



# Denham, Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts Community Board agenda

Date: Thursday 8 July 2021

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Via MS Teams

## Membership:

S Chhokar (Chairman), P Bass, M Bracken, T Broom, T Butcher, I Darby, G Hollis, C Jackson, S Rouse, J Rush, L Smith BEM and A Wood

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Future dates will be distributed in due course.

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Agenda Item 4  
**Buckinghamshire Council**  
**Denham, Gerrards Cross &  
Chalfonts Community Board**

## Minutes

**Minutes of the meeting of the Denham, Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts Community Board held on Thursday 11 February 2021 in Via MS Teams, commencing at 6.30 pm and concluding at 8.00 pm**

### Members present

D Bray, T Butcher, S Chhokar, I Darby, M Harrold, G Hollis, C Jackson, M Lewis, D Martin, R Reed, J Rush, D Smith, L Smith BEM, J Wertheim  
D Alder, P Batting, M Bicknell, S Bicknell, D Brackin, C Brown, J Chamberlain, W Chellar, E O Connor, D Evans, D Hulme, , H Griffiths, D Holden, J Ingram, K Martin, S Moffat, Hellen Orme, Teresa Scott, T Shinner, J Simmons, M Thomas, P Vahey, Cllr J Walsh, S Weston and A Wood

### Others in attendance

S Garwood, C Gray, A Sultan

### Agenda Item

#### 1 Welcome

Members were welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman.

#### 2 Apologies for absence

M Bradford, B Gibbs, B Harding and S Patel

#### 3 Declarations of interest

There were declarations of interest from:

Anthony Shinner – Chalfont St Peter Parish Councillor and Chairman of the Neighbourhood Action Group

Linda Smith declared an interest in the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre as a Director and Trustee.

Isobel Darby declared an interest as a Member of Chalfont St Peter Parish Council.

Chris Brown declared a personal interest in the CCTV item

Jonathan Rush declared an interest as Director of CSP Community Centre and Member of CSP Parish Council.

#### **4 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 November 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

#### **5 Neighbourhood Matters**

Questions were asked on the following:-

##### Public Question Time

This was advertised through the newsletter, through distribution lists and also communications had issued a press release. Suggestions were welcomed on further promotion.

##### Police update

Members noted the police update and that further clarification would be sought on information regarding the South Bucks area. Cllr Reed expressed concern about police statistics and data and commented that he had raised this issue before. The police had offered to provide this when they attended a previous Community Board. However information was only supplied for the Chalfonts.

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#### **6 Discussion of Community Board-wide projects**

Cllr Brown asked whether it was possible to combine projects on CCTV in order to co-ordinate through Buckinghamshire Council. The Chairman responded that this was a good idea to share experiences and also may help when negotiating with suppliers. A protocol could be drafted. Chris Brown asked whether an officer from Buckinghamshire Council could attend the next meeting to discuss how town and parish councils could co-ordinate more effectively with the unitary council. The Chairman responded that this could be undertaken through the Board or through the Community Safety Working Group in the first instance who could come up with some recommendations. Cllr Shinner reported that discussions had already taken place on better co-ordination. He referred to the CCTV project in Gerrards Cross which had hit a stumbling block with Buckinghamshire Council on a number of issues that needed to be resolved before they could go ahead including the cost of monitoring, making sure the street lights are strong enough to hold cameras and undertaking surveys. Chalfont St Peter wanted 10 cameras and hit the same issues. There did need to be a discussion with Buckinghamshire Council to simplify the process otherwise it would put off Parish Councils taking this forward. Cllr Brackin commented that Fulmer Parish Council would also welcome working together with other Parish Councils and also referred to ANPR monitoring. He also added that security was an issue everywhere and crime spread across borders. Cllr Thomas reported that she would be interested in this project for Seer Green Pavilion where anti-social behaviour was taking place and their cameras needed updating. Cllr Smith reported that it was difficult to implement CCTV and referred to the miniature cameras (battery powered, infra-red with motion sensors) used for flytipping which may be particularly suited for more rural areas. He suggested that it may be worth contacting the waste department to check where they purchased these cameras as they provided good evidence for prosecuting. Other technological solutions were available.

