

CHALFONT ST. GILES PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Open Spaces and Amenities Committee was held on Wednesday 20 March 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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr R Massey.
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2018 report 09/19:** Were agreed and signed in meeting.
3. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
4. **Clerks notes:** Noted.
5. **Correspondence:**
 - 5.1. **Request from Chalfont St Giles School for councillors to come and inspect the playground for tree roots during daylight hours:** This request was declined as an inspection has already been carried out.
 - 5.2. **The Great British High Street will be visiting our independent shops and businesses on the High Street between 23 and 30 March:** Noted.
6. **Correspondence received after the agenda was circulated:**
 - 6.1. **Email with details of the changes to the household recycling centres (circulated by email):** Noted.
 - 6.2. **Notification from Fusion regarding surveys at Stone Meadow of boreholes:** Noted.
 - 6.3. **Request from 'Forest Friends' for a banner on the railings of the recreation ground play area advertising Easter dates:** Agreed.
 - 6.4. **Email from Chiltern Open Air Museum with dates and times for the Jackson Studio open day:** Noted
 - 6.5. **Email notifying the new process for reporting Rights of Way issues:** To be added to the village newsletter.
7. **Current Matters:**
 - 7.1. **To update on the Bucks County Council devolved services:** Letters had been sent out to some residents to have their hedges cut back where they are interfering with visual splays or restricting access to the footpath. First cut of the season take place at the beginning of April.
 - 7.2. **To update the decision to include wild flower areas within the parish:** The rotovator loaned to the council was not up to the correct health and safety standards and therefore permission was granted to purchase a new rotovator. The areas had been weed sprayed and the rotoovation would take place as soon as the purchase is received.
 - 7.3. **To update on the LAF funding bids:** The LAF bid for CCTV at the recreation ground was approved. Other LAF projects were withdrawn prior to the meeting however Cllr Butcher believed the area on the corner of Bottrells lane requiring double yellow lines to be a safety issue and would take the issue up with TfB.

- 7.4. To discuss the Best Kept Village Competition:** There are new marking criteria for the competition which include floral displays. A planter should be added to the water pump which should be self-watering to reduce the maintenance burden. Village clean-up day to be 25 May at 10am. Notices to be added to the website, twitter, facebook page, newsletter, village newsagents.
- 7.5. To discuss a trial for a dog waste station within the Parish:** The costs of a dog waste station was considered prohibitive due to the cost of the bags required. However if a regular bin is required at the location of Stylecroft Road then this will be considered.
- 7.6. To update on the agreement with Duck Pond Markets:** To be rolled onto the next meeting.
- 7.7. To update on the location of the Cricket Covers:** See above
- 7.8. To discuss the areas for The Conservation Volunteers to help improve within the Parish:** It was agreed that Riverside Walk could be cleared of brambles and tidied up along with The Dell and the area of the footpath between Bowstridge Lane and Dibden Hill.
- 8. Payment of Accounts:** Accounts were checked in meeting for later online authorisation.
- 9. Items for future agendas:**
 - 9.1. To discuss the village pond.**
 - 9.2. To discuss installing dog harnessing points in the village centre.**
 - 9.3. To update on the benefits of CCTV in the village.**
- 10. Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 17 April 2019
Meeting closed 9.40pm