

CHALGROVE PARISH COUNCIL

A **MEETING** of the Parish Council took place in the Chalgrove Village Hall at 7.30pm, **Thursday 2nd July 2020**, via video call.

Present: Cllr. A. Pritchard, Chair
 Cllr. P. Waters, Vice-Chair
 Cllr. D. Turner, also Dist. Cllr.
 Cllr. B. Gray
 Cllr. T. Ace
 Cllr. J. Nabb
 Cllr. A. Dudley

Apologies Accepted: Cllrs. Reed, Ziemelis & Fisher

Not present: Cllr. C. Nixey

Members of the public: n/a

23. The minutes of the meeting held 2nd June 2020 were amended, approved, and then signed by the Chairman; proposed Cllr. Ace, seconded Cllr. Dudley, agreed by all.

24. It was agreed by all to include Committee Meeting minutes as an Appendix to the main Parish Council Meeting minutes, to assist the public in knowing when, where, and how discussions took place.

25. PUBLIC SESSION: None

26. COVID-19 PANDEMIC:

Volunteers Scheme

(a) It was reported that, as at the 29th June, the Parish Council had received 443 separate requests for assistance during the Covid-19 period and that the Volunteer Hub contained 63 volunteers – a reduction from over 100 volunteers due to some people having returned to work. (b) The Parish Council will continue to support the most vulnerable residents through delivering services which ensure access to essential supplies and assistance, and will continue to monitor Government advice closely until shielding comes to an end. (c) It was reported that requests for help had stabilised and had become more manageable.

(b) JM

(d) Due to working alongside two charities, the Parish Council had not yet been required to create a food bank. It was clarified that, should the service not be required, grant monies received for that purpose would need to be returned.

(d) DT, JM

Communication

(a) It was noted that there are sufficient monies left over from Cllr. Harrod's grant for the purposes of communication. Discussions are to take place with the Communications Committee. (b) Information was provided on the Government's honour system which recognises people who have made an exceptional contribution to their community during the Covid-19 crisis. Details of how to nominate had been provided to Councillors and placed within the public domain.

(a) JM

Virtual Meetings

NALC and SLCC had produced a joint view on Parish Council meetings, advising that Parish Councils continue to meet remotely via video conferencing, and that Parish Councils have to power to do so until May 2021.

Outdoor Recreational Areas

(a) MUGA & Skate Park – Following a vote, it was agreed by the majority to re-open the MUGA and Skate Park on the 4th July, subject to the agreed usage conditions: safety signage to be placed within and outside the facilities clarifying that the Parish Council will not undertake cleaning, social distancing to be self-policed with any reports forwarded to Thames Valley Police, maximum capacity of 6 people within the Skate Park, and 6 people within the MUGA (two groups of 6 for sports group who have booked the facility and provided risk assessments), and maximum usage times.

(a) JM

(b) Play Areas – It was agreed by all that the two Plays Areas would remain closed until such time that the risk assessment has been completed, due to complicated guidance received from the Government.

(b) PW, JM

Village Hall

It had been confirmed by the Government that Village Halls could reopen from the 4th July

