

CHALFONT ST. GILES PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee was held on Monday 22 January 2018 in the Gardens Association Hall, School Lane at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr R Gill (Chairman), Cllr G Patrick, Cllr M Phillips, Cllr S Long, and the Clerk.

Public Forum: None.

- 1. Apologies for absence.** Cllr P Lea-Wilson, Cllr J Ryman and Cllr C Sweales.
- 2. Minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2017 report 46/17:** Were agreed and signed in meeting.
- 3. Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 4. Correspondence:**
 - 4.1. Request for help regarding the 'illegal and dangerous parking' on Deanway:** The PCSO's had been contacted and they had been on patrol to help the situation. They have also asked the school to adopt some of the Bucks County Council School Traffic Plans. Also a request for a parking officer to attend can be made.
 - 4.2. Traffic Regulation Order Bowstridge Lane:** This will cause significant disruption to the residents and any funerals taking place during the planned works. Notice to be added to the village newsletter and added to the notice boards.
- 5. Correspondence received after the circulation of the agenda:**
 - 5.1. Email from Buckinghamshire County Council regarding how to report potholes:**
Circulated to the village newsletter.
- 6. Clerks Report:** None.
- 7. Current Matters:**
 - 7.1. To discuss the renewal of the Bowling Club lease:** The recreation ground shall be recorded at the land registry independently. Once this has been done the lease will be updated accordingly.
 - 7.2. To update on the Football Club Lease conditions:** The football club had provided a document outlining a procedure for the Clubhouse and Changing Room Buildings maintenance. Due to unforeseen circumstances the club have not yet actioned the document. Clerk to write to the club to ask for an update for the next F&GP meeting.
 - 7.3. To discuss the Narcot Lane Cycle Path:** The history of the cycle path was discussed from the initial phase which was from Chalfont St Peter to Narcot Way. A public consultation was held and the Parish Council paid £50k towards the project. An extension to the cycle path was made around 2012 which extended the path to Narcot Road. At the time of this extension, consideration was given to extending the path further to Three Households. The Parish Council consulted the residents of that stretch of Narcot Lane as well as the County Councillor and local area technicians. The reasons for not supporting the cycle path extension to Three Households were that the footpath is narrow after Narcot Road and cars do park on the verge. If the path was extended the cars would either park on the cycle path

or be forced to park in the road – both outcomes would be unsatisfactory and create a potential hazard. At the end of this historical discussion the councillors agreed that circumstances surrounding the Narcot Lane Cycle Path Extension had not changed in the intervening years and therefore the decision not to extend the cycle path was still valid.

7.4. To discuss and agree the grant aid requests received this quarter:

- **Jordans Village Community Store – Chiller cabinet replacement.** This is a replacement grant for the grant approved in September 2017 ref 34/17 7.4 iii. It was agreed to match fund £1000 of this project cost
- **Chalfont St Giles and Jordans Literary Festival 2018 -Event sponsorship.** A grant of £300 was approved.

7.5. To examine the 2017/18 budget for the third quarter: The quarterly budget report was analysed, discussed and agreed.

7.6. To discuss the street lighting issues: Following a number of issues with the current contractors for street lighting, Cllr Long agreed to contact County Councillor Tim Butcher to ask for his help in progressing matters. The replacement of street lighting columns was also discussed along with the replacement of lanterns with LED lanterns. The work to carry out these changes would be substantial and the clerk will seek assistance from the Association of Local Councils and create a news article.

7.7. To update on the requests for crossings in the Parish: Cllr M Shaw from Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC) had responded to the Parish Council request for a crossing at Bottom House Farm Lane on the A413 stating that the issue would be addressed early in 2018 when further details were known about the governance arrangements for the Department for Transport Road Safety Fund. Still awaiting a response from BCC Schemes delivery team regarding a crossing in the village centre and a crossing on the A413 at Turners Wood Drive.

7.8. To agree the free parking days at Blizzards Yard car park: Three dates were agreed; 14 Feb for Chalfont St Giles Health and Wellbeing Day, 1 September for the Village Show and 1 December for Small Business Saturday. Other dates to be forwarded when arranged.

7.9. To discuss staff mobile phone usage: Grounds staff currently use a works mobile phone but that does not have the ability to take and send pictures. The clerk uses a personal mobile phone. It was agreed that mobile phone costs would be investigated. Cllr Gill to forward details of robust phones.

8. Payment of Accounts: Accounts for November and December 2017 were agreed in meeting. Invoices were signed.

9. Items for future agendas:

9.1. Parish Council website update.

9.2. Litter in the village centre.

10. Date of next meeting: Monday 26 February 2018 at 8pm

Meeting concluded 9.30pm.