

Chicheley Parish Meeting & AGM

May 23rd 2022

Present	Apologies for absence
R. Ruck-Keene (Chair) J. Parker (Clerk) 10 electors of the parish PCSO A. Ormston Cllrs. P. Geary and K. McLean	C.Tarrant I. Townsend P. Townsend

1. Minutes of previous meeting
 - Confirmed as a true record of the meeting (proposed by A. Robertson, seconded by D. Blamires)
2. Matters arising
 - Chair to contact Nick Hannon re: changes to delivery of landscaping.
 - Noted that the Meeting has £200 Ward Councillors' grant to allocate for the benefit of the village; suggestions welcome
3. Thames Valley Police report - PCSO Ormston
 - Crime stats June 2021 – May 2022 would be circulated with the minutes
 - There may seem to be a high number of incidents but PCSO Ormston gave assurances that the safety and behaviour of residents in our community is not in question; many committed by people 'passing through'
 - Road-related incidents make up a high proportion of the total. Speeding is a concern. Volume of traffic is going up but speeds are not reducing even with the speed limit. Speed trap van is still coming. MKC are not supporting SIDS. Radar guns scheme needs 3 people. Community forum 22/6 in Weston Underwood will cover speeding. Head of Highways due to attend. We need evidence of volume/speeds, which we can't get without road strips or SIDS
 - Cllr. Geary reported that Weston Underwood have permanent SIDS at a cost of £5500. Ward Councillors can contribute to costs of radar guns RRK to follow up, exploring options e.g. for funding
 - Olney bypass discussed; considered highly unlikely. Cllr. McLean to raise with MKC
 - Speeding and traffic volume is a concern in the village. Chair to ask Highways for a safety audit
 - PCSO Ormston was thanked for attending and her continued presence in the village
4. Ward Councillors' update
 - Councillors were asked whether the new city status would affect development and expansions? City status is more a status symbol, and shouldn't have that kind of impact

- New landscaping and waste contracts due April 2023. Parish could manage it for the village, instead of MKC; as we are small it would be straightforward but the advice was to leave it how it is if things are going well as they are
- MK Connect demand-led transport: useful, well-priced but oversubscribed. Ongoing issues
- MK East development is progressing. Planning permission has been granted. A 6-month closure of A509 is planned as part of the development. This will be disruptive. Councillors were asked whether HIF funds been altered, and what will happen if the spending deadlines are not met? Funding is still likely to be honoured. Amount will remain the same; 12 months has already been added on to the timescale
- Potholes and subsidence in Bedlam Lane. A search was carried out because of the drains in the past. Residents advised to report the condition of the road, including video and photos, on the MKC reporting system and let councillors know. R. Duncombe offered to do it on behalf of the village. Any work would need careful planning as there is no alternative route
- The appointment system for booking tip slots is staying
- Cllr. Geary agreed to provide support to resolve fallen road signs on Crawley Road and the sunken manhole opposite entrance to the pub car park

5. Annual accounts

- The accounts for the financial year ending March 31st 2022 were approved (proposed by R. Duncombe, proposed by C. Girard)

6. Audit

The annual audit process was introduced and explained.

- a) The internal audit was noted and D. Blamires thanked for his work. There were no issues raised requiring action
- b) The Annual Governance Statement was noted and approved
- c) The Annual Accounting Statements were noted and approved
- d) The certificate of exemption (which, as we meet the necessary criteria, excuses us from submitting our paperwork to the external auditors) was noted

7. Future expenditure

- The bank balance at the start of the financial year stands at £1193.15
- MKC precept income this year is £500
- Annual expenditure: playground rent (£1), annual insurance (£306.31), membership of Bucks and MK Association of local councils (£15), donations.
- Donations to SCAN (£75) and the village hall (£125) were agreed

8. Election of officers

- Chair and Clerk unanimously re-elected

- Clerk to coordinate a response to a forthcoming planning application to convert farmyard buildings into office units. The Chair would not comment due to the connection

9. AOB

- Clerk to check which documents needed to be added to the Chicheley village website
- Problems with street lighting had been chased repeatedly and not yet resolved; Clerk to revisit
- Thanks to Cllr. McLean for support with grant for village hall lighting from Petsoe End windfarm fund

Date of next meeting: 17th October 2022