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Cllr Darby referred to wider community group projects and emphasised the fact that communities varied considerably within the Board from the different towns and also the rural areas and this was important to recognise. The Community Board Co-ordinator commented that it would be helpful if a few Parish Councils could combine for one project or if the whole Board could combine depending on the synergies of the proposal. Cllr Darby agreed but also said it was important to celebrate the differences and also with regard to procurement to take advantage of economies of scale across all the Boards.

Cllr Brackin suggested that convenors of the Sub-Groups should contact all the Parishes in the Community Board area asking them what the issues were for each individual area and what Parish Councils were trying to achieve. The Chairman commented that this was a good idea and also referred to the Parish Council Chairmen's meetings which were taking place, his quarterly meeting with Parish Councils and the Co-ordinator linking up with the Parish Clerks.

Cllr Bray expressed concern about flooding in Chalfont St Giles and Chalfont St Peter and asked whether any local businesses could apply for flood protection equipment as this could make a difference to their business being flooded. This would be taken up by the Sub-Group to look at possible recommendations. Mandy Thomas referred to Seer Green where there was also an issue with flooding with farmers draining their fields directly onto the highway and blocking the drains. An Enforcement Order was served on two landowners but they continued to drain water onto the highway. Cllr Hollis commented that private ditches were the responsibility of the landowner, some of whom did not clear them which resulted in flooding on the highway. Lorries also exacerbated this problem particularly with churning up verges. Ditches needed clearing at least once a year. Some ditches were used for fly tipping e.g. tyres. Cllr Wertheim reported that flooding in Chalfont St Peter was due to overflowing sewage and the River Misbourne. He saw a representative from Thames Water undertaking a survey. He commented that there were a number of overflowing sewers and if they put another pipe in at the A413 and widen it the flow would be much less so the solids would stick to the pipe and there will be flooding because of blockages. Over the years there have been a number of reasons why they cannot increase the size of the sewage pipe to alleviate the flooding problems. Until the sewer in North London was built there would not be any funding left for local areas which was worrying. Cllr Wertheim suggested lobbying central government for additional funding to undertake remedial works. The Chairman suggested writing to the local MP. Cllr Brown asked whether CIL funding could be used as they had the same situation in Gerrards Cross with an inadequate sewage system caused by new housing developments.

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Cllr Smith referred to the lack of traffic wardens and the need to enforce double yellow lines. She asked whether it would be possible as a Community Board to look at employing a traffic warden for this area. This could be looked at by the Sub-Group. Cllr Hollis reported that Buckinghamshire Council had just been assessing their parking assets and during that time parking enforcement had been suspended so it would be helpful to check whether this had been resumed. Denham was out on a limb and should be included. Cllr Shinner reported that Chalfont St Peter were due to have some additional yellow lines added to their area next week which would cause additional problems. They were given a copy of attendances from all parking control wardens from November 2020 and according to the schedule they were present every day which should be borne in mind before contributing to any further costs. This was available via their website and he could provide the Board with the link.

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Cllr Walsh expressed concern about capital projects and that Buckinghamshire Council were pushing these down to Parish Councils to deliver and further information on this was welcomed.

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The Chairman reported that he would discuss with the Community Co-ordinator the best approach in terms of tackling wider community projects and provide an update at the next meeting.

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## **7 Updates from Parish Councils (written)**

The written updates from Parish Councils were welcomed. Cllr Bray referred to mapping used by TfB which did not show all the gullies in the area and were not cleaning them on their 3 yearly basis. They have now used a GPS system to map them all and they have cleared the majority of them. The Parish Council were pushing for an upgrade on how often the gullies were cleared. Cllr Darby commented that Buckinghamshire Council were reviewing the way gullies were being cleared to do them more often but also analyse which gullies needed more clearing than others depending on the geography. Local information was useful to send to TfB. Cllr Brackin reported that there had been issues in Fulmer where volunteers had helped to clear ditches and the Local Area Technician had been able to assist where further help was required.

