

# CHALFONT ST PETER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Advisory Council Meeting** held online using Zoom on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> April 2022 at **7.30pm**.



**This meeting is an advisory meeting to provide guidance and advice to the Clerk who during this time of COVID has delegated decision making authority.**

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## MINUTES

In attendance: Cllr Shinner (Chairman), Cllr Dale (Vice Chairman), Cllr Dickson, Cllr Hatton, Cllr North, Cllr Rush, Cllr Ryan, Cllr Smith, Cllr Vladar and Cllr Southworth.

Also Present: Debbie Evans (Clerk) along with one resident.

The Chairman read out the statement that this meeting is an advisory meeting due to safety concerns with meeting in person because of the increase in local COVID cases. The Council have previously agreed to devolve authority to the Clerk during this time. These meetings are to advise the Clerk of the Council's feelings towards matters to aid in her decision making.

The chairman read out a statement informing all present of the resignation of two Cllrs, Cllr Philip Bennett and Cllr Duncan Wells. We are very sorry to lose them and wish them well in their future endeavours. The Parish Council are following the required casual vacancy process and are awaiting confirmation on whether the vacancies will be filled via an election or through co-option.

245 No public discussions took place.

246 Apologies received from Cllr Darby, Cllr Jha and Cllr Sandover.

247 The following personal or disclosable pecuniary interests were declared –

Feast of St Peter Committee - Cllr Shinner,  
St Peter's Memorial Group Committee – Cllr Shinner, Cllr Smith & Cllr Hatton  
Buckinghamshire Councillors – Cllr Rush and Cllr Smith  
CAPP committee members – Cllr Vladar, Cllr Hatton and Cllr Dickson.

248 The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 were proposed by Cllr Hatton, seconded Cllr Ryan and agreed subject to the name change from VOPAG to Age Concern GX.

249 To discuss the actions from Previous Meetings –

108a Lighting the Beacon for the Jubilee – June 2022 – Cllr Ryan, Cllr Darby and Cllr Dale are part of a working party with a budget of £1k to organise events to accompany the beacon lighting. **ACTION – Clerk** to assist with the publicity once it has been decided what is going to happen.

Lots of people have come forward who were in the village at the same time as the coronation therefore, it is no longer required for Cllr Vladar to investigate independently as a resident (rather than from the PC due to GDPR rules) if anybody recognises anybody within the photo. **ACTION – Cllr Vladar – COMPLETED**

It was suggested that we replicate the 2012 original Beacon lighting poster, possibly in purple for the platinum jubilee. **ACTION – Cllr Smith** to send to the Clerk to see if this is possible.

Cllr Smith requested if anybody knows of anybody who can write song lyrics for the jubilee to get in contact with her. **ACTION – All Cllrs.**

- 176 CIL - Cllr Dickson requested an update from the discussions had by Cllr Darby with the CIL department. **ACTION – Cllr Darby c'fwd**

Cllr Vldar mentioned that there was a report available that we should be getting from the CIL department. **ACTION – Clerk** has requested a copy from Bucks and chased twice with no response. Cllr North has recently been in discussions with Bucks about CIL, we have a payment due in 2022 and the report should be forthcoming.

- 205 CAPP Skate park - Cllr Vldar has been contacting other Parish Councils across Bucks for info on how they managed and paid for their skate parks, Cllr Vldar will provide a report on her findings. Cllr Vldar highlighted that in the event we can prove the skate park facilities benefit the surrounding villages also we may be able to get more funding. **ACTION – Cllr Vldar c'fwd.**

The Clerk asked Cllr Rush to clarify the criteria for the Community Board next year as it was originally stated that play/leisure equipment was not within the remit of the CB however, the CAPP group have been informed otherwise. **ACTION – Cllr Rush c'fwd**

- 208 Feast Day – **ACTION- Cllr Darby** will create a rota for the Parish Council pitch at Feast Day.

- 250 Chairman's Announcements were noted, see [Appendix 1](#), Cllr Shinner shared his ruling on the point of order raise at the March Main Council meeting. See [Appendix 2](#).

