

## CHALFONT ST. GILES PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Open Spaces and Amenities Committee was held on Wednesday 20 February 2019 at the Gardens Association Hall, School Lane at 8pm.

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

**Public Forum:** None.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr R Massey and Cllr C Santry.
- 2. Minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2018 report 04/19:** Were agreed and signed in meeting.
- 3. Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 4. Clerks notes:** Noted.
- 5. Correspondence:**
  - 5.1. Email request for an extreme energy event to use the village green for a watering station:** Permission granted for March 9<sup>th</sup> 2019.
  - 5.2. Email request for a copy of the burial register:** Agreed.
  - 5.3. Email update on request for funding for a grit bin:** Cllr Butcher confirmed funding was available for the grit bin at the junction of Mill Land and Dodds Lane. Letter of thanks to be sent.
- 6. Correspondence received after the agenda was circulated:**
  - 6.1. Request from the cricket club to place wicket covers in the recreation ground:** The requested location will prevent access to a dog waste bin. The committee recommended the removal of the old cricket nets and use that space for the new wicket cover.
  - 6.2. Letter from HS2 to notify of water quality testing:** Noted.
- 7. Current Matters:**
  - 7.1. To update on the Bucks County Council devolved services:** Signs in the village are being cleaned. Once this has been completed we will ask TfB to clean the signs within the parish outside the 30mph zone.
  - 7.2. To discuss installing dog harnessing points in the village centre:** Carry forward to next meeting.
  - 7.3. To update the risk assessment for the open spaces committee responsibilities:** Cllr Phillips and Cllr Bray provided an amended copy of the Open Spaces Committee responsibilities risk assessment for inclusion into the complete Parish Council risk assessment.
  - 7.4. To update on the benefits of CCTV in the village:** Following a further burglary at the village post office the desire to install CCTV in the village had been strongly voiced on social media. Cllr Bray explained that Chiltern District Council (CDC) have funding for mobile cameras. These cameras can be booked for a period of 12 months when their value to the village can be reassessed Cllr Chamberlain will seek to find costings for CCTV independent of CDC.
  - 7.5. To update the decision to include wild flower areas within the parish:** The flower seeds have been purchased and the weed killing in the areas has begun. A rotovator would be

needed to cultivate the ground prior to seed planting. Cllr Bray offered use of his own rotovator for use of the council.

**7.6. To discuss the creation of a footpath in the recreation ground from Lager Close to the cricket club:** A resident has approached the council to request the path with the promise of funding. The resident it to be asked for clarification of the funding available.

**7.7. To agree the requirement for planning applications for increased storage and a flag pole:** The Clerk had completed the planning documents for the increased storage at the tractor shed. Cllr Bray agreed to check the document prior to submission to Chiltern District Council. Once accepted by CDC, an application for a flag pole will be submitted.

**7.8. To update on the LAF funding bids:** Cllr Chamberlain had received the quotes for the two bids for LAF funding. Double yellow lines to be added to the corner of Silver Hill and Bottrells Lane – cost £9k and footpath improvements Bottrells Lane to Dodds Lane – cost £58k. These costs are outside of budget and would not be match funded by LAF therefore it was decided not to proceed with these projects.

**7.9. To discuss adding QR codes to the names of roads no longer in existence but with historical significance:** This will be looked at when the signs are created for the WW1 heritage plaques.

**7.10. To discuss the creation of a public footway on the A413 between Chalfont St Giles and Amersham:** It was agreed that this would not be progressed at this time.

**8. Payment of Accounts:** None presented at this meeting.

**9. Items for future agendas:**

**9.1. To discuss the village pond.**

**9.2. To discuss anti-social behaviour in the village.**

**10. Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 20 March 2019

**Meeting closed 9.09pm**