**CALVERT GREEN PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Meeting held on 23rd January 2024**

**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 David Russell **(DR)**

Cllr Colin Sharples **(CS)**

Cllr Gary Atkins **(GA)**

Clerk Tracy Horsfield **(TH)**

Members of the public

**Apologies**

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

1. **Declarations of interest**

**PG** None declared

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

Agreed and signed

1. **Public participation**

**PG** nothing to ask.

Ryan from the CGCA introduced himself, and explained they have been working on moving forward, they will have a schedule of events going forward. Planning on the 22nd June (TBC) to have ‘Calvert Fest’, focus on residents of Calvert Green. Live music on the green, drinks and food vendors, bar open. Will be looking for volunteers. John Hopkins has stepped down from the committee, Deidre Weatherall will now be managing bookings. We will be looking at our policies going forward, **TH** had emailed out to PC guidelines. **PG** yes, needs to be defined Processor and Controller. Ryan, we have agreed that we will look at our insurance policies. **CB** CCTV, the document is a home office document **TH** can we share with Ryan. **TH** emailed. **PG** we need a nominated councillor for CGCA, **GA** volunteered.

1. **Devolution**

**TH** we have registered our interest and await a response.

1. **Neighbourhood plan**

**CS** Submitted the plan to planning and development control at Bucks CC, they can check to make sure we are meeting the basic conditions. National planning policy framework has changed, **CS** if we get submissions from the landowners, **PG** have they been made aware yet? **CS** not yet, I’m awaiting on Bucks CC then I will. **CS** reiterated to the group what a neighbourhood plan is. **CB** we can deliver a leaflet when engaging the community.

1. **Dunsty Hill**

**PG** no updates, but we are aware that the developers have purchased a house on Cotswold Way.

1. **Tracker**

**Street lights** **TH** lamp post now fixed

**Bollards PG** > **TH** to chase LAT visit. **CB** to check they haven’t been replaced first and let **TH** know.

**Allotments** **PG** > **DR** not had a response, **DR** to make contact again.

**Funding** **TH** emailed J Houston, who would like me to send a plan.

**Litter bins** **TH** to be added for when LAT attend

**Memorial Garden** **PG** the coping stones from the bridge, HS2 will deliver to me until we use them. Discussion with group around ideas for use, BBQ, fire pit, plinth etc. **CB** can we ask John (gardener) if he can take out the kick rails and replace with an iron railing. **TH** to email.

**Green** **TH** update on register of interest as yet.

**Oakpark**/

**Hall Ceiling DR/TH** all booked in.

**Speed Limit** **CB** Re assess in 6 months

1. **HS2/EWR**

**PG** > Myself and **CB** and **DR** attended a site visit today. The bridge will be 45 metres wide due to the footpath and the Bat bridge. Everything has been signed off except the noise mitigation.

**Cllr Mahon arrived**

**PG** Calvert bridge will be closed for 2 years, Addison road is open. **PG** I have raised generator noise recently, the batching plant is still running on generators. **PG** we saw the piling work for the Calvert bridge, we followed it down to the incinerator. **CB** they did say the drilling doesn’t cause a lot of vibration.

1. **Cllr Mahon update**

**PG** asked **Cllr Mahon**, if we could arrange for the LAT to come to Calvert green. **Cllr Mahon** will organise a meeting. Due to flooding it won’t be this week. **PG** are there any restrictions on an owner of a property to demolish it? **Cllr Mahon** they would need planning, if this happens, please write to me. **PG >Cllr Mahon** will we need to still pay to use the green if we take over re devolved services. **Cllr Mahon** I don’t think so but check with parks. **Cllr Mahon**, interest on the mitigation fund has been chased. **PG** If we were to put a shipping container in the car park, as a temporary structure it wouldn’t need planning but it would take up a car park space? **Cllr Mahon**, as you would be taking services and need somewhere to store gardening equipment, I don’t think it would be an issue. I got one, come from China fully floored, delivered £3k. **CB** path around the green and kiln close, they get flooded in the winter. **CB** I would like to look at properly surfacing these areas. Is this something the council would do? **PG** Bucks CC used to maintain it. **Cllr Mahon**, it would become low priority for the Council as our budget is stretched. Possibly HS2 could, do it? **PG** to ask Chris James. **Cllr Mahon**, Calvert green is the most impacted at present. **Cllr Mahon** suggested getting the gentleman in to show us the speed awareness kit.

1. **Solar Farm**

**PG > GA** Any updates?No update as yet. **Cllr Mahon**, the action group went to see a battery plant and it is very noisy. **Cllr Mahon**, I would ask if you could be patient with the highways and the LAT, they are very busy with flooding and trees down. At the end of July, we had 17 gangs out on the highway, we now have 21. 26,000 jobs have now been done, 27,272 gullies. **PG** still not in our area. **Cllr Mahon**, I will raise it. **Cllr Mahon left the meeting.**

1. **Financials**

All signed off

**AOB**

**TH** to ask electrician if he can fit a new outside socket when he comes to do testing.

**TH** Intervillage events, councillor needed, any volunteers? **GA** volunteered, **TH** to send email address

**Toilet flush**, needs looking at.

**Flooding, PG** got in touch with FCC, they wrote back to say that HS2 has blocked the brook, I have escalated it to Bucks CC who have now involved Environmental health.

**Next meeting 27th Feb 2024**

**Meeting ended 21.50**