Addendum to the Chairmans report, Parish Liaison meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> March, it was a useful meeting with lots of information, would recommend Cllrs to attend future events

- 251 To discuss and agree the minutes and recommendations from the following committees:

- A&P – 4th April 2022. Proposed Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr North, agreed.
- Open Spaces – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Proposed Cllr Hatton, seconded Cllr Dale, agreed.

- 127 **RECOMMEND TO MAIN COUNCIL** – For Chiltern Rangers to plant up the left-hand verge at Bailes green with ox eyes daisies and gorse up to the value of £500. Proposed Cllr Hatton, seconded Cllr Ryan, agreed.

- 130 **RECOMMEND TO MAIN COUNCIL** – The Committee recommends a budget up to £2k to dig a meter square around the 100 trees project trees and lay membrane and bark. Proposed Cllr Hatton, seconded Cllr Southworth, agreed.

- A&P – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Proposed Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Shinner, agreed.

- 251 Cllr Shinner proposed the cheques, seconded Cllr Dale, agreed. Cllr Smith and Cllr North have volunteered to sign cheques in May.

*The Clerk agreed to the decision/course of action discussed above, as per delegated decision-making authority.*

- 253 Cllr North updated the Council on the following –

NHP – Lots of good discussions and work has taken place with regards the character areas. Its been a surprise to see how little change has happened since 2012, we live in a lovely area that needs protecting. Another character area meeting will take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm to update reports and next steps.

Recently Cllr North, Cllr Shinner, Cllr Hatton, Troy Consulting and the Bucks NP co-ordinator met. The Parish Council are proposing that the updated NP would look similar to our current revision with the addition of the design code elements. Bucks are now aware of our next steps.

It would be advantageous to undertake a public information event, possibly for Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022. This public event would be to inform and allow residents to talk about the new design code. The event should take place in the centre of the village as a drop-in session.

The proposed plan is to get the design code draft approved at the next Council meeting in May with a draft of the code by the middle of May, ready to discuss at the end of the month.

Cllr Vldar asked if we could link it to a public survey?

Cllr North thanked Ana (Planning & Projects officer) for her work involving the character areas.

**ACTION** – Clerk to book either The Hub or the church hall for the event on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

- 254 Cllr Smith updated the council on the St Peters Memorial Garden project. The VAG group met last week and have donated towards the shortfall in the bench funding. Two benches have been installed with the third awaiting a base to be installed.

Lych gate – a planning application is required. We have a quote for £3,750k which may have increased but should be no more than £4k for the lych gate, we are awaiting the quote for building the supporting walls.

CCTV – A grant was received from Thames Valley police for a new camera which will be installed on the side of The Hub.

### *Appendix 3*

- 255 The chairman updated the committee on the Community Board subgroups, meetings and applications. *Appendix 3*
- 256 The Council noted the Bucks Councillor update. *Appendix 4*
- 257 Cllr Hatton updated the Council that the CAPP group have sent out requests for tenders, they have received two responses which they will be reviewing in the coming weeks.
- 258 The Council reviewed and agreed the risk register for 2021/22. Proposed Cllr Shinner, seconded Cllr Hatton, agreed.

*The Clerk agreed to the decision/course of action discussed above, as per delegated decision-making authority.*

- 259 The Council reviewed and agreed the Standing Orders subject to the changes below. Proposed Cllr Shinner, seconded Cllr Hatton, agreed.

Changes – remove all references to District or Unitary Cllrs or Councils.

*The Clerk agreed to the decision/course of action discussed above, as per delegated decision-making authority.*

- 260 The Council reviewed and agreed the Chalfont St Peter Privacy statement. Proposed Cllr Shinner, seconded Cllr Dale, agreed.

*The Clerk agreed to the decision/course of action discussed above, as per delegated decision-making authority.*

- 261 After careful discussion the Council has decided to revert to face to face committee and council meetings from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 due to a reduction in the local COVID rates. Proposed Cllr Shinner, seconded Cllr Hatton, agreed.

