

## CHALFONT ST. GILES PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Open Spaces and Amenities Committee was held on Wednesday 21 June 2017 at the Gardens Association Hall, School Lane at 8pm.

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

**Public Forum:** None.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr C Santry
- 2. Minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2017 report 20/17:** Were agreed and signed in meeting.
- 3. Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 4. Clerks report:** Noted.
- 5. Correspondence:** None.
- 6. Correspondence received after the agenda was circulated:**
  - 6.1. Request for interment of ashes for two residents with historical connections to the village.** It was agreed that the residents do qualify for burial in the cemetery however they will need to pay triple fees as they were not resident at the time of death.
- 7. Current Matters:**
  - 7.1. To update on devolved services:** Dangerous vegetation letters had been sent to residents in Palliser Road and Narcot Lane. Some of the Narcot Lane residents had not complied with the initial request therefore follow up letters will be sent. Grass cutting should begin next week. With a need for hedge cutting in September we need to look at hiring equipment. Clerk to investigate.
  - 7.2. To discuss the developments in the heritage trail project:** The QR codes have been created and are in production. Further content needs to be created. Cllr Gill to liaise with the history group.
  - 7.3. To update on the Market on the village green:** Cllr Gill had received feedback from the councillors and the clerk. He will feed this into the discussions between BAT4CSG and Duck Pond Markets.
  - 7.4. To discuss pond maintenance/signage:** The report from Bucks County Council had not yet been received. Temporary signs had been created and were in position around the pond. Permanent signs were to be sourced.
  - 7.5. To discuss tree lighting by the village pond:** Two quotes had been received for the lighting and a third awaited. The need for a bat survey will be investigated.
  - 7.6. To discuss the summer window competition:** Cllr Chamberlain will be taking a briefing note to the shops. The theme for the competition will be Schools Out – Summer Holidays.

- 7.7. To discuss wildflower areas:** Progress had been halted by the discovery of giant hogweed on the identified site. This will be removed by Tfb. As it is now too late to proceed this year we will make sure that we are ready to reinstate this project in March 2018.
- 7.8. To agree to requests by the Village Show Committee:** Requests to sell programmes on the village green and for free parking at Blizzards Yard were approved.
- 7.9. To discuss a pet cemetery:** To be carried forward to the next meeting.
- 7.10. To discuss issues regarding Miltons Head:** The press release from the Parish Council had been added to the web site and to the village newsletter. Councillors were asked to use this as their official response to questions about the Milton's Head.
- 7.11. To discuss the protection of Upper and Lower Stone Meadow:** *This item was heard at the beginning of the meeting at the discretion of the Chair.* John Bradley of the Neighbourhood Plan working party asked the committee to consider designating Upper Stone Meadow, Lower Stone Meadow, Stone Meadow, Upper Silsden Meadow and Lower Silsden Meadow as Local Green Spaces in the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Phillips agreed to collate the information to be presented to the planning consultant to see whether the evidence we have is strong enough for inclusion. The significant historical importance of these meadows was discussed. The Chairman thanked John Bradley for his continued work on the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 7.12.**
- 8. Payment of Accounts:** Cheques were agreed and signed in meeting.
- 9. Items for future agendas:**
- 9.1. To elect a parish council representative to the allotments association. (Council)**
- 9.2. To identify traffic issues for LAF funding. (Council)**
- 9.3. To look at school parking passes for Blizzards Yard car park.**
- 9.4. To update on the bridge over the river Misbourne.**
- 10. Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 19 July 2017

**Meeting closed 9.58pm**