

CHALFONT St. PETER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Communications and PR Committee
held on Thursday 8th March 2021 at 7.30pm.



MINUTES

Present: Cllr Rush, Cllr Browne, Cllr Dale and Cllr Shinner

Also Present: Debbie Evans (Clerk)

56. Apologies received by Cllr Harrold.

57. The following personal or pecuniary interests were declared by the following Cllrs.

Cllr Rush as a Buckinghamshire Council Councillor

58. Cllr Rush approved the minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2020, seconded Cllr Browne, agreed.

59. To review action points from previous meetings:

19b Cllr Rush to revisit this item and look to define a structure and weekly/monthly themes for the social media streams to keep the social media pages relevant and active.

ACTION Cllr Rush

ACTION – Cllr Shinner to approach a previous Chairman of Comms & PR and ask for advice on how we can use the facilities within social media to diarise items to come up.

19c Poster to be created by Met One with key deliverables, Council agreed £100 for the cost of this. Cllr Shinner to speak to Met one to see if they can produce this for us at this cost. **ACTION – Cllr Shinner.** Clerk to provide information for Cllr Shinner to use.

ACTION

19f Haywarden and Cllr Dale to contact professional organisations and charities about the nature reserve and potential bird boxes etc in the new St Peters Garden. Cllr Dale reported that he had spoken to a company who would be happy to set up a workshop around how to organise sponsorship and help children make the bird boxes. It was felt that local businesses could also be contacted to see if they would like to sponsor a bird box. It was however too soon to pursue this further at present.

Due to COVID this is awaiting a safe date to start.

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Cllr Shinner to get a quote from “men in sheds”. **ACTION.**

Cllr Dale to get a quote from Chiltern Rangers. **ACTION.**

19g Cllr Rush to investigate local radio stations and ask If they would like a “day in the life of...” Type interview. High Wycombe sounds were not interested as we were outside of their range. Cllr Rush to approach another station. **C’fwd.**

21 Advertising of the Councillor Surgeries, Cllr Rush to ask the Community Centre if they would put up a poster. Due to COVID this is not possible at present.

52a Cllr Rush, Cllr Ford, Cllr Harrold to post below updates from Committees on our social media sites

- Open Spaces –Bite sized bi-weekly updates from Cllr Southworth and Fly tipping. **Ongoing on an ad hoc basis**
- Main Council – Thank you to the Haywarden team for picking up the inordinate amount of rubbish being left and to remind people to take home their own rubbish, keep Chalfont tidy.

52b Clerk to send a photo of the Haywardens to Jonathan to use with above post. **ACTION**
– Cllr Shinner to look to see if he has any photographs and send onto Jonathan.

60. Clerk gave the committee an update on the work undertaken so far with regards the WCAG 2.1 regulations. We now have a compliant website, the Clerk is populating the site.

61. The Committee discussed the flooding issue and discussed a template statement to be used.

Chalfont St Peter Parish Council continues to press Thames Water for a permanent solution to the regular flooding of our village centre with water contaminated with untreated sewage. The cause of the problem is well-known: Thames Water’s sewer pipe running downhill along the Misbourne Valley is not watertight. When it rains heavily, the water table rises and pours into the pipe which is unable to take the extra flow. The result is untreated sewage and water bursts out at the manhole covers in the village. Roads have to be closed and businesses shut. It is also a major health hazard.

This is a disgrace and has been going on for at least twelve years. Thames Water continues to state that it is addressing the problem but nothing happens. Climate change will likely increase rainfall and consequent flooding in the village. This is an unacceptable state of affairs. The parish council is now demanding that Thames Water produce detailed plans of exactly how it attends to solve the problem with a start and finish date of the project.

Recommend to Main Council, Proposed Cllr Shinner, seconded Cllr Dale. Agreed.

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62. To discuss and agree communications as requested from committees.

A&P – Flooding, covered in the above action.

HR – None

OS – None

Finance – None

63. Information items

Cllr Browne highlighted the increased amount of rubbish along the A413, clearance along this stretch of road is the responsibility of Bucks Council. Cllr Browne also highlighted the number of shops closing in Beaconsfield shopping centre and the increased introduction of 20mph zones throughout London.

NAG have organised a meeting with Mathew Barber PCC on the 17th March, giving him the opportunity to hear our concerns about speeding along the A413.

64. To resolve that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw (Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 s1)

65. The Clerk updated the Council on the recent request for information with regards previous action taken. **ACTION** – Clerk to send Cllr Shinner, Cllr Ford, Cllr Browne and Cllr Rush the previous statement from Jan 2020 which they will update and get agreement from two out of the following Chairman and Vice Chairman of Council and Chairman & Vice Chairman of Comms & PR to use if required before the 25th March, if not required it is **RECOMMENDED TO MAIN COUNCIL**.

66. Date of Next Meeting – TBA.

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