*The Clerk agreed to the decision/course of action discussed above, as per delegated decision-making authority.*

The Council discussed changing the start time to 7pm. Cllr Southworth requested that this does not mean that the meetings still go on for as long but we utilise that time to ensure we finish earlier. Cllr Shinner proposed a 7pm start time, seconded Cllr Smith, agreed.

*The Clerk agreed to the decision/course of action discussed above, as per delegated decision-making authority.*

- 262 To receive information items.

**Cllr Smith**

Community Resilience group, trying to get together all the necessary partners and would like to involve Parish Councils. We will need to fill in a score card within 6 categories. The team should be in contact soon.

Midsummer Misbourne launch – VAG project the launch in the CSP is on the 20<sup>th</sup> June at the Open Air Museum, if you wish to attend please let Jane Chamberlain from CSG now.

Ukrainian relief – Bucks have two schemes:

Family Visa

Private arrangement, 3-year period, families come over and stay with families, get full access to services and benefits with no government funding.

Homes for Ukraine, the public sign up to offer a home for a 3-year period, the English family get £350 per month (in lieu of a rent payment) and a £200 one off payment. Ukrainian families are entitled to support and benefits.

Bucks Council received £10,500 per person. As of last week, there were 361 sponsors for 946 people however, a lot these are still awaiting visas. 30 families have now arrived. Each family is given a welcome pack which gives full information on benefits, jobs, language courses etc. Bucks are one of the top Councils at present in providing this service.

If residents can not help with offering accommodation there are ways that they can donate.

**Cllr Dickson**

There is an active support group for Ukrainian families in the UK, Cllr Dickson is part of the coordinating group supporting the families, there are food clubs, clothing donations and many other activities to support these families. An additional 28 families will be coming to CSP in the coming weeks. Village groups are working well together to support these families in need.

**Cllr Vldar**

Parish Liaison meeting they highlighted the helping hands for Ukraine, could we please add this to our website. Lots of things happening with local groups.

What happens with the current vacancies, the clerk explained the process to the Council. There is a legal laid down process which we must follow, we have informed Bucks, they have started the process by asking if residents would like to go to an election to decide the outcome of these vacancies. Once we know the process to follow, we will either go through the normal Bucks election process or we will co-opt onto the Council.

**Cllr North**

Change of bin day notices were incorrect, could the Bucks Cllrs please take this forward. Cllr Darby has taken this forward.

- 263 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) **Agreed.**
- 264 The council received an update from Cllr Shinner. **ACTION** – Clerk to send a polite reminder for a response to our outstanding query.
- 265 Date of next meeting – **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.30pm**

Meeting finished at 9.20pm

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **ITEM 250 CHALFONT ST PETER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 24.02.2022 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- 1 A request again to anyone giving reports to submit a short precis in advance of full council, if possible
- 2 Despite good intentions I have been unable to take part so far in any of the BBB project work. Two local friends (both live in CSP) joined them at Cheena Meadow last week and were drenched to the skin but professed to having a good time. Let us know if any of our members have been taking part and any photos to our clerk Debbie, or to Cllr. Anne Marie Vladar (**this Friday 25<sup>th</sup>** BBB is at the Garden of Rest and on **3<sup>rd</sup> March** at the Riverside Nature Reserve)
- 3 The deadline has passed for comments to Bucks Council in response to their planning consultation. I hope every member will have submitted a response to the Bucks Council questionnaire!
- 4 Town and parish council Chairmen within the Denham GX & Chalfonts community board met on the 8<sup>th</sup> February with the board chairman Santokh Chhokar to discuss complaints by members of the sub groups. These centre around lack of continuity in processing the bids, poor administration (eg agendas and minutes + supporting paperwork such as a bids/funds balance sheet, arriving too late or not at all!) . We were promised this would be reviewed in a positive manner
- 5 On the **2<sup>nd</sup> March** Bucks Council are running a forum on the proposed local government boundary changes, something which promises an impact on this village in terms of reduced representation at Buckinghamshire Council level, but which may also perpetuate the anomaly of 'county' wards overlapping parish wards – thus BC Cllr. Tim Butcher's ward of Chalfont St Giles includes Gold Hill! The on line forum starts at 2pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. If you wish to take part please get details from our clerk
- 6 Gerrards Cross residents are unhappy that Bucks Council (TfB) have decided to close the centre reservation crossing point on the A413 near the bottom of South Park. This may affect some of our residents but may also add to the volume of traffic using the Kingsway roundabout. There have been too many accidents there, some of them very serious. I joined a recent Community Board Highways meeting convened at the request of GX town cllrs. to discuss this. A senior member of TfB attended and explained why the level of accidents there makes it inevitable that the crossing be closed off (see NAG report ref speed on A413)
- 7 A TfB stakeholder event is scheduled for **15<sup>th</sup> February**. For details if you are interested ask our clerk

