CHALFONT ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in The Gardens Association Hall, School Lane in Chalfont St Giles on Wednesday 5 October 2022 at 8.00pm.

Present:Councillor G Patrick (Chairman), Councillor D Bray, Councillor J Chamberlain, Councillor R Gill, Councillor J Lomas, Councillor R Massey, Councillor M Phillips, Councillor T Patrick-Smith, Councillor N Sebba. The minutes were recorded by Councillor Chamberlain.

**Public Forum:** None.

1. **Chairmans acknowledgement of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the new reign of King Charles III.**
2. **Apologies for absence:** Councillor G Kirkby, Councillor J Ryman, and Councillor J Webster
3. **Declarations of Interest:** Councillor Chamberlain declared an interest in items 7.2 due to her connection with All Together Community.
4. **Minutes of the meetings held on 7 September 2022 35/22:** The minutes were agreed in the meeting.
5. **Reports from committees**
   1. **Planning Committee meeting 28 September 2022 36/22**: Proposed by Councillor Bray and seconded by Councillor Lomas, all agreed.
6. **Standing items:**
   1. **HS2 Updates:** No updates, Councillor Massey would like to follow up on the proposed site visit that was cancelled due to the fire.
   2. **Devolved Services:** Following an additional grass cut, erroneously carried out by our contractor, the Clerk had received an abusive phone call from a resident which was witnessed by Councillor Chamberlain. Councillors agreed that the abusive parishioner should be advised that her behaviour will no longer be tolerated and that we will not respond to her telephone calls and emails. Councillor Phillips suggested that we record our telephone conversations to create an evidence base of her abusive behaviour. Councillor Bray will contact BALC to ascertain what actions we can legally take, Councillor Chamberlain will liaise with the Clerk on her return from annual leave. All Councillors agreed that this behaviour will not be tolerated, and that severe action should be taken including a letter to the local newsletter confirming this. Councillors were updated on the proposed changes to the Devolved Services Contract, and this will be followed up at the next Open Spaces meeting. Action DB & JC
   3. **Reports from outside organisations:** Councillor Chamberlain advised that there was a vacancy in William Shakman House, applications were being received.
   4. **News for inclusion in future publications:** The Parish Council will not tolerate abusive behaviour.
   5. **Pond and Riverside Walk updates:** Councillor Kirby was not attending this will be carried over to November’s meeting.
   6. **Updates from the Community Boards:** The next meeting is on 16 November.
   7. **Items of importance from social media:** Councillor Phillips advised of a Pilot scheme for ‘Dial-a-bus’ in High Wycombe. There was some discussion about the ‘Horse and trap’ buggy racing on the A413, it was proposed that we liaise with Chalfont St Peter Parish Council for a joint effort to stop this. Action HG
7. **Current matters:**
   1. **To discuss the logistics of holding Parish Council surgeries:** All councillors agreed that this is a good idea but felt that 5 hours at the market was too long, so would hold and publicise surgeries at our events.
   2. **To approve a grant for Warm Spaces submitted by All Together Community:** Following lots of discussion it was agreed unanimously to award this grant to All Together Community, with the recommendation that if other funding becomes available some monies would be returned to the Parish Council. It was also agreed that all advertising about this event must clearly show that the Warm Space is possible due to funding from the Parish Council.
   3. **To agree to submit a Community Board application to the local infrastructure fund to provide a disabled parking bay in the village centre:** Councillors agreed unanimously to this.
   4. **To discuss the Option to opt out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements:** Councillors agreed unanimously to reject the option to ‘‘Opt Out’.
8. **To review the finance documents for August 2022:** The accounts for August were agreed.
9. **Items for future agendas:** Councillor Phillips noted that under Parish Projects the Rotary Club is identified as a grant provider for accessible equipment in Bowstridge Lane Recreation Ground, however she believes that this was more than two years ago and may be out of date. Councillor Phillips requested an update on the stage of this project
10. **Date of next meeting 2 November 2022.**

Meeting closed 21.03pm

**These minutes are a true record of the meeting. Signed:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**