

CHALFONT ST. GILES PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Open Spaces and Amenities Committee was held on Wednesday 20 June 2018 at the Gardens Association Hall, School Lane at 8pm.

Present: (Chairman), Cllr D Bray, Cllr J Chamberlain, Cllr R Gill, Cllr M Phillips and the Clerk.

Public Forum: None.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr G Patrick, Cllr R Massey and Cllr Santry
- 2. Minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2018 report 21/18:** Agreed.
- 3. Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 4. Clerks report:** None.
- 5. Correspondence:**
 - 5.1. Request from Chalfont Saints re use of junior football pitch.** Agreed to use the junior pitch for the 2018/19 season.
- 6. Correspondence received after the agenda was circulated:**
 - 6.1. Letter of complaint regarding maintenance of the cycle path in Narcot Lane:** Chiltern District Council had agreed to clean the path with their automatic sweeper. The Parish Council carry out their obligations set out in the devolved services contract.
 - 6.2. Email regarding renewing the Devolved Services Contract:** This has been circulated by email, to be added to the Open Spaces agenda for November. Cllr Phillips and the Head Groundsman to attend a talk about the renewed contract on 4 July.
- 7. Current Matters:**
 - 7.1. To update on devolved services:** Monthly grass cutting starts this week. Village signs have been cleaned in time for Best Kept Village Competition.
 - 7.2. To agree a contractor to carry out the work identified in the Tree Survey:** Three quotes were sought but one contractor was too busy to quote. Contract was awarded to TM Arbourcare.
 - 7.3. To update progress of Pink Paint Protest initiative:** The initiative had been a success and other Parish Councils have copied the initiative. Head of environmental services at Chiltern District Council has offered to run a campaign in the village. Clerk to ask for help to continue the momentum of the campaign.
 - 7.4. To update on the recruitment of new groundsman:** One application was received and the applicant has been invited for interview.
 - 7.5. To discuss the drainage problems at the cricket/football club:** Carry over to next meeting.
 - 7.6. To update on the water pressure problems at the Bowling Club:** The lack of water pressure causes problems to the club when their water tanks are filling. During this time the club water supply ceases to the toilets and kitchens. The supply also ceases to the Tractor Shed. A quote to add drinking water supply tank to the Tractor Shed had been received. This was agreed as health and safety required the groundsmen to have water for hand washing etc, especially when using chemicals. A quote for the Bowling Club was also being sought.

- 7.7. To discuss the Miltons Head Planning Application CH/2018/0887/OA:** The Parish Council appreciate that the owner of the Miltons Head site has listened to the concerns expressed by residents regarding the previous outline application CH/2018/0327/OA, however this outline application still has several areas that need addressing before a full application is submitted.
- There are still concerns about inadequate parking, disability access, disabled facilities, loss of amenity to neighbours, staff toilets and access for delivery vehicles.
- 7.8. To agree the location of a Terminal pole in the Dell, Bowstridge Lane:** This was agreed.
- 7.9. To update on the Best Kept Village Competition:** Thanks to the councillors and members of the public who helped on the village clean-up day. Special thanks to the Head Groundsman who is working hard to keep the village in good order despite being short staffed. Letter of appreciation to be sent to Head Groundsman.
- 7.10. To agree the policy for signs on the village green:** The wording for the new policy was discussed this will be put together to brought to the next meeting for adoption.
- 7.11. To discuss village pond maintenance:** Cllr Gill to add an advert to the village facebook page in order to find pond maintenance specialists. Also contact to be made once again with the Chiltern Society re the time frames for their Chalk, Cherries and Chairs initiative.
- 8. Payment of Accounts:** Invoices were checked and signed in meeting for later online authorisation.
- 9. Items for future agendas:** Fly tipping. Flag Pole.
- 10. Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 18 July 2018

Meeting closed 9.46pm