have not had a response, I tried to order one but you can only order for resident refuse.

**Memorial Garden AD** > Plaque ordered.

**The Green/cutting TH** contacted **Cllr FM** as nowhere to contact on the Bucks Website.

**Gate AD** to ask Edward to go ahead with the works and send invoice to **TH**. **PG** raised that we should officially ask BALK if the £500 threshold could be changed.

**Oak park TH** has emailed. **PG** to chase original contractor

**Speed awareness** to be added to tracker.

1. **HS2/EWR**

**PG** Did anyone attend the EWR meeting? No, I was unable to attend. I did email some items, there is another meeting next week that I will attend. I was going down Brackley lane towards the crossroads and had to do an emergency stop due to an HGV. I reported this to HS2 who have said they will monitor Brackley lane. **PG** Road closures due later in the year.

1. **Financials**

Agreed and cheques signed

**AOB**

**Bench TH** has reported on fix my street, no response.

**Overgrown hedges and trees, TH** put a post on Facebook.

**Bank account, TH** and **PG** to attend local branch on Wednesday 14th August**.**

**Meeting with CGCA, TH** emailed,John has responded he used to empty the bin but has been unwell, **TH** will empty. Re the meeting, they are going through changes in the committee so can we meet after October. This was agreed. **PG** next agenda, a review of the lease.

**Planning applications** no objections

**Meeting ended 21.30**

**Next meeting 29/08/2023 @19.30**