



LITTLE CHALFONT PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2011

Westwood Park

The new play area was officially opened on August 31st although it had been in use for most of the school summer holidays.

The opening ceremony was performed by Megan de Liege, who won a competition open to local school children. A plaque with Megan's name will shortly be installed in the play area.

Also attending the ceremony were District Councillor Mimi Harker OBE, County Councillor Martin Tett and Bodger, the Wycombe Wanderers mascot.

The new area has been much appreciated by children, parents and grandparents; it has been a real pleasure to see so many people enjoying the facilities in the park. One additional piece of equipment, kindly donated by GE Healthcare and aimed at the very young, will soon be installed.



The Chairman of the Parish Council introducing Megan prior to the cutting of the ribbon.



Present and past Chairmen of the Council (Brian Drew & Francis Wilkinson) join children on the roundabout.

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Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee

To mark 60 years of the Queen's reign, the Diamond Jubilee takes place in 2012. The celebrations will centre around an extended weekend - June 2nd to June 5th. The Parish Council is interested to hear of any ideas for marking this event in some way. Any suggestions should be sent to the Parish Clerk.

New Parish Councillors

John Hinkly and David Rafferty were elected in May.
Michael Parker was co-opted in June.

This leaves one vacancy. Anyone interested is invited to speak with the Parish Clerk who will be able to give full details of the responsibilities.

Parish Council's Planning Committee

Planning applications are decided in this area by Chiltern District Council, but the Parish Council has a duty to comment on local applications and is consulted on wider planning policy. The Planning Committee meets every three weeks and a number of residents have taken the opportunity to address the committee, in the ten minutes allowed at the beginning of each meeting, about planning applications which affect them.

Agendas for all meetings are published on the Council's notice boards (outside the Village Hall and on Chenies Parade) at least three working days prior to the meeting.

Next Planning Committee in the Village Hall - Tuesday November 1st 7.30 p.m.

Chiltern District Council Core Strategy

The planning inspector is expected to publish his final report shortly and, the Core Strategy should therefore go to the Secretary of State some time in October. It will then be placed before the District Council Cabinet for adoption, probably in November.

Draft National Planning Policy Framework

You will probably be aware of the controversy following the publication of this document. The Parish Council will be submitting a response to be agreed at the October meeting of the Planning Committee.

Telecom Masts

The Parish Council objected to a planning application for a mast on the corner of Linfields and CDC refused permission. It has not objected to an application for one near the railway station.

Another application, for a mast on the roof of Jane Duncan Architects in Chalfont Station Road, is expected soon.

Westwood Park car park

Now that the play area has been installed, a contract to re-surface the car park and approach road has been placed. The work should be completed by the end of October. There will be limited access to the park while work is underway.

Street lights

With the exception of lights on the A404 and a few close to Nightingales Corner, all street lamps in Little Chalfont are the responsibility of the Parish Council. If you spot a light that is not working, please contact the Parish Council office giving the number of the lamp and the road it is in. We aim to get lights repaired very quickly but rely on residents to report problems.

Vehicle Activated Sign in Elizabeth Avenue

A permanent speed indication sign has, at last, been installed in Elizabeth Avenue near the junction with Chenies Avenue.

These signs have been proved to help reduce average speeds.

The cost of the sign has been met by Bucks County Council from the delegated budget allocated to parishes and agreed by the Local Area Forum which covers Little Chalfont, Chalfont St. Peter, Chalfont St. Giles and Seer Green.

Our latest bid for funding from this budget is for dropped kerbs on the junctions of Russell Close and Bedford Avenue.

The next Local Area Forum meeting will be held in Little Chalfont Village Hall on Wednesday October 19th at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting is open to anyone.



Minor Remedial Work

Recently, the Parish Council has carried minor works around the village previously carried out by the County Council e.g. keeping alley ways free of vegetation and pruning back of trees and shrubs to improve accessibility. This work has already been appreciated by residents.

Please report any similar instances to the Parish Clerk. Even if the Parish Council cannot do the necessary work it is possible for us to pass on any information to the relevant authority.

Little Chalfont Community Library

Congratulations to Little Chalfont Community Library on winning a Queens Award for Voluntary Service. The award was presented by the Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire at a ceremony in the library on September 30th

We also congratulate Jim Brooks, Chairman of the Friends of Little Chalfont Library, on his MBE, awarded in the Queens Birthday honours in June for services to the library.

The Parish Council gives financial support to the work of the library.



Health Fair

A Health Fair, jointly organised by CDC, Nexus and the Little Chalfont Community Association, was held in July at Dr. Challoner's High School. A number of local people attended and were able to receive advice on various health matters.

Bell Lane School

Parish Councillors were delighted to hear that the school has been saved from closure following many protests from the local community.

The school has now been taken out of special measures following an excellent report from OFSTED.

Community Park

The Parish Council is delighted to learn that the land for the proposed Community Park has recently been purchased and is looking forward taking part in the formulation of future plans. A special issue of the Little Chalfont Community Association's Newsletter, providing more information, will have been delivered to households along with this Newsletter.

The Parish Council would like to thank and congratulate the trustees of Little Chalfont Charitable Trust, especially Roger Funk, for all their work in this project.

Christmas Fair

Following last year's very successful event, another Christmas Fair has been arranged by the Community Association -

**Saturday November 12th - 9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.
in the Village Hall**

Farmers' Market

This is held on the 2nd Saturday of each month on the Village Hall car-park from 9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. **Next dates: November 12th, December 10th.**

Village Day 2011

Congratulations to the Little Chalfont Community Association and especially Alison Smith for an excellent day in June. There was a wonderful atmosphere in the village helped by the usual good weather.



The day started with a Fun Run in Westwood Park



The Village Green was full of stalls and people



Demonstration of Taikwondo



Little Chalfont Primary School with their African drumming



The stage was in good use with a variety of performers

VILLAGE DAY 2012

Due to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, the bank holiday normally scheduled at the end of May has been moved to the first Monday in June. School half term holidays will be in this week. Village Day 2012 will therefore be put back by one week to -

Saturday June 16th

Your Parish Councillors:

Brian Drew (Chairman) Michael Dear (Vice Chairman)
Lesley Hunt (Chairman - Planning Committee)
Vinny Patel, John Hinkly, David Rafferty, Michael Parker

Your District Councillors are Don Phillips and Peter Martin

Your County Councillors are Martin Tett and Tim Butcher

Parish Council meetings, held in the Village Hall, are open to the public although occasionally confidential items are discussed in private.

Full Council meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month (except August) at 7.30 p.m.

Planning committee meetings are held every three weeks, usually on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 p.m.

Minutes of all meetings are published on the Council's web site. Minutes and agenda are displayed on the notice boards outside the Village Hall and on Chenies Parade.

Dates of future meetings are on the Council's web site.

Your views are important.

Please let us know what you would like the Council to do (or at least try to do) by sending comments to the Parish Clerk by letter or e-mail.

Additionally, you are entitled to address the Council in the short public session at each Parish Council meeting - contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

Parish Council Office:

This is located at the back of the Village Hall in Cokes Lane.

Please call if you have any queries. The telephone number is 01494 766655.

If unattended, please leave a message on the answerphone and a response will be made as soon as possible.

You can also e-mail - clerk@littlechalfont-pc.gov.uk.

The office is normally open from 9.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. Monday – Friday.

The Council's web site is: www.littlechalfont-pc.gov.uk

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