

CHALFONT ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 4 July 2018 at Jordans Village Hall, Chalfont St Giles at 8.00p.m.

Present: Cllr G Patrick (Chairman), Cllr D Bray, Cllr J Chamberlain, Cllr P Lea-Wilson, Cllr J Lomas, Cllr S Long, Cllr R Massey, Cllr M Phillips,

Public Forum : Mr G Kirkby

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr R. Gill, Cllr J Ryman, Cllr C. Santry
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Minutes of the meetings held on 6 June 2018 report 24/18:** 8.4 Insert "been" therefore "had been completed" Agreed and signed.
4. **Clerks notes:** Noted
5. **Correspondence:** None.
6. **Correspondence received after the agenda was circulated:**
 - 6.1 **Request to have the pond topped up (circulated by email):** This was agreed as visit from Chiltern Rangers has been postponed until September.
 - 6.2 **Request for funding from Chalfont St Giles School (circulated by email):** The Parish Council does not have a policy regarding these trees and the matter should be referred to the Chiltern District Council Tree Officer and the Chalfont St Giles Conservation Society.
- 7 **Reports from committees:**
 - 7.1 **Planning Committee meeting 6 June 2018 25/18:** Proposed by Cllr Bray and seconded by Cllr Long – all agreed. Cllr Bray reported that he had made a complaint to CDC Planning as they had overlooked key documentation regarding CH/2018/0788/FA. Turners Wood was Ancient Woodland.
 - 7.2 **Extraordinary Council meeting 20 June 2018 26/18:** Proposed by Cllr Phillips and seconded by Cllr Bray – All Agreed. Following David Walker's email councillors were reminded not to speak to developers.
 - 7.3 **Open Spaces and Amenities Committee meeting 20 June 2018 27/18: Proposed** by Cllr D Bray and seconded by Cllr Phillips. All agreed.
 - 7.4 **Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting 25 June 2018 28/18:** Proposed by Cllr Lea Wilson and seconded by Cllr Long – All agreed.
 - 7.5 **Planning Committee meeting 27 June 2018 29/18:** Proposed by Cllr Bray and seconded by Cllr Long - All agreed.
- 8 **Current Matters:**
 - 8.1 **To discuss the co-option of a new councillor:** There had been one application for a co-opted councillor, Mr Grant Kirkby. It was agreed unanimously that he should be co-opted. He accepted.
 - 8.2 **To update the Neighbourhood Plan:** Agreed earlier.
 - 8.3 **To discuss the WW1 commemorations:** Cllr Chamberlain reported that poppy knitting was going extremely well. Difficulty securing Silent Soldiers in the ground because it is

currently so dry and hard. Councillors were reminded of the "Step back in Time" day on 8th September. To be added to Open Spaces Agenda 18 July.

- 8.4 To discuss the Consultation on Draft Housing Strategy - Chiltern District Council and South Bucks District Council:** Councillors are to respond as individuals. There will be no response as a Parish Council.
- 8.5 To discuss the Co-option of a councillor:** Done in 8.1
- 8.6 To update on HS2 developments:** HS2 had postponed the scheduled meeting to a future date, as yet unknown.
- 8.7 To agree an auditor for 2018/2019:** It was agreed to appoint Stuart Pollard as Internal Auditor.
- 8.8 To discuss the new devolved services contract options:** Cllr Phillips and the Head Groundsman had attended a meeting organised by BCC and Cllr Phillips reported back. Mark Averill had acknowledged that the copse on the A413 near The Pheasant are indeed the responsibility of BCC. It was agreed that the Parish Council should forward the latest Tree report that had been commissioned by the Parish Council to him. When questioned about footpaths, he had confirmed that the Parish Council are only responsible for the footpaths in our pack. It is the landowner's responsibility to maintain others. Cllr Phillips had advised Mr Averill that guidance emanating from the customer enquiry department was at times contrary to this guidance. He will take this up with that department.
- 8.9 Chiltern and South Bucks Playing Pitch Strategy – to discuss feedback to this document.** Parish Council to respond pointing out the many errors and repetitions in this document.
- 8 Accounts for May 2018.** Had already been signed off in the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting.
- 9 Items for future agenda.** None
- 10 Date of next meeting – Wednesday 5 September 2018**

Meeting closed at 9.30pm