

## CHALFONT ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 5 September 2018 at The 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 G Kirkby, Cllr S Long, Cllr R Massey, Cllr M Phillips, Cllr J Ryman and the Clerk.

### Public Forum:

A journalist from Vision Chalfonts introduced himself and stayed for the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr P Lea-Wilson, Cllr J Lomas and Cllr C Santry.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Minutes of the meetings held on 4 July 2018 report 30/18:** Were agreed and signed in meeting.
4. **Clerks notes:** Noted.
5. **Correspondence:**
  - 5.1. **Complaint regarding the speed of traffic along Narcot Lane and the use of the grass verges at the junction at three households as a car park for taxi's:** It was agreed to move the MVAS machines to this location at the next available opportunity. Complainant was urged to contact Chiltern District Council Licencing department regarding the anti-social parking by taxi drivers.
  - 5.2. **Email from 'Save St Giles' asking for update on their petition to protect Upper and Lower Stone Meadows:** This has been forwarded to Chiltern District Council whose representative responded *'The consultation responses as a whole were considered by the Councils in identifying their Green Belt Preferred Options, also the subject of consultation'*. Cllr Phillips had also spoken to the Save St Giles representative and advised that the best way to protect our greenbelt was to encourage members of the public to vote in our Neighbourhood Plan referendum.
  - 5.3. **Notification from Chiltern District Council Democratic Services regarding Parish Council elections in May 2019. (Circulated by email):** The County Council election may be postponed until a Government decision on Unitary Council has been made. This may mean that the Parish Council will need to fund their own election in May 2019. This will cost approx. £9k. This sum will need to be considered when the precept is set in December.
  - 5.4. **Notification of a public consultation on the future of the county's household recycling centres. (Circulated by email):** This is an online questionnaire for parishioners.
  - 5.5. **Response from TfB regarding the flooding on Narcot Lane. (Circulated by email):** A response from TfB to say that the issues causing flooding on Narcot Lane have been dealt with therefore flooding should no longer occur.
  - 5.6. **Request for a maintenance plan for the Narcot Lane Cycle Path:** As the cycle path maintenance is delivered by Chalfont St Giles Parish Council, Chalfont St Peter Parish Council and Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) the request was referred to County Councillor Timothy Butcher.

**5.7. Request for a Salvation Army Clothing Bank to be installed on Parish Council Land:**

This request was agreed with a six month trial to begin with to monitor the effects of the installation.

**5.8. Request for Messy Church Banner on the village green permit to be extended:** This request was once again agreed until Christmas when further dates will be provided.

**6. Correspondence received after the agenda was circulated:**

**6.1. HS2 will be erecting fencing along Bottom House Farm Lane, some will be permanent and some temporary.** This should have started on 6 August but there does not appear to be any erected at this time.

**6.2. Request to cut a non-rights of way footpath on Bowstridge Lane between the cemetery and Dibden Hill.** This is on the derestricted road where the National Speed Limit applies therefore this is the responsibility of TfB. A 'report it' file had been submitted for action by TfB.

**7. Reports from committees**

**7.1. 31/18 No meeting – acknowledgement for the minute book:** Meeting number not used in error.

**7.2. Planning Committee meeting 18 July 2018 32/18:** Proposed by Cllr Bray and seconded by Cllr Chamberlain, all agreed.

**7.3. Open Spaces and Amenities Committee meeting 18 July 2018 33/18:** Proposed by Cllr Patrick and seconded by Cllr Phillips, all agreed.

**7.4. Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting 23 July 2018 34/18:** Proposed by Cllr Gill and seconded by Cllr Patrick, all agreed.

**7.5. Planning Committee meeting 08 August 2018 35/18:** Carried over to the next meeting.

**7.6. Planning Committee meeting 29 August 2018 36/18:** Proposed by Cllr Bray and seconded by Cllr Long, all agreed.

**8. Current Matters:**

**8.1. To co-opt a new councillor:** Grant Kirkby signed the declaration of acceptance of office in the presence of the Council members and the Clerk. Cllr Kirkby will take a seat on the planning committee.

**8.2. To update the Neighbourhood Plan:** There are no updates on the Neighbourhood plan. The following information to be added to the website, *"Following a European Court ruling referred to as the 'Sweetman' case and points raised by the Examiner relating to HRA/SEA issues, further work is being undertaken on these aspects"*. See <http://www.chiltern.gov.uk/planning/chalfontstgiles>

**8.3. To discuss the decision to postpone a housing needs survey until after the adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan.** Following a letter from the chairman of the Chiltern District Planning Committee asking for an update on a rural housing needs survey. The committee agreed that the decision made at the Council meeting in June 2018 should not be

changed and we would wait until the Neighbourhood plan has been to referendum before beginning a housing needs survey.

**8.4. To discuss the WW1 commemorations:** A timetable of actions was circulated re the Chalfont St Giles Remembers Band on the Green event on 8 September. More poppies were to be added to the pond area before this date. The window decals had arrived and would be installed in the windows of shops and businesses in mid October.

**8.5. To update on HS2 developments:** No updates had been received at this time.

**8.6. To discuss the arrangements for the Best Kept Village (BKV) Competition and the Leofwine Shield award ceremonies:** The BKV presentation ceremony would be held on the village green at 10.30 am on Saturday 15 September and then afterwards refreshments in the Reading Rooms. The Chairman, Cllr Patrick would receive the Cup on behalf of the Council. The Leofwine Shield would be presented at the Chiltern District Council offices at 6.30pm on 13 November. Cllr Patrick agreed to attend that presentation and accept the shield on behalf of the Parish Council.

**8.7. To discuss the Local Area Forum bids:** To date the road narrowing sign on Back Lane had not been installed and the stop sign on the junction of Back Lane and Bottrells Lane had been dismissed as the junction does not fulfil the requirements for a stop junction. A bid had been submitted to resurface the footpath at the Dodds Lane end of Bottrells Lane and a joint bid had been submitted with Little Chalfont Parish Council to add a speed sign to Burtons Lane.

**8.8. To discuss the creation of a centenary birthday card:** Cllr Patrick made a proposal to create a centenary birthday card to be sent to residents on their 101<sup>st</sup> birthday from the Parish Council. The Council would have to rely upon residents to give information about impending birthdays. Cllr Long agreed to create a card. This proposal was accepted.

**9. Accounts for June and July 2018:** No payments were agreed in the meeting.

**10. Items for future agendas.**

**10.1.** Cllr Patrick proposed that the Council should make a payment of £100 to the work experience student as they had created an excel database of the burial records thereby saving time when dealing with cemetery requests and queries. This proposal was agreed by all.

**11. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 3 October 2018**

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

