

CHALFONT ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Public Forum

Mr Carey and representatives of Carey New Homes attended to present to the council a proposed development at 20 Narcot Lane. There would be approximately 30 houses on the site formerly used by Narcot Nurseries. Up to 40% of the houses would be affordable and starter homes. The site is currently on greenbelt and would need to be designated as a rural exception site for the proposed work to take place.

Sgt Paul Cossey attended the meeting to introduce himself and understand the issues for Chalfont St Giles Parish. He promised when operationally possible he will attend future council meetings to update the councillors on neighbourhood policing and how the policing resources were being used.

1. **Apologies for absence:** None.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Minutes of the meetings held on 7 June 2017 report 23/17:** Were agreed and signed in meeting.
4. **Clerks notes:** Noted.
5. **Correspondence:**
 - 5.1. **Email regarding HS2 Funding Information Sessions (circulated by email):** Cllr Phillips attended the first meeting. The request for funding for a traffic island across the A413 does fall within the criteria for funding. There is an HS2 office at CDC who can help with providing evidence for applications.
 - 5.2. **Email re Freight Strategy Survey (circulated by email):** Noted.
6. **Correspondence received after the agenda was circulated:**
 - 6.1. **Notification of library closure from 4 July to 18 July for refurbishments:** Noted.
 - 6.2. **Pre-publication offer on Restoring the Records – Rights of Way:** Agreement to purchase this book.
 - 6.3. **Letter from the WI offering records to the Parish Council:** It was agreed to find out how much information is available before agreeing to take this.
 - 6.4. **Email from CSG Conservation Area Committee asking for a meeting with the Parish Council re an update on Traffic Calming:** Invitation to the September Parish Council meeting to be sent.
 - 6.5. **Notification of closure of the Recycling Centre at Bowstridge Recreation Ground at Crossleys:** Feedback to be sent requesting additional collections or additional paper/card recycling bins at Blizzards Yard as these are already unable to cope with the current levels of usage.

6.6. A letter from a resident concerned about the demolition of Miltons Head:

Noted. Awaiting a report from the fire brigade re the original fire.

7. Reports from committees

7.1. Planning Committee meeting 14 June 2017 24/17: Proposed by Cllr Bray and seconded by Cllr Chamberlain, all agreed.

7.2. Open Spaces and Amenities Committee meeting 21 June 2017 25/17: Proposed by Cllr Patrick and seconded by Cllr Bray, all agreed.

7.3. Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting 26 June 2017 26/17: Proposed by Cllr Gill and seconded by Cllr Ryman, all agreed. During the F&GP meeting details of a grant request for the Memorial Hall Boiler Fund were agreed in principle. Cllr Gill proposed to the council that a £10k grant should be awarded to the Memorial Hall, this was seconded by Cllr Chamberlain and agreed unanimously. The grant is awarded under S133 of the Local Government Act.

8. Current Matters:

8.1. To agree the Internal Auditors for 2017/18: It was proposed to use Auditing Solutions Limited again for the 2017/2018 audit. All agreed.

8.2. To update the Neighbourhood Plan: There had been a poor response to the neighbourhood plan. It was thought that future surveys should have dynamic content. Areas for Local Green Spaces had now been mapped and sent to the planning consultant to be included in the Neighbourhood plan evidence base.

8.3. To discuss the summer window competition to support local businesses: Cllr Chamberlain had visited the businesses in the village and the majority had been very supportive. A budget of £100 was agreed for the competition. The Clerk would also approach David Gardiner from CDC regarding funding.

8.4. To discuss LAF funding for traffic projects: Cllr Chamberlain asked for nominations for traffic projects to be put forward for LAF funding. Feasibility study for a crossing by the Forge at Up Corner; Back Lane junction with Bottrells Lane change to stop sign instead of give way; Back Lane near to the junction with Deanway, signs to show dangerous bend, single lane traffic.

8.5. To discuss the funding for '1 hour free' at Blizzards Yard: The Co-op have agreed in principle to donate £4k towards the 1 hour free car park. Other Business Chains in the village had been approached but had declined to make a donation. The HS2 Business and Local economy fund could be used to help to fund the car park during the HS2 works. It was agreed to publicise the support given by the Co-op, Cllr Long to help with the publicity materials.

9. Accounts for May 2017: Cheques were agreed and signed in the meeting.

10. Items for future agenda.

10.1. Village Flag Pole

10.2. How to liaise with developers

10.3. How to protect our historical buildings

11. Date of next meeting – In line with other councils it was agreed to cancel the Council meeting in August so the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6 September 2017

Meeting closed at 9.53pm

