

## **CHALFONT ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 6 February 2019 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 J Lomas, Cllr S Long, Cllr R Massey, Cllr M Phillips, Cllr J Ryman, Cllr C Santry and the Clerk.

**Public Forum:** Cllr Don Phillips from Chiltern District Council attended to speak to the Parish Council about the need for affordable housing within the Parish. Cllr Phillips explained that there was a need within Chiltern District for affordable housing and 17 families within Chalfont St Giles were in need of homes. Homes can be built on green belt/AONB by using the rural exception policy. This could be used to provide homes, not for profit, not for market sale, for people in the area. A new development would consist of approx. 12 units. A land owner has offered his land for sale so this could be used as a site. The Chalfont St Giles Draft Neighbourhood Plan does make provision for affordable housing to be created within the Parish.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr G Kirkby and Cllr P Lea-Wilson
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Minutes of the meetings held on 2 January 2019 report 02/19:** Amendment to item 7.2, original minutes amended and signed in meeting.
4. **Clerks notes:** Noted
5. **Correspondence:**
  - 5.1. **Bucks Rights of Way Improvement Plan – survey:** Comments were collated to add to the survey – Clerk to complete the survey on behalf of the council.
  - 5.2. **Letter from Chiltern District Council regarding a legal challenge to the new unitary council in Buckinghamshire:** Noted.
  - 5.3. **Letter from Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP re Land Interest Questionnaires for Townfield Lane areas:** Noted.
  - 5.4. **Letter from Fusion detailing survey work to be carried out by HS2 in the Pond and recreation area in the village:** Noted.
  - 5.5. **Email from a resident re taxi parking at Narcot Lane junction with Deanway:** The clerk had followed this up with the community policing team and Chiltern District Council (CDC) Licensing. Both had spoken to Chalfont Taxi office who had instructed the drivers to park responsibly. The police suggested that if this occurs again the complainant should call 101 and take a picture of the offence to send to CDC licensing so that the individual drivers can be spoken to regarding any offences.
6. **Correspondence received after the agenda was circulated:**
  - 6.1. **County choose team of councillors for the Buckinghamshire Council Shadow Executive:** Noted.
  - 6.2. **Notification from Miltons Cottage Trust that Cllr Ryman will remain, with his consent as trustee:** This was agreed.
  - 6.3. **Temporary Traffic Regulation Order – Dodds Lane:** Dodds Lane is to be closed between 25<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> February, alternative route for affected areas is Bottrells Lane and Mill Lane.

## 7. Reports from committees

**7.1. Extraordinary Meeting of the Council 16 January 2019 03/19:** Proposed by Cllr Phillips and seconded by Cllr Bray, agreed and signed in meeting by Cllr Patrick.

**7.2. Open Spaces Committee meeting 16 January 2019 04/19:** Proposed by Cllr Patrick and seconded by Cllr Phillips, all agreed.

**7.3. Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting 21 January 2019 05/19:** Proposed by Cllr Gill and seconded by Cllr Ryman, all agreed.

**7.4. Planning Committee meeting 23 January 2019 06/19:** Proposed by Cllr Bray and seconded by Cllr Massey, all agreed.

## 8. Current Matters:

**8.1. To update the Neighbourhood Plan:** The current neighbourhood plan consultation will close on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February. The comments on the Neighbourhood plan will be released to the Council for a response to be made. This will be sent to Chiltern District Council and the examiner. An update will also be made to the consultation statement. The council authorised the clerk to create these documents following appropriate advice from our planning consultant.

**8.2. To discuss the future for the silent soldiers:** This item to be moved forward to the next agenda.

**8.3. To discuss the Christmas lighting ceremony 2019:** A working party would be created, Cllr Gill, Cllr Chamberlain, Cllr Bray, Cllr Lomas and Cllr Massey agreed to join. It was also suggested that we add an item to the newsletter to get some support for the project.

**8.4. To discuss the Frank Plumb legacy:** The Council agreed unanimously to return the money used to purchase the Chain of Office in 2004 to the Frank Plumb Legacy Account. The sum to be returned is £2219.44 plus interest. The cost of the Christmas meal will be taken from the interest accrued and the remainder split between 12 councillors for payment.

**8.5. To discuss affordable housing in the parish:** Following on from the discussion with Cllr Don Phillips in Open Forum, the councillors agreed to assert their previous decision to wait until the Neighbourhood Plan had been to referendum and adopted before addressing a housing needs survey.

**8.6. To agree a response to a letter regarding Jordans Way:** The letter was discussed. Most of the issues raised had already been responded to in previous correspondence. An explanation of the Neighbourhood plan process was to be added to the reply as well as an offer for the resident to attend a Parish Council meeting if he has any further issues that he wishes to raise with the Council.

**8.7. To agree the free parking days at Blizzards Yard Car Park:** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September, Small business Saturday (TBC), Peace Day (TBC), Christmas eve and another Saturday in December.

- 8.8. To agree the budget requirement for Community Library electrical works:** The budget for building maintenance (4320), was already approx. £6k over budget following works on the water supplies to the recreation ground clubs. Further essential work was required for the Community Library building. The Finance and General Purposes Committee had checked the lease agreement and agreed the work was required. It was proposed that the work would cost approx. £4k and should be taken from the general reserve. All agreed to this proposal.
- 8.9. To discuss support for Chiltern Open Air Museum – Jackson Studios project:** The Council agreed to verbally support this project.
- 9. In Committee Items:** Cllr Bray proposed and Cllr Ryman seconded to agreed to hear the next item in committee.  
Cllr Bray proposed and Cllr Ryman seconded to bring the next item out of 'in committee' and back to the agenda.
- 10. Accounts for December 2018:** The accounts had been distributed with the agenda and were agreed.
- 11. Items for future agendas:** None.
- 12. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 6 March 2019 at 8.00pm**

**Meeting ended 9.59pm**

