CHALFONT ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

A virtual meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 6 January 2021 at 8.00pm in accordance with the Health Protection (CoronaVirus Restrictions) (no2) (Amendment) (No4) Regulations 2020.

Present:Cllr G Patrick (Chairman), Cllr D Bray, Cllr J Chamberlain, Cllr G Kirkby, Cllr R Gill, Cllr R Massey, Cllr M Phillips, Cllr N Sebba, Cllr D Vilcans-Moody and the Clerk. hope

**Public Forum**

John Bradley attended to ask the Councillors to examine to the Public Outreach of the Parish Church to see whether there were areas that should be included in the church outreach. Any ideas to John Bradley.

1. **Apologies for absence**: Cllr P Lea-Wilson, Cllr J Lomas, Cllr J Ryman.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Minutes of the meetings held on 2 December 2020 report 38/20:** Minutes were not available at this meeting.
4. **Clerks notes:** Noted.
5. **Correspondence:**
   1. **Bucks and OXON 4 x 4 group offer of support:** Clerk to explore what needs to be done to accept this support and publicise the offer.
   2. **Letter from Lucas Land and Planning asking for a meeting with the Council:** The Clerk to respond with the policy of not engaging with planning developers until a formal planning application had been submitted to Buckinghamshire Council.
6. **Correspondence received after the agenda was circulated:**
   1. **Email complaining about the heavy vehicles using Gorelands Lane to access the Newlands Park housing development:** The vehicles were mainly related to a film set being created at the end of December.
   2. **Request from the Community Board for information about flooding withing the Parish:** A response would sent to the Community board officer for inclusion in their report.
7. **Reports from committees**
   1. **Planning Committee meeting 9 December 2020 39/20:** Proposed by Cllr Bray and seconded by Cllr Massey, all agreed.
   2. **Open Spaces and Amenities Committee meeting 16 December 2020 40/20:** Minutes were not available at this meeting.
   3. **Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting 17 December 2020 41/20:** Proposed by Cllr Gill and seconded by Cllr Patrick, all agreed.
8. **Standing items:**
   1. **HS2 Updates:** HS2 Road Safety Fund is now open for bids. As Buckinghamshire Council and HS have not confirmed whether a crossing is part of the plan it was agreed to complete a bid for the HS2 Road Safety Fund for a crossing. Cllr Chamberlain had prepared a grant request to replace the playground on Pheasant Hill.
   2. **Devolved services:** No further update on the new areas to be cut on Bowstridge Lane and School Lane/Silverhill.. Complaints had been received about the area on Silverhill that needed to be cut back.
   3. **Reports from outside organisations:** None.
   4. **To discuss the Parish Council response to the COVID 19 pandemic:** Clerk is still working from home and groundsmen are working outside but continuing to work within the guidelines. Tennis court is closed, playgrounds are open. Cemetery open but funerals can only be attended by 30 mourners. All Together Community is continuing to respond to needs within the Parish. The Community Fridge has had approval to use the electricity supply in Blizzards Yard Car Park so a planning application will now be submitted. The Business Support Group have had the new information circulated and there is a simple application form for completion for grants. There is a 21 day turn around for grant applications to be approved. Cllr Vilcans-Moody suggested hosting another business support meeting. The Council thanked Cllr Vilcans-Moody for his work to inform the business community of the changes taking place. A Parish Council Facebook Page had been created, Cllr Gill would be an administrator and use the site to pass out Parish Council information and when necessary comment on other pages officially. This action was agreed. Cllr Phillips also agreed to become an administrator.
   5. **News for inclusion in future publications:** The positive news about how the village came together and shop local will be added to ‘My News Mag’
   6. **Pond updates:** Cllr Kirkby had made contact with the contractor who cleans the petrol interceptor tanks for Buckinghamshire Council. A meeting will take place when they come to the village to clean the tanks to understand the condition of the tanks**.**
   7. **Updates from the Community Boards:** Minutes had been circulated from the last board meeting. Confusion has arisen regarding the approval of Community Board Grants because although they are approved in the meeting, emails are circulating asking for comments on the grants prior to approval.
9. **Current matters:**
   1. **To agree the precept requirement for 2021/22:** It was agreed that a 0% increase would be made in the precept for this period and the amount per band D household would remain at £70.66.
   2. **To approve the interim audit carried out in December 2020:** The interim audit had been circulated prior to the meeting. There were no recommendations from the audit. The Council approved the audit.
   3. **To agree the meeting dates for 2021:** Agreed.
   4. **To discuss any urgent items arising over the Christmas period:** None.
10. **Accounts for October 2020 and November 2020:** Accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting. All Agreed.
11. **Items for future agendas:** None.
12. **Date of next meeting – Wednesday 3 February 2021 at 8.00pm**

Meeting closed 9.16pm