CHALFONT ST. GILES PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee was held at 8.00pm on Monday 27 March 2023 in the Gardens Association Hall in School Lane, Chalfont St Giles.

**Present:** Councillor G Kirkby (Chairman), Councillor G Patrick, Councillor N Sebba and the Clerk.

**Public Forum**

A resident attended to report concern about horses in a field near to Vache Farm and to ask whether there were any groups available for elderly people in the village. Details for All Together Community were given.

The Chalfont St Giles Pre-school manager and Chairman attended to discuss the lease of the Cricket Club. The clerk had advised the group that they had planning consent to be open only three days a week and they were required apply for a variation of condition or a certificate of lawfulness from Buckinghamshire Planning. There is currently no sub lease between the Cricket Club and the Pre-School, although a licence has been promised for 12 months. The Preschool pay rent to the cricket club as well as 80% of the electricity bill and pay for maintenance of the building.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Councillor Gill, Councillor T Patrick-Smith, Councillor Ryman
2. **Declarations of Interests:** Councillor Kirkby declared a personal interest in item 7.5.
3. **Minutes of meeting 09/23 which took place on Monday 27 February 2023:** Were agreed and signed in the meeting.
4. **Correspondence received after the circulation of the agenda:**
5. **Report of an abandoned vehicle on School Lane:** The Clerk will report this and other vehicles in the area to the Police.
6. **Clerks Notes:** Noted.
7. **Current Matters:**
   1. **To update the request for additional street lighting in Barrington Park Gardens:** The three new lights were installed on 20 March and are now operational. The residents have paid their contribution to the installation. The residents sent their thanks to the Parish Council for their help in improving the lighting and therefore the safety of the area.
   2. **To discuss updates to the sports club leases:** The committee agreed to seek further legal advice regarding the use of the Cricket Club by the Pre-school. The Clerk was asked to send a letter to the Cricket Club chairman asking for the planning matters to be addressed before the new lease was negotiated and also asking for details of the licence with the pre-school.
   3. **To update on Land Registration for the Parish Council:** The recreation ground has now been registered correctly. The committee agreed to pursue the registration of the other land assets belonging to the council.
   4. **To update on the contractor for street lighting maintenance contract:** The details of the current lighting had been extracted from Parish Online and had been sent to the new contractor. A meeting would be arranged to discuss the conversion of the sodium lighting to LED. Quotes would also be sought for painting the lighting columns.
   5. **To review a grant request regarding The Coronation Street Party:** Councillor Kirkby did not take part in this item, however this left the meeting inquorate for a decision. It was agreed to forward this to the Council meeting for a decision.
   6. **To review the current ear marked reserves:** The reserves were examined and areas for increase or decrease were highlighted.
8. **Accounts February 2023:** The accounts were agreed and signed by the Chairman/
9. **Items for future agendas:** None.
10. **Date of next meeting:** Monday 24 April 2023 at 8pm

**This meeting closed at 9.17pm.**

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