

CHALFONT ST. GILES PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Open Spaces and Amenities Committee was held on Wednesday 21 February 2018 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, Cllr C Santry and the Clerk.

Public Forum: None.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** None.
- 2. Minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2018 report 03/18:** 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. Letter from the Best Kept Village Competition inviting entry:** To be added to the next agenda.
- 7. Current Matters:**
 - 7.1. To update on devolved services:**
 - A fallen tree on the A413 near to the bus stop needed to be cut down – this is under the devolved services contract. At the time of the work a further 20 trees were identified which would require taking down. The land belongs to Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC) so the clerk will alert BCC to the risks posed by the dead trees as this should not be part of the devolved services contract.
 - Problems with the mature trees at the Dodds Lane end of Bottrells Lane. These have not been pruned and require an immediate risk assessment as they have dropped several large branches in the recent winds. The clerk had sent maps to the TfB local area technician for his comments.
 - An issue with the bridle way at Wilton Lane arose when a resident requested permission from BCC to route the amenities for her new property along Wilton Lane. The resident was told that the bridle ways were the responsibility of the Parish Council. On checking the BCC web site all of the links for Rights of Way have been removed except the one stating that the Parish Council are responsible for them. The clerk will take this issue up with the devolved services team.
 - Siding our machine had been ordered for w/c 26 Feb but due to the bad weather forecast this will be postponed for a further week.
 - 7.2. To discuss the developments in the heritage trail project:** Cllr Gill said that the software backing up the project had been improved and was now faster and more robust. It was agreed that QR codes would be created to give information about the WW1 art installation around the village pond in the summer.

- 7.3. To update on the Market on the village green:** BAT4CSG had agreed that the Parish Council could take on the relationship with Duck Pond Markets and put in place a contract to reflect the requirements of the council. The Clerk would check the statutory obligations of the Council regarding running a market and the byelaws on the village green.
- 7.4. To discuss pond maintenance:** The letter from Buckinghamshire County Council regarding the maintenance of the pond was inconclusive in findings and advice. The clerk to formally ask the Chilterns Society – Chalk, Chairs and Cherries project if they could offer specialist advice on how to improve the pond.
- 7.5. To update on the show bridge:** The work on the show bridge would take place in early March but this was weather dependent.
- 7.6. To update on the ball court vandalism:** Two quotes had been received to upgrade the ball court lighting after vandalism. The council resolved to go ahead with the cheapest quote.
- 7.7. To update on water supply issues to the clubs at the recreation ground:** Two quotes had been received for the Tennis Club water supply and the Bowling Club water supply. The council resolved to go ahead with the Thames Water recommended contractor.
- 7.8. To update on the request to extend a path from the car park to Dibden Hill:** Quote not yet received – carry forward to next meeting.
- 7.9. To discuss the installation of another electricity supply at Stone Meadow:** The clerk had received a request from the Show Committee to run a new power supply to Silsden Meadow from the Pond electricity supply. The clerk had responded that the Parish Council did not own Silsden Meadow therefore could not grant that request. The idea of creating a new supply within the boundary of the Parish Council's land was discussed. Cllr Bray and Cllr Gill will take this back to the show committee for them to cost and then decided whether the costs can be justified.
- 7.10. To discuss the request for adult exercise equipment:** The results of the public survey into the installation of adult exercise equipment at the recreation ground were discussed. As less than 1% of the population had responded to the survey and less than that had been in support, the Council resolved that it could not support this request at this time. However if further proof of a need should be forthcoming then the Council will revisit this decision.
- 8. Payment of Accounts:** The payments were authorised in meeting.
- 9. Items for future agendas:**
- 10. Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 21 March 2018

Meeting closed 9.50pm