

CHALFONT ST. GILES PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Open Spaces and Amenities Committee was held on Wednesday 19 July 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, and the Clerk.

Public Forum

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr M Phillips and Cllr C Santry
- 2. Minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2017 report 25/17:** Were agreed and signed.
- 3. Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 4. Clerks report:** Noted.
- 5. Correspondence:** None.
- 6. Correspondence received after the agenda was circulated:**
 - 6.1.** Request from the Tennis club to have the water supply pipe changes to a blue polypipe as recommended by Affinity Water. Clerk to investigate costs for the work and installation of water meters.
 - 6.2.** Request from the Bowling Club to have their water supply pipe increased as the current supply fails when the sprinkler tanks are refilling. Clerk to investigate costs for the work and installation of water meters.
- 7. Current Matters:**
 - 7.1. To update on devolved services:** Grass will be cut on Bottrells Lane at end of July or first week in August. Dangerous vegetation letters had been sent.
 - 7.2. To discuss the developments in the heritage trail project:** A feature to create a trail within the app had been created. CSG Revitalisation group had asked for the WW2 history to be included in the project.
 - 7.3. To update on the Market on the village green:** The Duck Pond Market signs did not comply with the rules applied to signs on the village green. Clerk to ask for the duck pond market website to be changed to the bat4csg email address.
 - 7.4. To discuss pond maintenance/signage:** Still awaiting information from Bucks County Council ecology officer.
 - 7.5. To discuss tree lighting by the village pond:** Further information requested from Bucks County Council ecology officer. Also advice sought from street works.
 - 7.6. To discuss the summer window competition:** Competition to begin on Saturday 22 July and run until 11 August. Entry forms had been added to school book bags and were available in the library. Details had been added to the village newsletter and to the website.
 - 7.7. To discuss the development of a pet cemetery:** Information from the government web site was circulated. It was agreed that this was a good idea but we should survey the parishioners to see if this would be well received. Cllr Chamberlain and Cllr Massey to create a survey.

- 7.8. To discuss issues regarding Miltons Head:** The purchase of the fire report would be referred to F&GP. To support the retention of the site for pub use only a petition would be investigated. Cllr Gill suggested that the historical protection and architecture of the village should be part of the 5 year plan.
- 7.9. To discuss the protection of Upper and Lower Stone Meadow:** Cllr Phillips had produced a number of documents which had been added to the Neighbourhood plan document which will be available to councillors at the meeting on 2 August.
- 7.10. To update on the show bridge:** Progress was being made. The environment agency had granted an environmental permit with conditions. The footings of the bridge must be made more secure without damaging the river bank. Cllr Gill agreed to speak to the Village Show Committee to see whether they could manoeuvre the bridge to the permanent crossing point, bring the bridge up to the necessary condition and add a plaque to state where the bridge came from. The Parish Council could then take over maintaining and insuring the bridge. Bridge inspections are taking place at the same time as the playground inspections for insurance purposes.
- 8. Payment of Accounts:** Cheques were agreed and signed in meeting.
- 9. Items for future agendas:** None.
- 10. Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 20 September 2017

Meeting closed 9.27pm