**Tony Shinner, Chairman, 22.01.2022**



## **APPENDIX 2**

### **CHAIRMAN'S RULING REF. POINT OF ORDER RAISED AT MAIN COUNCIL MEETING ON 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022**

- 1 In the course of discussion of item 235 ***“to discuss and to decide on whether to reinstate the Comms & PR committee or keep it as part of the Finance and General Purpose committee”*** a Point of Order was raised by Cllr. Dickson
- 2 I am required by law, as Chairman, to rule on the Point of Order. I was advised only this morning that I should have made this ruling at the meeting. I apologise for not having done so. To give the issue proper consideration I would have to had adjourned the meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> March so I could seek advice from our learned clerk. As you will see from paragraph 6 below that is likely to have resulted in a portion of the agenda not having been reached, and a further meeting slotted in for the unfinished work of the meeting being added to the next one ie this meeting today. Meetings are suppose to last no longer than 2 ½ hours. In future where we do not finish I will propose an adjournment of outstanding business. I consider 10pm to be a cut-off point
- 3 In the course of discussion Cllr. Darby remarked to Cllr. Dickson that the latter had not attended the last two meetings of the Finance and GP committee
- 4 Cllr. Dickson said:  
*“Cllr Darby may I just ask that my attendance at Finance meetings not be discussed at Main Council, I did excuse myself from both and it’s not really a Main Council issue so as a point of order I wouldn’t like the fact that I missed two meetings to be raised at Main Council”*
- 5 As Chairman I declined to rule there and then. It was then 9.44pm and we still had a significant agenda to complete. The meeting which had started at 7.30pm, as it happens ran to 10.16pm
- 6 At 1016pm Cllr. Dickson said:  
*“As a point of order, I don’t believe a Cllrs absences at meetings should be arranged or discussed and raised in front of a member of the public in isolation. We know we have issues with people not attending meetings and I think it’s fair to say me missing two should not be a formal agenda item, Cllr Darby anything?”*  
  
Cllr. Darby said nothing in reply  
  
Cllr. Dickson said: *Oh so not an apology or anything else*  
  
Cllr. Darby said: *I merely reported a matter of fact that pertained to the discussions in hand*  
  
Cllr. Dickson then said: *Thank you Cllr Shinner, that’s all I need then Chairman*  
  
As Chairman I then said ‘*We really don’t have the time to argue this at this meeting....if we can’t resolve this then we will need to bring it back to another meeting, we really are out of time tonight.*  
  
Cllr. Dickson said: *There really is no need to bring it back Tony, it was just a point of Order*
- 7 I had hoped that the Cllrs. concerned would have resolved their differences in the

intervening period but I have received no representations from either on the subject. I am left with no option under the regulations but to rule on whether Cllr. Dickson's Point of Order was valid or otherwise

