

CHALFONT ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on The Village Green in Jordans on Wednesday 6 July 2022 at 8.00pm.

Present: Councillor G Patrick (Chairman), Councillor D Bray, Councillor J Chamberlain, Councillor G Kirkby, Councillor J Lomas, Councillor R Massey, Councillor M Phillips, Councillor T Patrick-Smith, Councillor J Ryman, Councillor N Sebba and the Clerk.

Public Forum

A member of Jordans Village Limited and the Tennant Management Company attended the meeting to discuss speeding on Twitchells and Jordans Lane. The structure of the lane makes it impractical for the police to carry out enforcement. A questionnaire is planned to find out the opinions of local residents regarding traffic and speeding issues. Speed tubes were suggested, however the Parish Council has mobile vehicle activated sign points on Jordans Lane, this could provide data on the number and speed of vehicles using the lane. A social media campaign was suggested to raise awareness of concerns re speeding. This would include messages being sent through the school to parents.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Councillor R Gill and Councillor J Webster.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Minutes of the meetings held on 1 June 2022 23/22:** Minutes were agreed and signed.
4. **Clerk's notes:** Noted.
5. **Correspondence:**
 - 5.1. **Request for the Parish Council to cut back overgrowth in all Rights Of Way (ROW) paths within the Parish:** A resident had complained to Buckinghamshire Council about the state of the ROW paths within the Parish boundary. Buckinghamshire Council had responded to say that they were not responsible for the paths as the Parish Council had devolved service responsibility. The clerk had asked for clarification on this matter as the Parish Council are only being paid for 3408metres of ROW paths when there are approx. 56238metres of paths within the Parish boundary.
6. **Correspondence after the agenda was circulated:** None.
7. **Reports from committees**
 - 7.1. **Planning Committee meeting 8 June 2022 24/22:** Proposed by Councillor Bray and seconded by Councillor Lomas. All agreed.
 - 7.2. **Open Spaces and Amenities Committee meeting 15 June 2022 25/22:** Proposed by Councillor Patrick and seconded by Councillor Bray. All agreed.
 - 7.3. **Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting 27 June 2022 26/22:** Proposed by Councillor Kirkby and seconded by Councillor Patrick-Smith . All agreed.
 - 7.4. **Extraordinary Meeting of the Council, 27 June 2022 27/22:** Proposed by Councillor Kirkby and seconded by Councillor Sebba. All agreed.
 - 7.5. **Planning Committee meeting 29 June 2022 28/22:** Proposed by Councillor Bray and seconded by Councillor Kirkby. All agreed.
8. **Standing items:**
 - 8.1. **HS2 Updates:** Tunnel boring machine Florence is now in line with the end of Stratton Chase Drive and Cecelia is just north of Mill Lane awaiting maintenance. Further updates are expected next week.
 - 8.2. **Devolved Services:** (See above re correspondence). Third cut of the season has now taken place. A complaint from a resident had been received regarding the trees and saplings on the corner of Bottrells Lane and Dodds Lane. The clerk will gather further information and bring the details to the next Open Spaces and Amenities Committee meeting.
 - 8.3. **Reports from outside organisations:** None.
 - 8.4. **News for inclusion in future publications:** Speed awareness campaign. Accessibility paths at the recreation ground, bus service.
 - 8.5. **Pond and Riverside Walk updates:** Councillor Kirkby had submitted an application to the Community Board, this will be assessed at the meeting next week. The application has the support of the Buckinghamshire Councillors and The Revitalisation Committee. Following negotiations with the Community

Board Liaison officer, the grant, if approved will be on condition of the project going ahead and not conditional on receiving funding from other benefactors.

8.6. Updates from the Community Boards: Councillor Chamberlain had been made chair of the Business Regeneration Group. This group is looking for a new name. The next meeting of the Community Board Funding Committee will take place at 4pm On Tuesday 12 July, and the next meeting of the Community Board will be held face to face at 6.30pm on Wednesday 13 July at Gerrards Cross Community centre.

8.7. Updates on CIL payments: No updates. This item will be removed from the monthly meeting and will be brought to this committee twice a year only.

8.8. Items of importance from social media: A dead duck on the village pond was reported on Social Media. The clerk had registered the bird with DEFRA as it may have been a victim of Avian Flu. The Clerk had also contacted Buckinghamshire Council re sites for incineration of the carcass, however the bird was removed from the pond before the groundsmen attended. Information was added to the village newsletter about what to do if other wild birds are found dead. Also information regarding the village pond maintenance was added to the newsletter to try to stop mis-information from spreading.

9. Current matters:

9.1. To discuss the HS2 Road traffic fund for traffic calming: An email had been sent to Buckinghamshire Council to request a meeting to understand the costs and process of installing a 20mph advisory meeting in the village centre. Concerns were raised about the current traffic calming on Deanway, as some of the white parking bays were positioned in dangerous locations. It was agreed to revisit the locations of the bays once the results of the funding application are known.

9.2. To update on the accessibility paths at the recreation ground: The paths are now complete and the Clerk will walk the paths with the contractor and Councillor Webster to ensure that the contract has been fulfilled. Concerns had been raised about the location of the dog waste bin and the possibility of vehicles now being able to access the football pitch, these issues would be assessed with the contractor.

9.3. To update on the request for a bus service to Little Chalfont: The route of the 106/107 Carousel bus service will be amended from 27 July to include a service from London Road, Chalfont St Giles to Cokes Lane in Little Chalfont. Thanks to Councillor Phillips and Councillor Simon Rouse of Buckinghamshire Council for helping to make this happen.

9.4. To discuss publicity around the apolitical work of the Parish Council: The parish council is apolitical and works purely for the benefit of the parish of Chalfont St Giles and not for any political party. In recent weeks the parish council have helped to organise an improved bus service to Little Chalfont and have also improved the footpaths at the recreation ground to enhance accessibility for all. The Council take a pride in the parish and following a village litter pick in May, have entered the Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition. The results of the competition will be announced at the end of July.

9.5. To discuss a renovation plan and funding for Pheasant Hill Playground: The Pheasant Hill Playground is due for renewal and Align, the HS2 Contractor, had promised to pay for the renovation, however after an application for was submitted, a stipulation for 50% match funding was made. Funding will be difficult to source because the land does not belong to the Parish Council. The Clerk had contacted Buckinghamshire Council to ask for a copy of the lease. Under the Localism Act 2011 the Parish Council can ask for an asset transfer of the land, this would make sourcing funding easier. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact our Buckinghamshire Councillors to ask for the process for asset transfer.

9.6. To agree a budget to install a bus shelter on Deanway near to the exit of Back Lane: The clerk had met with the Local Area Technician to assess the bus shelter site on Deanway. Because of the size of the footway, the shelter will be small. A quote for a shelter purchase and delivery is £4700. There will also be an installation cost. It was agreed to earmark £7,500 from reserves to pay for this.

10. Items for future agendas: None.

11. Date of next meeting – 7 September 2022.

Meeting closed 9.20pm

These minutes are a true record of the meeting. Signed: _____