

## CHALFONT ST. GILES PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Open Spaces and Amenities Committee was held on Wednesday 16 May 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 Santry and the Clerk.

**Public Forum:** None.

- 1. Election of a chairman:** Cllr Phillips proposed Cllr Gordon Patrick as chairman; this was seconded by Cllr Massey. No other proposals were made so Cllr Patrick was elected Chairman.
- 2. Election of a vice chairman:** Cllr Massey proposed Cllr Des Bray as vice chairman; this was seconded by Cllr Chamberlain. No other proposals were made so Cllr Bray was elected as Vice Chairman.
- 3. Apologies for absence:** None.
- 4. Minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2018 report 16/18:** The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.
- 5. Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 6. Clerks report:** Noted.
- 7. Correspondence:** None.
- 8. Correspondence received after the agenda was circulated:** None.
- 9. Current Matters:**
  - 9.1. To update and agree committee responsibilities:** This was agreed, no amendments were made.
  - 9.2. To update on devolved services:** The first grass cut of the season had taken place. Cllr Chamberlain highlighted the rough cut of the land at the corner of Narcot Road and Narcot Lane. This will be brought to the attention of our contractors.
  - 9.3. To update the Tree Survey:** Three quotes were being sought from local tree surgeons. These will be brought to the next meeting for a decision.
  - 9.4. To update progress of Dog Fouling initiative:** The Pink Paint Protest began on 14 May and would continue until 28 May. An article has been added to the newsletter which was due for release on Thursday. So far there has been a positive response to the painting activity. Cllr Patrick would supply some dog waste signs for use around the Narcot Lane area.
  - 9.5. To update on the recruitment of new groundsman:** The advertisement for the groundsman position had been posted on the Countryside Jobs Service and on the Berkshire Agricultural College website. We will add an advertisement to the local newsletter next week.
  - 9.6. To update on request to clean the cycle path:** Chiltern District Council had been sent a request to clean the path with their automatic sweeper machine. No response as yet received.
  - 9.7. To discuss the drainage problems at the cricket/football club:** There appears to be a problem with the drainage at the Cricket Club. Clerk to seek expert advice re the issues and seek appropriate quotations.

**9.8. To update on the water pressure problems at the Bowling Club:** Despite increasing the bore of the water pipe supplying both the tractor shed and the bowling club. The pressure was not enough to supply the green watering machine and the toilets at the same time. A solution of installing drinking water header tanks in both the tractor shed and the bowling club should solve the problem. Costs for this work are being investigated.

**10. Payment of Accounts:** Invoices were examined for later online authorisation.

**11. Items for future agendas:**

**11.1. The Village Pond maintenance**

**11.2. Future devolved services**

**12. Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 20 June 2018

**Meeting closed 9.00pm**