

**Minutes of a meeting of Little Chalfont Parish Council
Held on Wednesday 13th December 2023 at 7.30pm
in the Village Hall, Cokes Lane, Little Chalfont**

Members present: Cllr V Patel (Chairman), Cllr B Gallagher, Cllr C Holmes, Cllr V Davies, Cllr D Nussbaum, and Cllr K Murali.

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

Members of the Public: Mr D Morgan from DCK

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr M Tett (Buckinghamshire Council) and Cllr J Walford and Cllr N Henry-Ames (Parish Council)
2. **To accept a resolution that standing orders be suspended** to allow any members of the public to speak (10 mins): Not required
3. **To receive and approve the Parish minutes of 8th November 2023.:** These were received, approved and signed by the chairman as a correct record.
4. **Declarations of Interest:** None
5. **Approval by Chairman of Items for Any Other Business:** (i) Parish Council office telephone and broadband.
6. **Chairman's Report:** This had been previously circulated to and received by councillors.
7. **Clerk's Report:** This had been previously circulated to and received by councillors.
8. **Reports, as appropriate, from members of outside bodies and working parties:** Cllr Davies circulated a report from a Nature Park meeting held on the 7th December 2023. No further reports.
9. **Financial Matters:**
 - i) List of Payments 13th December: Circulated, approved and signed.(Cllr Gallagher requested that an expense to himself be removed, this was agreed)
 - ii) Consider preliminary budget 24/25: Mr Morgan gave an outline of the budget to the councillors. After a discussion to was agreed that DCK would review, make the adjustments requested and the clerk will circulate. This item to be on the agenda for the next Parish meeting
10. **Community Centre update:** Cllr Gallagher gave the councillors an update on the meeting with the architects on the 13th November 2023.
11. **To discuss Speedwatch:** After a discussion it was decided that the Parish Council support the idea subject to sufficient volunteers are available to run the speedwatch. Cllr Holmes to propose to the LCCA.
12. **To discuss quote from Sparkx:** After a discussion, Cllr Patel proposed the quote, Cllr Gallagher seconded, and all councillors agreed.
13. **Bucks Housing Strategy Response:** Item deferred until the next Planning meeting on the 3rd January 2024.
14. **Any other business:** Parish Council office telephone and broadband: The clerk informed the council that there had been a number of issues with the current provider, which has led to the phone and broadband not in use. After numerous phone calls, it has been agreed to send an engineer out to the Parish Council to hopefully resolve the problem. After a discussion it was agreed that the current provider's contract would be terminated and the

council will go with BT, who were on the quotes supplied in October as the cost will approximately be the same.

- 15.** 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.)

- 16. To discuss future plan of the pavilion at Westwood Park:** Cllr Gallagher gave an update to councillors regarding a meeting that had taken place.

- 17. Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 7.30pm

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