### **What is a Point of Order?**

- 8 A point of order is an objection addressed to the chairman of the meeting about a procedural irregularity in the debate in hand or in the conduct of the meeting itself due to a non-compliance with statutory provision or standing order. If a Cllr wishes to raise a point of order, he/she should express this to the chairman of the meeting when the reason for it becomes apparent and give reasons. A point of order may be raised because
- a. Standing orders are not being complied with
  - b. Inappropriate or offensive language is being used
  - c. A meeting is inquorate
  - d. The meeting has no authority to consider or decide the original motion
  - e. The contribution is not relevant to the motion under discussion.
- 9 Points of order cannot be used to challenge the views expressed by a councillor in the course of debate, unless this relates to the use of inappropriate language
- 10 To be valid Cllr. Dickson's Point of Order in this instance would have to be irrelevant to the matter being discussed, as none of the remaining grounds (a-d) above apply

### **Was the Point of Order valid?**

- 11 Was it relevant to the discussion that Cllr. Dickson had not attended meetings? It was I who had proposed a merger of the two committees (Finance, and Comms/PR) when I became chairman of the council in May 2021. The Finance committee had met seven times a year, PR/Comms had been scheduled to meet five times a year until May 2021. Both involved shorter meetings than the large committees of A&P, and Open Spaces.
- 12 I was then (and remain) concerned as to whether we could sustain a quorum for five committees, when four would suffice. Attendance numbers were relevant because in several instances it had been necessary at the last minute to call for other councillors to bolster meetings to achieve quorums, both disruptive for the office staff, and anyway not satisfactory for others
- 13 On the 31<sup>st</sup> March I had repeated my argument for earlier reducing the number of committees to four in 2021. I find it difficult to reason that issues of attendance generally at meetings was not relevant, and that Cllr. Darby was not entitled to have raised it in this debate. It seems to me that adequate attendance of all Cllrs. at meetings must be pertinent to creating an additional committee. I find that the issue of attendance was relevant, thus the point of Order must fail
- 14 Having ruled that the Point of Order was not valid under grounds (a-d) referred to above, I do not need, strictly, to go further. However for the sake of completeness, I should consider whether Cllr. Darby was correct in saying that Cllr. Dickson had not attended the last two meetings of the Finance/GP committee?
- 15 I find this fact as stated was incorrect. The records show that Cllr. Dickson had attended the last but one meeting of that committee. However Cllr. Dickson may reflect that of the last five meetings of that committee the records show she had attended two. That fact does not excuse inaccuracy in debate but the inaccuracy is mitigated somewhat in the context of attendance as a whole over a year
- 16 Finally I do ask that Cllrs. exercise greater care when making remarks and points of order. It happens all too easily in the cut and thrust of debate, as may well take place elsewhere; but this is not the House of Commons, just a parish council



17 I find therefore that the point of Order raised by Cllr. Dickson did not have adequate ground through being irrelevant. I find also that whilst Cllr. Darby was incorrect in the statement she made, the wider context of attendance over five meetings was not without some relevance or validity

**Tony Shinner , Chairman Chalfont St Peter Parish Council, 28.04.2022**

### **Appendix 3**

**ITEMS 249(108a),254,255,262,  
CHALFONT ST PETER PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING 28.04.2022**

#### **Item 108a beacon lighting 9pm 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

Cllrs. Dale, Darby and Ryan are putting together plans for this event.

We now have a list of names of those who would attend the beacon lighting which I am certain will be added to before the event.

There needs to be further publicity

#### **Item 254 – Memorial Garden Lychegate**

Of the seven businesses approached only two have come forward with written quotes, the original contact Oak Porch Co. at £3,554+vat +delivery then £200, and English Heritage who say they cannot supply a 'double ended' structure as we require, only a standard sized porch

On the assumption that the Oak Porch Co supplier seems to be the only option the cost Incl. delivery should be inside £4,000 (+vat)

We still have no estimate for the footings dwarf walls, assembly and roofing

We need to make a planning application

#### **Item 255 Community Board**

IT has been announced by Bucks Council that the budget for the GX Denham and Chalfonts Board has been reduced for the year 2022/23 to £114,000 (from c £150,000 in 2021/22) This is intended to fund 'community projects' for seven communities, ranging from small parishes such as Hedgerley and Fulmer, to the largest parish of Chalfont St Peter and the only Town council in the seven, GX

