

Minutes of a Little Chalfont Parish Council meeting

held in the Village Hall, Cokes Lane, Little Chalfont

Wednesday 9th February 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr M Crowe (Chairman) Cllr V Patel, Cllr C Ingham, Cllr J Walford, Cllr D Nussbaum and Cllr D Silverstone

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

Members of the Public: Mr G Yellowley and Cllr M Tett (Buckinghamshire Councillor)

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr C Holmes
- 2. To accept a resolution that standing orders be suspended** to allow any members of the public to speak (10 mins): Mr Yellowley spoke about the library's grant request to the Parish Council that was discussed under item 10 on the agenda.
- 3. To receive and approve the minutes of 12th January 2022:**
Circulated, approved, and signed.
- 4. Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Nussbaum is a non-executive director of the parent company of Opus.
- 5. Approval by Chairman of items for any other business:** Lodge Lease.
- 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 reported details of a GE Healthcare meeting he had attended via zoom. Cllr Patel informed the council that the first dementia café had taken place and was a success. Cllr Crowe informed the council that a Nature Park management group meeting had taken place. Cllr Crowe stated that quotes were being sourced for potentially converting part of the pavilion into an office. Cllr Silverstone reported that the Environmental community boards were looking for locations to place benches in honour of the Queen's Jubilee.
- 9. Financial matters:** (i) List of payments 9th February 2022: circulated and agreed (ii) Treasury and investment policy was adopted. The clerk to make a minor change. Treasury and investment action plan was agreed.
- 10. Library Grant:** After a discussion, Cllr Ingham proposed £3000, and Cllr Gallagher seconded. Mr Yellowley left the meeting. All councillors agreed.
- 11. Westwood Park Football Club:** This item was deferred until the next meeting.
- 12. Code of Conduct:** The Parish Council adopted the Code of Conduct.
- 13. Community Centre update:** After a discussion it was decided to create a new working party. Cllr Crowe proposed Cllr Gallagher as Chairman and Cllr Walford seconded. All councillors agreed.
- 14. Prospects for the forthcoming draft Buckinghamshire Local Plan, and Bucks Council's current call for brownfield sites: Local Plan-** The council agreed on the text of a letter to be sent to Bucks Council Planning Policy, jointly from the chairman and the chairman of the LCCA, in response to the Regulation 18 survey questionnaire 'The Discovery and Exploration Phase for the new Local Plan for Buckinghamshire'. **Brownfield Sites** - It was noted that the Coordination Group is examining possible sites which the council might put forward in response to Buckinghamshire Council's latest call for brownfield sites, issued on 6 December 2021, and will make recommendations in due course.

15. **Parish Newsletter:** Cllr Walford informed the council that new publishing software had been purchased. Articles to appear in the newsletter were discussed and allocated. It was decided to publish and distribute near the end of April. The clerk will contact the printers.
16. **Village Hall Hire costs and Westwood Park hire costs:** This item was deferred to the next meeting.
17. **Annual Public Meeting:** It was agreed to hold the annual public meeting on the 4th May 2022 @7.30pm at the village hall.
18. **Any other business** Lodge Lease: Cllr Ingham gave an update in the confidential session.
19. 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 Tett left the meeting
20. **Gas and Electricity Contracts:** The Gas contracts were awarded to Total Energies and the Electric contracts were awarded to SSE for the period of 24 months.
21. **Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 9th March 2022 at 7.30pm

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