

# CHENIES PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Chenies Annual Parish Meeting held in The Garden Room at Chenies Manor on Thursday 20 April 2017

Present:	Mr D Le Neve Foster	Chairman
	Mr C McLeod Matthews	Deputy Chairman
	Mrs G Leaper	
In attendance:	Cllr Noel Brown	Bucks CC
	Cllr Andrew Garth	Chiltern DC
	Mr P L Waite	Clerk
Members of the Public:	Some 22 Village Residents were present	

### 1 Apologies

Apologies were received from David Martin, Martin and Ruth Walker, and Jean Quinton

### 2 Annual Report of Chenies Parish Council

The Chairman presented a comprehensive report on the Council's activities over the past year, see full report attached.

The Chairman dealt with comments from the floor querying progress on parking in the village, the need for the Bus Shelter roof to be stained and for the litter bins to be replaced.

### 3 Accounts for year ended 31 March 2017

Copies of the unaudited projected accounts were distributed, showing the closing balance of £7,381.99, up from £6,325.82 at the start of the year

### 4 Statement of Finances for the current year

The precept for the year 2017/18 showed an increase of 2% to £6,630 and the credit balance carried forward was £7,381.99

### 5 Report from the Representative to the Local Area Forum

In the absence of the LAF representative, David Martin, Mrs Leaper presented a brief report, see attached, and emphasised the availability of the Community Subsidy of £14,500 to cover supportable Community projects. Villagers were encouraged to present suitable proposals for consideration and action. Traffic calming was one such example.

Mrs Leaper also covered the latest status of broadband speed improvement through the village with promises of the O1923 exchange being upgraded to 25mbps in the autumn and the O1442 exchange in the spring of 2018, subject to BT surveys supporting this. A fibre to premises service may be offered to some properties. A web link would be circulated to enable individuals to check on the availability of this service.

## 6 Best Kept Village Competiton

After discussion with the Village Society it was clear that they wished to concentrate exclusively on the social side of village life. But the Parish Council had decided that the competition was worth the effort. Mrs Le Neve Foster had volunteered to assist the Council in putting together its entry and coordinating the tidy up activity. She summarised past performance in the competition to demonstrate how close we had been in winning an award in previous years and proposed Saturday 6 May for tidy up and Saturday 3 June for litter clearance. A promotional note would be circulated together with a list of suggested jobs for those who were prepared to undertake work in their own time.

## 7 Road Names

CDC had changed the rules for the changing of any road names in the village. As a result a letter would be delivered by hand to each home owner requesting confirmation of their agreement to the name chosen for their road, see Chairman's report.

## 8. Any Other Business

David Allsop, the retiring Rector, was present. The Chairman therefore took the opportunity to wish him and his wife the very best for their move to Aylesbury and for their future happiness. The meeting applauded in agreement.

The Chairman expressed appreciation to Councillor Noel Brown for his continuing support and advice and the considerable amount of work he put in behind the scenes on Council's behalf. Thanks and good wishes were expressed by the meeting as he stands for re-election in two weeks time.

Councillor Andrew Garth was invited to provide an update on the progress of the Local Plan

David Allsop proposed that Council consider installing a defibrillator in the telephone kiosk or the bus shelter and commented on the litter in the layby on the A404

Simon Hudson expressed concern that Council had not taken the opportunity to purchase the telephone kiosk. It was explained that Council was keen to have BT continue to service the kiosk as it felt there was still a demand for it. The kiosk was now listed and its maintenance remained with BT whether or not a telephone service was continued. Should this situation change CVS would be informed.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

Peter Waite  
Clerk  
22 April 2017