**CALVERT GREEN PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Meeting held on 26th October 2022**

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

The meeting proper then began.

Attendance and apologies

**Attendees:**

Cllr David Russell **(DR)**

Cllr Carl Blakeley **(CB)**

Cllr Liza Thompson **(LT)**

Cllr Frank McMahon **(Cllr McM)**

Clerk Tracy Horsfield **(TH)**

1 Members of the public

**Apologies**

Cllr Adele Decent **(AD)**

Cllr Kirsten Gittins **(KG)**

Cllr Colin Sharples **(CS)**

1. **Declarations of interest**

None

1. **Minutes of meeting held on 29th September 2022**

Agreed and signed

1. **Public participation**

Member of the public due to move to Calvert Green, enquiring about HS2, schools and generally what it is like to live in Calvert Green. A discussion was had with the whole group around development in the area, schools and school transport.

1. **Cost of living crisis**

**PG,** last meeting I explained that there is a scheme put in place by Bucks CC by helping hands for anyone struggling with fuel, food etc. **Cllr McM**, public can be referred by PCs or the Church etc. **PG** the problem with the scheme is it is really for anyone living in towns who can easily access supermarkets. It was proposed that we look at the scheme and tweak it for our local shops. Our residents in Steeple Claydon, Calvert Green and Twyford may not be able to travel without using public transport. **Cllr McM** also a £25 voucher seemed too large an amount due to no change being given so we thought giving £5 vouchers that can be used at different times (vouchers exclude alcohol or cigarettes). **LB** how do you decide how much to give? **Cllr McM** that will be decided by helping hands who have the correct GDPR policies in place. **Cllr McM**, we have approached the 3 shops concerned and they have all agreed. We have a pot of £12k and have asked the Parish Councils to add a further £500. **Cllr McM** Helping hands has given us an idea of how many people they are helping at present in each village. **PG** this also means that if you have a voucher, you can use it at any of the 3 shops. **CB,** I understand the PC putting in £500 but playing devils advocate, Calvert would only have 6 residents and Steeple Claydon have over 20. **Cllr McM,** I think those numbers will change, myself, Phil and Roger should monitor with the shops and then a refund could be given to the PCs if Calvert or Twyford have only looked after 6 people in 6 months. At present this will be a one-off lump sum, but potentially we could ask the Community Board for more if after 6 months it was clear residents needed it. **DR,** I think it is a great idea, helping people in need. **PG** proposed the donation of £500, seconded by **CB**.

1. **Neighbourhood plan**

**LB,** we have been through the draft plan, found about dozen items that need changing, we all have actions. **LB** it would be nice to share the draft with PCs that have already done a neighbourhood plan to see if we are on the right track. **PG** we need a date in the next month, it will be next year that we submit anyway, **LB** yes, so maybe a meeting in January. **PG** we just need to make sure that any development, we know it will come, is in keeping with the village.

**PG** asked **Cllr McM** about the potential Prison application appeal, **Cllr McM** said nothing to be done at present, but he will let us know as soon as anything changes. **Cllr McM left the meeting.**

1. **Tracker**

**Street light. TH** Cotswold street light will be fixed next year.

**Dog waste bin TH** Now paid for, waiting on works.

**Bollards CB** email received to say works will be done next month.

**Play parks AD** No update. **LB** there is some quite large areas of the old play park flooring with the skate board equipment. **TH** to email the parks team.

**Website PG** to check if there is anything else on the website that needs changing and will raise a ticket.

**Allotments DR** I have emailed yesterday, the reply was waiting for site to comment.

**Funding TH** will apply to Fair Hive grant for a 10k, for the space behind the Basketball court.

**Tree/plaque TH** invoice received from Preston Bissett for the Oak tree, cheque to be signed and **TH** to take down.

**Litter bins PG** No response.

**Memorial Garden PG,** Thelma called to ask if she could place an ornamental poppy for Remembrance Day. **PG** agreed

**The Green/cutting PG** no update.

**Gate** No update, **TH** chased and was told it will be in a bulk works order, but no date given. **PG** we need handy man. **CB** maybe **AD** could ask the gentleman who installed the memorial bench. **TH** to email **AD**.

1. **HS2/EWR**

**PG** There was a virtual meeting that **CS** said he would attend but due to work commitments he could not. Lots of road closures coming up. **CB,** we walked it last week and there was no reason for the road to be closed. It could be done by using traffic lights at least so only one part of the road is closed. **PG** I will rise this at the next meeting. **PG** the houses have been demolished. **PG** I went to take pictures of it being demolished, there was a lot of security about.

1. **Ceiling**

**TH** has arranged for company to come and quote for the ceiling in the hall, **CGCA** will pay towards the cost. **PG** will meet them on Friday, will also ask if they can quote for the lighting strip and the electrical sockets.

1. **Hall checks**

**DR** has been doing the hall checks but we need someone to pick it up. **PG** I am happy to do it but can’t do every week. **LB** I was your back up, I could do it. **PG** RA for the village hall is relatively easy. The Fire RA is a bit harder; we need to investigate that. **TH** has emailed BALC to ask who is responsible and DPO training. **CB** to email a link for company to come in to do a fire risk assessment. **TH** to contact them.

1. **Financials**

Agreed and cheques signed

**AOB**

**None**

**Meeting ended 21.30**

**Next meeting 26/10/2022 @19.30**