<p>if the Parish Council took steps to reduce the risk of transmission. It was reported that indoor sport and fitness groups were still prohibited effectively reducing the amount of regular bookings allowed, causing a financial loss due to the extensive cleaning schedule required. It was agreed by all that the Village Hall would remain closed until such time that restrictions were eased.</p>	
<p>27. FINANCE COMMITTEE: (a) It was reported that there had been a delay producing the Parish Council accounts due to Covid-19; the delay was covered by the Government approved extension with a deadline (b) Councillors were informed of the Finance Committee meeting date; 30th July.</p>	(b) ALL
<p>28. RECREATION COMMITTEE: <u>Cavaliers FC</u> (a) Further information was required from the Cavaliers FC regarding the ground sockets before the Parish Council could make a decision on their proposed netting. An on-site meeting is to be scheduled alongside representatives from the Cavaliers FC. (b) Complaints had been received regarding the Cavaliers FC goal posts which had been left on the Recreation Grounds in locations not previously approved by the Parish Council. Discussions are to take place at the above mentioned on-site meeting.</p>	(a) TA, PW, BG, JM (b) TA, PW, BG, JM
<p><u>Table Tennis</u> The Chalgrove Table Tennis Club had written to ask permission to install an outdoor table tennis table due to the Village Hall remaining closed. Discussions took place and the Parish Council felt that it should not be sited next to the Village Hall or Youth Centre and that it would need to be a permanent structure, concreted into the ground. It was noted that Watlington Parish Council had installed one and comments and costs are to be obtained.</p>	JM
<p>29. SODC LOCAL PLAN / AIRFIELD DEVELOPMENT: <u>Examination in Public</u> (a) The Parish Council submitted the final written statements for the Examination in Public (EiP) on the 25th June, and thanks were given to Cllr. Pritchard for her valued work. (b) Cllr. Pritchard is to represent the Parish Council at the EiP hearing on Tuesday 28th July, where she will object to the inclusion of Chalgrove Airfield as a strategic site within the SODC Local Plan.</p>	(b) AP
<p><u>Airfield Planning Application</u> (a) Homes England had submitted their Outline planning Application for the Chalgrove Airfield site. (b) Concerns were made regarding the response deadline of the 18th July; a significantly short period of time for such a contentious and large proposed development. A request is to be sent to the SODC Planning Officer for an extension, for both the Parish Council and the wider community.</p>	(b) JM

30. PLANS (Parish Council decision only):

P20/S2008/O	Land adjoining 61 Brinkinfield Road	New residential dwelling
		NO OBJECTION with comments
P20/S1778/LB	97A High Street	Replacement of windows
		NO OBJECTION
P20/S2134/O	Chalgrove Airfield	3000 new residential dwellings
		OBJECTION with comments
P20/S1736/FUL	47 Fairfax Road	Side extension and new 2 bed dwelling
		on adjacent land
		NO OBJECTION
P19/S4413/O	Commercial Development at Warpsgrove Lane	Amendment to previous plans
		NO OBJECTION

31. REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:
Cllr. Turner reported on (a) SODC's emergency budget for Covid volunteer groups, (b) SODC's virtual meetings, (c) planning enforcement, (d) the Thames Champion for South Oxfordshire, (e) improvements for cycling across Oxfordshire, (f) the Oxfordshire Plan 2050, and (g) support for those struggling to pay Council Tax.

ACCOUNTS:
32. There had been no cheques signed outside of meetings.

33. ACCOUNTS SANCTIONED FOR PAYMENT:

006892	K. Burgess – financial assistance	£82.50
006893	Countryside Est. Services – groundsman	£1447.73

006894	M. Law – gate caretaking	£100.00
006895	R. Murphy – litter picking	£280.05
006896	Viking – office & cleaning supplies	£565.63
006897	TalkTalk – web hosting	£96.28
006898	SSE – electricity supply	£142.13
006899	BT – telephone lines	£229.22
006900	Castle Water – water supply	£108.96
006901	Castle Water – water supply	£174.90
006902	TLGO – grass cutting	£360.00

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:		
34 . Following a possible contamination of the back brook on the 7 th May, which allegedly caused the resident’s child to become unwell, the Parish Council had received a report from Thames Water which detailed that their tests on the 7 th May, 30 th May and 5 th June concluded that there was no pollution to the watercourse.		
35. Following the removal of parked cars from the verge and footpath outside 55 High Street, complaints had been received regarding the same cars now parking on the highway. It was agreed by all to contact Highways, SOHA, and Thames Valley Police to find a solution.		JM
36. Cllr. Gray requested that more money be allocated to street cleaning. It was noted that discussions would take place with the Finance & HR Committee, and that the SODC Deep Clean would take place in August.		JM
37. Cllr. Turner reported that he would contact SOHA to clear their section of the High Street brook.		DT
38. Cllr. Ace announced that Mr. Alan Shorter, member of the Parish Council Allotment Committee, had sadly died. The Parish Council’s sympathy is to be passed on to his family.		JM
39. Cllr. Dudley reported on various hedgerows which needed cutting back.		JM

The meeting closed at 8.38pm

Signed: Chairman