

Notes of Little Chalfont Parish Meeting
Held on Wednesday 4th May 2022 at 7.30pm
In the Village Hall, Cokes Lane, Little Chalfont

Members of the Parish Council Present: Cllr Crowe, Cllr Gallagher, Cllr Patel, Cllr Ingham, Cllr Nussbuam, Cllr Silverstone and Cllr Henry-Ames.

Speakers: Ian Edgar and Brian Drew

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

Members of the Public: The highest recorded attendance for the Annual Parish meetings over 90+ residents.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Walford (Parish) Cllr Holmes (Parish) Cllr Jones (Buckinghamshire)

2. **Notes of the Parish Meeting held on 28 April 2021:** Cllr Crowe welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced each of the parish and district councillors as well as the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk. He outlined what was contained in the notes from the last Parish Meeting held on 28 April 2021 and explained that there were copies available in the hall and that a copy had been put on the website at www.littlechalfont-pc.gov.uk. The notes were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Cllr Crowe then explained the format for the evening and introduced the first speaker.

3. **Guest Speakers:**
 - a. **Ian Edgar from B Pharmacy:** Mr Edgar had been in the village for 18 years. In 1981 in studied in Glasgow and Ealing to qualify to become a pharmacist. The Pharmacy has been in the village for 40 years and in that time has evolved with the times. It receives on average 150-200 prescriptions a day including repeat that are sent direct from the GP surgeries to the pharmacy. This did increase to 400-500 during the covid pandemic. They provide a Discharge Medical service, face to face or over the telephone, deal with requests from 111, emails to locate stock, helping patients on new medicines and BP measurements. In 2016 400-500 pharmacies around the UK closed due to the government funding restraints, approximately 1500 GP surgeries have on site pharmacies for patients. He stated that in the 40 years he has worked as the village pharmacist a lot has changed, for example – repeat prescriptions, working more hand in hand with GP surgeries and the general improvement on services available.

 - b. **Brian Drew – History of Little Chalfont:** Mr Drew spoke to residents about the history of the village and how it has changed. 30 years ago, Ivor White a book on Little Chalfont's history and obtained photos to preserve the history. These have since been digitalised and are available to view on the LCCA website. Bertram Mills owned Pollards Wood, the site where GE Healthcare are located today. He was frequently seen walking his elephants through the village on their daily walk. In 1889 the railway line arrived and was called Chalfont road Station, this was renamed in 1915 as it is known today as Chalfont and Latimer station. Lord Salisbury paid for a road through the village and charged for residents to use. There is a milestone

landmark opposite Chessfield Park. After the railway sold off land in 1922 for housing the village was known as Chalfont Station Village and renamed as Little Chalfont in 1925. In the 1920's the first development of village way, first shops near the station, post office, public house, Munn and Chapman motor company and Stalton Engineering works (closed down in 1980. In the 1930's shops were built on Nightingales Corner, in 1952 the village hall was built by public funds, costing £2850. In 1962 Chenies Parade was built, 1967 the village green was created, in 1974 the library opened. In 1991 Pavilion way as built. In 2005 a vote took place for Little Chalfont to become a Parish and in 2007 the Parish Council was created. In 2008 the Old Saw Mill estate was built, in 2014 45 dwellings were built off Burtons Lane. In 2014 a war memorial was erected by the village green paid for residents and the Parish Council. In 2007 the first village day took place and vintage buses ran all day on organised tours for the residents. In 2019/20 the parish council entered a planning application to Chiltern District Council for a new community centre, this was turned by the council and again on appeal. (Q) what is the significance of the boomerang on the Parish badge? (A) Just a decision made by the councillors at that time. (Q) Where is the elephants exercise? (A) Doggetts Wood Lane originally known as Elephant Lane. (Q) Where are the photos available to view? (A) On the LCCA website.

4. **Chairman's Report:** Cllr Crowe thanked the speakers. He then gave a brief summary of his annual report highlighting some of the work of the council during the past year.
5. **Open Forum:** (Q) What can be done about the parents of Dr Challoner's school girls who pick up or drop off their children in St Nicholas Close? Cllr Martin Tett of Buckinghamshire answered 'if there are parking restrictions in place then parking enforcement can issue tickets or if it is illegal parking by the zigzag lines it will be the police. The Parish Council will write to the school asking for parents to be considerate when collecting and dropping off their children. (Q) Why is there so many roadworks on White Lion Road? (A) If there are planned works, then is available to view on the Parish Council website, unfortunately the Parish Council is notified of emergency works taking place. (Q) What is happening about a new community centre? Cllr Gallagher informed the resident that the Parish Council are hoping to move the project forward and to meet all the requirements of the planners and residents. Unfortunately, it is a very long process.
6. **Close:** The Chairman thanked the speakers and everyone for attending what had been an interesting and informative evening.

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