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 2 November 2022 at 8.00pm.

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

**Public Forum:**

The Chair of Governors attended to ask whether any Councillor would like to become a ‘Community Governor’ at the village school. The commitment would be approx. 2 hours per week term time and there is a requirement to attend meetings.

Louise Chamberlain from All Together Community (ATC) attended the meeting to inform the Councillors of the activities of ATC. The Community Fridge had been running for 12 months and had in that time prevented 17 tonnes of food from going to landfill. As times get tougher the shops providing the excess food are beginning to reduce their inventory and therefore there is less to go to the community fridge. ATC are also providing ‘Community Meals’, tea parties for older residents, grow it, cook it , eat it cooking lessons. They also co-ordinate community transport which in the current year has provided 184 journeys at short notice.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Councillor J Ryman.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Minutes of the meetings held on 5 October 2022 37/22:** Agreed and signed.
4. **Clerks Notes:** Noted.
5. **Correspondence**
	1. **Request from a resident of Lagger Close to cut back trees overhanging Lagger Close:** Clerk to investigate further and bring to next Open Spaces Committee meeting.
	2. **Request for a Parish Council to become a Community Governor of Chalfont St Giles School:** See public forum.
	3. **Letter of thanks from Chiltern Open Air Museum for the grant towards the natural play area:** Noted.

## Correspondence after the agenda was circulated: None.

1. **Reports from committees**
	1. **Planning Committee Minutes for meeting 12 October 2022 38/22:** Proposed by Councillor Bray and seconded by Councillor Lomas, all agreed.
	2. **Open Spaces Committee Minutes for meeting 19 October 2022 39/22:** Proposed by Councillor Patrick and seconded by Councillor Massey, all agreed.
	3. **Finance Committee Minutes for meeting 24 October2022 40/22:** Proposed by Councillor Kirkby and seconded by Councillor Sebba, all agreed.
2. **Standing items:**
	1. **HS2 Updates:** Councillors had been invited to a site meeting to see the work that has been carried out in the area so far. Align were providing the road closure signage for the Remembrance Sunday event and they were also providing two three day first aid courses for the Parish Council groundsmen.
	2. **Devolved Services:** A new 12 month extension had been proposed to the current contract, though no extra funding was on offer to cover the increases to fuel and staff.
	3. **Reports from outside organisations:** BALC were creating a new media policy which will be circulated to Parish Councils.
	4. **News for inclusion in future publications:** Harassment of staff to be included in the next newsletter.
	5. **Pond and Riverside Walk updates:** Following silt and water testing, there will be a need for several licences from the environment agency and Buckinghamshire Council. Councillor Kirkby was liaising with Buckinghamshire Council environmental team.
	6. **Updates from the Community Boards:** There will be a funding session next week to agree funding towards the Pheasant Hill refurbishment.
	7. **Items of importance from social media:** None.
3. **Current matters:**
	1. **To discuss the Parish Council Action Plan for 2023/2024 and the budgetary requirements to support the action plan:** An updated action plan had been prepared to show the plans for the 2023/24 budgeting period. The new action plan was agreed.
	2. **Updates on the Pheasant Hill playground refurbishment:** The funding from Align was in place and the Community Board grant would be agreed at the next meeting. Along with the £20k ear marked reserves for play equipment would be enough for funding the project. The tender document would be ready at the beginning of December with tenders to be received in early January.
4. **To review the finance documents for September 2022:** Agreed.
5. **Items for future agendas:** None.
6. **Date of next meeting –7 December 2022.**

Meeting closed 21.55pm

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