It is my understanding that project spends will be capped in amount (possibly £15,000) and proper matched funding will be required in all but the small funds, probably about £1,000

I think some parishes will welcome this. A new date is expected for the next CB meeting, and the Wellbeing group meet next on the 11<sup>th</sup> May. Whilst the new restrictions are unlikely to be announced until June, now is a good opportunity to look at our current bids and ask if there is anything else the village should be asking for - that way we can hit the ground running with our bids

#### **Item 262 AOB - Parish Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm**

This is NOT a parish council meeting, but a meeting for residents and businesses in the parish to raise issues and hopefully get answers. It will take place at The Hub in Church Lane at 7.30pm.

I understand that Chiltern Search and Rescue and /or Chiltern Rangers have been approached as potential speakers at the event. An update from those who have done so will be helpful

**Cllr.Tony Shinner  
27.04.2022**

## **Appendix 4**

### **Buckinghamshire Councillors Report April 2022**

#### **News**

##### **Illegal caravans and temporary dwellings removed from green belt**

Buckinghamshire Council has taken direct action to ensure an area of Green Belt land on the border of Little Chalfont and Chalfont St Giles has been restored to its authorised use after it was being used illegally to house caravans and temporary dwellings.

The Council employed a team of specialist contractors to enter a number of plots of land at Lodge Lane in order to achieve compliance with five planning enforcement notices, after the land-owners failed to achieve amicable compliance. Between March 2019 and March 2021, the plots of land off Lodge Lane, which is situated in the Metropolitan Green Belt and an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), changed use to become unauthorised caravan sites. In an effort to cease any further unauthorised activity occurring and to seek to restore the land to its authorised uses, the Council issued five planning enforcement notices on plots of land as well as two High Court injunctions covering these plots and the surrounding area

##### **CSP fly-tipper fined**

Mark Ashby, 62, of Denham Walk, pleaded guilty to an offence of dumping waste illegally when he appeared at Wycombe Magistrates Court on 16 March 2022. The court heard that on 5 February 2021, waste wood and plastic were found dumped off Mumfords Lane in Chalfont St Peter. A local resident reported the offence to the Council. In response, the Council's Enforcement Team undertook an investigation. The CCTV recorded the suspect driving a Jaguar F-Pace, pulling into a small layby off Mumfords Lane. The suspect proceeded to exit the vehicle and fly-tip waste into the lay-by. The vehicle was traced to a Mark Ashby at a Chalfont St Peter address. Magistrates fined Mark Ashby £360 and ordered him to pay clean-up and prosecution costs of £1,036. A victim surcharge of £36 was also levied – making a total to pay of £1,432.

##### **Fly tippers**

Two people have been prosecuted in court for dumping rubbish in the same location in two separate incidents. On both occasions the waste dumped could have been taken to their nearby local tip for free. Marian Ilie, 33, of Thirlmere Avenue, Slough, pleaded guilty to the offence of illegally dumping waste and Javid Malik, 54, of Blackwell Court, Slough, pleaded guilty to the offence of illegally dumping waste at High Wycombe Magistrates Court. Magistrates fined Ilie £1,846 and ordered him to pay clean-up and prosecution costs of £500. A victim surcharge of £185 was also levied – making a total to pay £2,513. Malik was fined £1,193 and ordered him to pay clean up and investigation costs of £500. A victim surcharge of £119 was also levied – making a total to pay of £1,812.

##### **First choice school preferences**

Figures published on Tuesday 19 April show that more than 9 out of 10 families in Buckinghamshire received their first-choice preference for a primary school place this year.

## **Vaccine for kids**

From 4th April all children aged 5 – 11 can have the COVID-19 vaccine

Come to a walk-in, child friendly clinic at one of the following local sites:

Amersham Family Centre: open Fridays 1pm-6pm and Saturdays 9am-6pm

Mapledean Family Centre, Wycombe: open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am-6pm

Wing Family Centre: open Mondays and Saturdays, 9am-6pm

Buckingham Library: open Fridays and Sundays, 9am-6pm

The Guttmann Centre, Aylesbury: open everyday, 8am-8pm

## **New Highways Boss**

With effect from 3 May, Kevin Goad has been appointed new Bucks' Service Director for Highways and Technical Services, replacing Rob Smith who has retired. Kevin joins from Westminster City Council where he is currently Director for City Highways, responsible for all highway services and the development and delivery of a range of high-profile public realm projects.

