

CHALFONT ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 3 April 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 G Kirkby, Cllr P Lea-Wilson, Cllr S Long, Cllr R Massey, Cllr M Phillips, Cllr C Santry and the Clerk. John Bradley for the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party also attended.

Public Forum: None.

The Chairman agreed to hear agenda item 8.1 at the beginning of the meeting.

- 8.1. To update the Neighbourhood Plan:** John Bradley from the Neighbourhood Plan working party updated the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. The examiners comments had been incorporated into the plan by the planning consultant. A letter to Chiltern District Council head of planning was signed by Chairman Cllr Patrick to state that the Parish Council accepted the examiners comments. It is now up to Chiltern District Council to accept the plan and set a date for the referendum. Once the referendum date is set, a publicity campaign will be launched to try to ensure as many people as possible know about the referendum.

John Bradley left the meeting. The Chairman resumed the correct order of the agenda.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr J Lomas and Cllr J Ryman
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 3. Minutes of the meetings held on 6 March 2019 report 12/19:** Were agreed and signed in meeting.
- 4. Clerks notes:** Cllr Phillips had attended a meeting with Fusion and Align (HS2) and the residents of Bottom Farm House Lane. Information was given about plans to widen Bottom Farm House Lane between the vent shaft and the A413. The plans for a second road to run parallel to the lane creating a new junction with the A413 and the current junction being closed to traffic. This junction will be controlled by traffic lights, perhaps phased when not needed or traffic controlled. Concerns re a pedestrian crossing for the A413 were raised along with pedestrian access to Bottom Farm House Lane. The works are due to begin at the end of the second quarter of the year and completed by the end of 2019. The expected traffic movements from the vent shaft is expected to be approx. 40 per day, expected construction time of the vent shaft to be approx. 57 weeks. Residents around the haul road and vent shaft would receive individual visits from Fusion and Align to address their personal concerns. The Chairman thanked Cllr Phillips for her work on HS2.
- 5. Correspondence:** None.
- 6. Correspondence received after the agenda was circulated:**
 - 6.1. Thames Valley Police Strategic Independent Advisory Group** –Invitation to input information into this group. Newsletter to be circulated and if pertinent to our Parish to be added to future agendas.
 - 6.2. Letter from a resident expressing disappointment that the new residents welcome pack does not include many businesses from Chalfont St Giles:** This pack is not from the Parish Council therefore we have no remit to amend the contents. Cllr Lea-

Wilson stated that he would follow this up personally with his previous experience of creating business directories.

6.3. Letter requesting support for 'Merchant Navy Day' on 3 September. The Council agreed to support this event if we have the flag pole installed by this date.

6.4. Letter containing the new contract for the Mobile Phone Mast at Bowstridge Lane: Letter to be forwarded to solicitors for their input.

7. Reports from committees

7.1. Planning Committee meeting 6 March 2019 11/19: Proposed by Cllr Bray and seconded by Cllr Massey, all agreed.

7.2. Open Spaces Committee meeting 20 March 2019 13/19: Proposed by Cllr Patrick and seconded by Cllr Bray, all agreed.

7.3. Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting 25 March 2019 14/19: Proposed by Cllr Gill and seconded by Cllr Lea-Wilson, all agreed.

7.4. Planning Committee meeting 27 March 2019 15/19: Proposed by Cllr Bray and seconded by Cllr Kirkby, all agreed.

8. Current Matters:

8.1. To update the Neighbourhood Plan: See above.

8.2. To discuss the future for the silent soldiers: Cllr Santry attended a meeting of the Memorial Hall Trustees who expressed an interest in three silent soldiers. Two would be permanently fixed to the outside of the hall. The third to be stored and loaned to groups when required. The Council agreed to allow the Memorial Hall to have three silent soldiers to display with the remaining soldier retained by the Parish Council.

8.3. To update on the Chalfont St Giles Remembers plaques: Cllr Chamberlain explained that good progress had been made with identifying the addresses where the fallen soldiers lived. Examples of the plaques were presented. Wording on the plaques to be amended to explain the plaques for example 'This plaque commemorates a fallen soldier from WW1 who lived here'.

8.4. To discuss new councillor recruitment: Cllr Long and Cllr Santry agreed to submit their letters of resignation to the Chairman of the Council. After the resignations are received then a section 87(2) Local Government Act 1972 notice will be displayed for 14 days asking whether the electorate want an election. If no-one responds within 14 days then new councillors can be co-opted.

8.5. To discuss the installation of a water fountain in the village: Cllr Santry asked whether a water fountain could be installed in Chalfont St Giles to help to reduce one use plastics. A consultation was currently being undertaken by Beaconsfield Parish Council and data from them indicated that a new water supply and fountain would cost between £4-5. Further enquiries to be made into maintenance costs and possible locations.

9. Accounts for February 2019: Were agreed in meeting. Invoices were checked and signed for later online authorisation.

10. Items for future agendas: None.

11. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 1 May 2019 at 8.15pm

Meeting ended 9.30pm