

## CHALFONT ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 5 April 2017 at Gardens Association Hall, Chalfont St Giles at 8.00 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr G Patrick (Chairman), Cllr D Bray, Cllr R Gill, Cllr J Lomas, Cllr P Lea-Wilson, Cllr R Massey, Cllr M Phillips, Cllr J Ryman, Cllr C Santry, Cllr C Sweales and the Clerk H Griffiths.

### Public Forum:

Michael McDonald from the Village Old Peoples Action Group (VOPAG) asked for support for a community bus scheme along the lines of the scheme currently run in Princes Risborough. The route proposed would take approx. 1 hour with 12 stops – approx. 35mins road time. The bus would stop when hailed therefore bus stops would not be required. The drivers would all be volunteers.

Tony Hoare, Chairman of Trustees and Alan Penson, Treasurer to the Memorial Hall asked the council for a grant/loan towards a replacement boiler. Estimates had been received and some funding had been achieved but there was a need to have the work done before the winter and therefore the work was being proposed for the school summer holidays.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr J Chamberlain and Cllr S Long.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Minutes of the meetings held on 1 March 2016 report 10/17:** Were discussed and signed and agreed.
4. **Clerks notes:** Noted.
5. **Correspondence:**
  - 5.1. **Request for the use of the village green for the 1<sup>st</sup> Chalfont St Giles Cub Scouts cake sale:** Agreed.
  - 5.2. **Explanation and subscriptions for Bucks and Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils:** Agreed.
  - 5.3. **Update on the Conservation Area review work (circulated by email):** Noted.
  - 5.4. **Request for permission for the annual firework display:** Agreed.
  - 5.5. **Closure of footpath CSG16 for work to overhead electricity cables:** Noted.
6. **Correspondence received after the agenda was circulated:**
  - 6.1. **Statement of persons nominated in the County Council elections:** Noted.
7. **Reports from committees**
  - 7.1. **Planning Committee meeting 1 March 2017 09/17:** Proposed by Cllr Bray and seconded by Cllr Gill, all agreed.
  - 7.2. **Open Spaces and Amenities Committee meeting 15 March 2017 11/17:** Proposed by Cllr Patrick and seconded by Cllr Phillips, all agreed.

- 7.3. Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting 20 March 2017 12/17:**  
Proposed by Cllr Patrick and seconded by Cllr Ryman, all agreed.
- 7.4. Planning Committee meeting 22 March 2017 13/17:** Proposed by Cllr Bray and seconded by Cllr Massey, all agreed.
- 8. Current Matters:**
- 8.1. To update the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan: (This item was heard immediately after the public forum).** John Bradley from the Neighbourhood Plan working party updated the council on the work done to date on the Neighbourhood Plan. The next stage is for a Public Consultation which will run from 1 May to 12 June 2017 with public meetings to be held at Jordans Village Hall on 11 May and Chalfont St Giles library on 15 May 2017. Cllr Patrick resolved: 'To accept the current version 12D of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan with some small pictorial amendments'. This was agreed by all. The council gave their thanks to John Bradley and the working party for their work on the neighbourhood plan.
- 8.2. Allocation of councillors to committees:** Cllr Sweales agreed to join the finance committee.
- 8.3. To discuss becoming a member of the Neighbourhood Action Group:** Cllr Sweales agreed to join NAG but could not commit to Thursday evenings.
- 8.4. To discuss the Annual Parish Meeting:** The meeting would be held at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 15 May. Cllr Tim Butcher had agreed to attend to give his view on the County Council and Sue Shave from the Chiltern Open Air Museum would also give a talk. Affinity water will also attend to update residents on the installation of water meters.
- 8.5. To update the 'one hour free' parking at Blizzards Yard:** Letters had been sent to the Co-op and to Costa Coffee and as no response had been received it had been escalated to head office.
- 8.6. To update on the Local Area Forum:** Cllr Chamberlain had circulated a document explaining the format of LAF and the timescales involved. The Council agreed that it could not support a LAF bid to create parking in Narcot Road and agreed instead to support a bid from the Memorial Hall for a new boiler as this better fulfilled the criteria for LAF funding.
- 8.7. To update on the meeting of the Joint Drainage Action Group:** Cllrs Gill and Bray attended this meeting which highlighted the issues of the high water table and leaking drains.
- 8.8. To update on the Conservation Area Committee meeting re traffic calming:** Cllr Long attended this meeting produced a report for the Council. At the public meeting a vote was taken to support Option 1 on the Deanway namely to paint parking bays onto the road surface and in some places half on the pavement (although always with enough room for pushchairs to pass). The funding for this work was not discussed. Other votes were also taken to reduce the speed to 20mph, to improve the repair of the pavements and to improve the narrow pavements near to School Lane. The majority of attendees voted to request Bucks County Council to look into these issues.

- 8.9. To update on the new policing structure and Chiltern Community Forum:** Cllr Gill attended this meeting. The senior policing structure is changing and they are closing police stations so that more officers are seen on the streets. Currently the work done is split 20% crime and 80% social support. Cllr Lomas and Cllr Patrick expressed an interest in joining the Chiltern Community Forum.
- 8.10. To update on the show bridge on Stone Meadow:** The Parish Council had taken on the insurance at nil cost – this would be revisited when the insurance policy was renewed. Documentation had now been forwarded to the environment agency and a decision awaited.
- 8.11. To agree the internal auditor for 2016/17.** It was agreed to reappoint Auditing Solutions as the internal auditor.
- 8.12. To discuss the replacement lighting within the parish:** After the structural survey of the Parish lamp columns a number of columns need to be replaced. The style of the columns needs to be agreed. Working party to be set up, Cllr Patrick, Cllr Ryman and Cllr Sweales to be part of the group. Invitations to be extended to Jordans Village Ltd, The Conservation Area Committee and Revitalisation.
- 8.13. To discuss staffing issues:** Confidential item.
- 8.14. To discuss housing needs within the parish:** Cllr Bray explained that we needed to provide an evidence base to assess whether extra housing is required in the village. It was agreed to postpone this to the July Council meeting after the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation.
- 8.15. To discuss funding for the Memorial Hall boiler:** See Public Forum. It was suggested that because of the community function of the Memorial Hall other funding sources should be explored such as Crowd Funding or Just Giving Schemes. The Parish Council would seek further information about what kind of support we can offer.
- 9. Accounts for February 2017:** Were agreed and signed in meeting.
- 10. Items for future agenda:** None
- 11. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 3 May 2017**

