

CHALFONT ST. GILES PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Open Spaces and Amenities Committee was held on Wednesday 18 January 2017 at the Gardens Association Hall, School Lane, at 8.00 pm.

Present: Cllr D Bray (Chairman), Cllr J Chamberlain, Cllr R Gill, Cllr R Massey Cllr M Phillips and the Clerk.

Public Forum: None.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr G Patrick
- 2. Minutes of the meeting held on 21 December 2016 report 55/16:** Were agreed and signed in meeting.
- 3. Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 4. Clerks report:**
- 5. Correspondence:**
 - 5.1. A request for use of the recreation grounds at Bowstridge lane:** Further information requested.
 - 5.2. An explanation of the Gerrards Cross Community transport scheme:** Further information to be sought.
- 6. Correspondence received after the agenda was circulated:**
 - 6.1. Request for an update on disability friendly roundabout:** More information may be available next month.
 - 6.2. Notification from Buckinghamshire County Council re Road closure on Silver Hill:** The notification is for closure for 5 days from 13 February however the notification on the road is for closure for two days from 28 January. Clerk to check dates and circulate.
 - 6.3. Letter from Chalfont Wasps football club regarding recycling and waste bin location:** Cllr Bray to check location and report back findings.
 - 6.4. Request from Chalfont St Giles Bowling Club to erect a notice board at the entrance of the recreation ground to notify users of events at the club:** Request agreed.
 - 6.5. Letter from a resident asking for various road and highways issues to be looked at:** Clerk to respond to the concerns where possible.
- 7. Current Matters:**
 - 7.1. To discuss the developments in the heritage trail project:** Cllr Gill is ready for the demonstration of the QR codes on 1 February. Invitations have been sent out to the group along with links to QR code readers.
 - 7.2. To update on the request for a bus shelter seat on the London Road:** Clerk still awaiting accident traffic statistics from TFB.
 - 7.3. To discuss the future of the Market on the village green:** Information had been received that the market was adversely affecting the local businesses because nearby car parking spaces were being utilised by the market stall holders. Clerk to investigate the possibility of having the market in Blizzards Yard and to speak with the clerk from Little Chalfont regarding their use of their car park and the market itself. Cllr Gill and Cllr Bray

agreed to visit the traders in the village to assess the effect of the market on their businesses and speak to them about 1 hour free parking at Blizzards Yard car park. Market to cease for three months to allow for evaluation of the effects as per original agreement.

- 7.4. To discuss pond maintenance:** The groundsmen do not actively maintain the pond but do remove occasional foreign objects. The clerk to speak with experts and bring findings back to the next meeting.
- 7.5. To discuss lighting around the village pond:** Estimates had been sought for lighting up the willow tree by the village pond. Clerk to speak to the conservation area group and the tree officer at CDC regarding the impact.
- 7.6. To discuss the best kept village competition:** As part of the competition the Baile Trophy is awarded to a children's group who has been involved in improving or maintaining the village. Clerk to approach scouts and guides about becoming involved.
- 8. Payment of Accounts:** Cheques were signed in the meeting.
- 9. Items for future agendas:**
 - 9.1. Investigate wild flower areas**
 - 9.2. To find out more about a village information pack for new residents**
 - 9.3. Update on the village market**
- 10. Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 15 February 2017

Meeting Closed at 9.47pm.