## **Platinum Jubilee information**

As part of a coordinated programme of events by the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons on Thursday 2 June, there are a series of opportunities for communities centred around the lighting of a beacon. Bucks intends to list details of these events on its website. More details: [The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons – Your Guide to Taking Part](#)

## **Earth Day 2022**

On Earth Day 2022 which takes place on Friday 22 April, Buckinghamshire Council will become the first local authority in the UK to support the AWorld app.

AWorld is the official platform in support of ActNow, the United Nations campaign for individual action on climate change and sustainability.

The AWorld app guides users towards living sustainably. It does this by showing you how much energy or water you can save by making small changes to your daily life and creating new habits – such as putting the washing machine in eco wash mode or unplugging your charger as soon as your phone is fully charged.

## **Changes to bin collections**

Letters arrived by post last week and will be arriving for residents living in the former Chiltern, South Bucks and Wycombe district areas explaining the upcoming new bin collection day schedules and improvements to the recycling and waste service.

## **Food Waste Reduction campaign**

Buckinghamshire Council has announced it is launching a food waste reduction campaign across the county. It will be promoting and encouraging the use of a free home food waste app - Kitche - to its residents to help cut down on their home food waste and save money

## **TTRO Tuesday 19 April to Thursday 26 April**

A413 Amersham Road, Gerrards Cross. From the junction with Chalfont Park to the dual carriageway. Network safety scheme using lane control in operation Monday to Friday between 9:30am and 3:30pm for programme to close the existing central reserve gap.

## **Community Board**

The budget has been cut to approx. £114,000. More information to follow on any reorganisation.

## Public Consultations

The Bucks Council website, Your Voice Bucks section, invites individuals and organisations to give their views on the following current consultations:-

### 1. Speech, language and communication service

**Bucks would like to hear about what speech, language and communication services or groups you access, signpost or refer children and young people in Buckinghamshire.** Closes 23 May 2022 Opened 25 Apr 2022

### 2. Ward Boundaries

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is asking local people and organisations for their help to draw up new ward boundaries across Buckinghamshire. A new pattern of wards is being developed for Buckinghamshire Council. [Following a public consultation](#) on proposed council size for the authority, the Local Government Boundary Commission has decided that the number of councillors in Buckinghamshire should be 98. The Commission wants to hear what residents and organisations think about their local area. A 12-week consultation on the proposals ran until 4 April 2022. The Commission is interested in views on which communities should be part of the same ward.

- What facilities do people share, such as parks, leisure centres or schools and shopping areas?
- What issues do neighbouring communities face that they have in common, such as high numbers of visitors or heavy traffic?
- Have there been new housing or commercial developments that have changed the focus of communities?
- Are there roads, rivers, railways or other features that people believe form strong boundaries between neighbourhoods?

### 3. Healthwatch Bucks

If you are a Bucks resident waiting for hospital treatment or care because of COVID-19, Healthwatch Bucks would like to know your experience waiting for the care you need, and what advice, information, or support the NHS has given you while you wait. Closes 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

### 4. Your views on moving traffic offences

Bucks to be one of first local authorities outside London to have powers to enforce moving traffic offences using ANPR. For example: *Keep clear for school* in Oval Way, Chalfont St Peter. Closed 4<sup>th</sup> April

### 5. Customer Access Points

Your views on accessing face to face customer service at Council Access Points. The nearest one for CSP is in Amersham at the former CDC offices. Closed 3<sup>rd</sup> April

### 6. Parking Control

If you consider a new parking control is needed, where on-street parking is causing problems.  
Closes 1<sup>st</sup> September