

## **Minutes of a Little Chalfont Parish Council meeting**

**held in the Village Hall, Cokes Lane, Little Chalfont**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr M Crowe (Chairman) Cllr V Patel, Cllr C Ingham, Cllr J Walford, Cllr B Gallagher, Cllr D Nussbaum, Cllr D Silverstone, and Cllr N Henry-Ames

**In attendance:** Ms S Matthews (Parish Clerk) Mrs S Butcher (Assistant Parish Clerk)

**Members of the Public:** Rachel Matthews – Buckinghamshire Council

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr Holmes
- 2. To accept a resolution that standing orders be suspended:** Not required
- 3. To receive and approve the minutes and confidential minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022:**  
Circulated, approved, and signed.
- 4. Declarations of Interest:** None
- 5. Approval by Chairman of items for any other business:** Community Centre and the Lodge Lane/Burtons Lane development.
- 6. Chairman's Report:** The report had been previously circulated and was noted.
- 7. Clerk's Report:** The report had been previously circulated and was noted.
- 8. To receive reports, as appropriate, from members of outside bodies and working parties:**  
Cllr Patel informed the council that Café 22 is going well and that the head of the music department of Dr Challoner's girls' high school is visiting to see if it is viable for some students to come and entertain with their music. Cllr Silverstone reported that the Environmental Café took place in March. There were 20 people in attendance and the priorities for the future were litter, traffic pollution, footpaths, tree planting and green belt land. Buckinghamshire Councillors came to the café to discuss the issues with residents. Potentially there will be other event in June and September 2022. Cllr Holmes informed the council via email that he had attended a LCCA meeting, and the minutes will be circulated to all councillors via the clerk. Cllr Holmes also reported that the Amersham and Villages Community Board of Buckinghamshire Council had decided to provide a new bench, to be located at the junction of Oakington Avenue and Church Grove upon a suggestion from a young resident. The Councillors were concerned about the location and Cllr Ingham will write to residents in Church Grove to ask if they agree with the proposed site. Cllr Holmes will be notified of the concern about the location and take it to the community board.
- 9. Financial matters:** (i) List of payments 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022: circulated and agreed (ii) Authorising bank signatures: This term of office the following councillors will be signatories on all bank accounts: Cllr Crowe, Cllr Patel, Cllr Ingham, Cllr Gallagher and Cllr Walford. All councillors were in agreement. (iii) Internal Auditor letter: All councillors agreed, and the chairman signed. The letter stated that the Parish Council had complied with the period of notice to allow residents to view the accounts.
- 10. Westwood Park Football Club:** (i) To discuss location of new goal posts: It was agreed that pitch 7 – 9v9 would be allowed to have permanent goal posts during the football season. This was agreed by all councillors on condition that the obsolete goal posts in Westwood Park would be removed before installation took place of the permanent posts. Clerk to inform Westwood Park football club on the agreement. (ii) Permanent goalpost proposal: Cllr Crowe

proposed that no further permanent goal posts would be permitted at Westwood Park, Cllr Patel seconded and all councillors agreed.

11. **Village Hall Flagpole for the Jubilee:** Cllr Crowe proposed a quote (circulated prior to the meeting) from a company called 'Harrison'. The cost was for £1032.22, this included the purchase and installation of the flagpole outside the village hall. Councillors discussed potential flags to purchase. This went to a vote, Cllr Nussbaum abstained but all other councillors agreed on the following, a Jubilee flag, a Union Flag and a St George's flag.
12. **Lodge Update:** Cllr Ingham gave an update to the council.
13. **Any other business: (i) Community Centre:** Cllr Gallagher gave the council an update. **(ii) Lodge Lane/Burtons Lane development:** Cllr Ingham informed the council that the application would be discussed by the Strategic Sites Committee of Buckinghamshire Council on the 21<sup>st</sup> April at 2pm in Aylesbury. He asked for any councillors who were available to attend to support the objection.
14. To consider a resolution that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable, in the public interest, that the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting and be instructed to withdraw. (The items are confidential because they deal variously with contractual and legal matters.) Cllr Matthews left the meeting
15. **Staff Matters:** Cllr Patel informed the council that a meeting of the establishment committee had taken place and decided to make Mrs Samantha Butcher a permanent member of staff. Cllr Patel asked councillors to endorse this decision. All councillors agreed.
16. **Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.30pm

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