## **8 Budget Update**

The Chairman reported on the process :-

- Once the funding application had been submitted it would be processed by the Community Board Co-ordinator, Chairman and convenor of Sub Group
- The application would be considered by the Sub Group and make recommendations to the Board. The Sub Groups were open to everyone.
- The Board would consider the funding application and agree by consensus.
- If there was an urgent application a decision would be taken via email. Any covid related funding would be processed within 48 hours (Sub Group chaired by Cllr Hollis).
- This would be put in writing for the Board and added to the website.
- All Boards work in a similar fashion but adaptations would be made to meet local requirements.
- The Board has spent £47,000 and has £133,000 remaining. The Board should seek out good projects and encourage funding applications.
- In terms of transport projects these had to be considered by TfB who then produced a Project Initiation Document. They would then scope the project with a budget estimate and this would be considered at the next Board meeting.

During discussion the following points were made:-

- In terms of consensus this meant getting a feel from the meeting that the majority of people were in favour. Concern was expressed regarding a Sub-Group where the majority were in favour but were overruled by a smaller number of Members who expressed strong concerns against the proposal. The Chairman reported that this should not be allowed to happen and that each proposal should be looked at on merit, whether it met local needs and whether it was good value for money. Decision making should be consistent.
- Cllr Darby asked for clarification on the figures – for example the Community Area Priority Fund did not include the wildflower project. There were also 3 Health and Wellbeing Projects not included. The Chalfont St Peter bollards had not appeared in any list. The Community Board Co-ordinator reported that the list was up to date when the agenda was published and only included what funding had been awarded and had been confirmed by letter. The bollards scheme had been approved at Sub-Group level but still needed to be confirmed by TfB. The Community Board Co-ordinator reported that this had been originally put forward as an environment project to stop cars going on the verges which should help reduce flooding. TfB needed to check whether this scheme would impact on other services such as electricity cables. Information on the PIDs should be available in March and the Parish Council had been updated. The Community Board Co-ordinator would check the Health and Wellbeing Projects. A Member commented that it would be helpful to have more detail on what else was in the pipeline to show

how much funding had already been committed.

Action: Ani Sultan

- Cllr Rush commented that there was a reasonable amount of funding left for Local Infrastructure projects and encouraged funding applications to be put forward. This related to projected growth.
- Cllr Brackin commented that the Community Board priorities were not clear and therefore it was difficult to know which funding applications should be put forward. In addition that the dates of the Sub Groups were not published which made it difficult to attend. The Community Board Co-ordinator reported that this year's priorities had been set but the Board would need to consider next year's priorities in the coming months. The dates for Sub-Groups were being sent out including a calendar for the whole year.
- Cllr Reed expressed concern that more information should be provided including a business case for higher figures. He also asked for assurance that with the Dial A Ride funding application that no other Community Boards were supporting the same project. He also asked for a list of the operating Sub-Groups and their membership. Members noted that the website has information on the Sub-Groups with the convener's details.
- Ms Griffiths asked when the funding would be received for the community fridge project. The Community Board Co-ordinator reported that they were waiting for information on terms and conditions and she would contact Louise Chamberlain.
- In terms of funding this could be rolled over to the following year.
- A Member asked for further information on projects that were pending.

## 9 Working Groups

The Sub Group reports were noted.

## 10 Community Board Funding Applications for approval

Higher Denham ANPR

This application was supported by the Sub-Group. The Project aimed to site high quality, number plate recognition CCTV cameras at each of the (only) three vehicle entrances/exits to/from Higher Denham together with the associated transmission and recording equipment. The objective of the Project was to reduce the number of burglaries that take place in Higher Denham, which Thames Valley Police say was above the average for the area. It would achieve this by:

1. advertising the presence of the cameras which should deter criminal activity
2. by making recordings, collected at the time of any burglary that does occur, available to the police. Unexpected vehicles can be identified and checked to help identify perpetrators and then obtain convictions. The quality of the system was such that it was acceptable in courts as evidence.

**The Community Board agreed the funding application.**

CCTV – Urgent replacement of cameras stolen or vandalised - £600

This application was supported by the Sub-Group. The Community Centre had already received the funding. By improving the security of the community centre in a very visible way, people will be reassured that they take their security seriously and will feel safer. This will encourage them to want to use the facilities provided by the community centre and it will give the trustees of the community centre the confidence to keep the community centre open, since they are ultimately responsible for the safety of their clients.

**The Community Board agreed the funding application.**

### Chalfont St Giles Wildflowers

This application was supported by the Sub-Group. Planting up the roadside verges with colourful wildflowers, increasing flowers in the village centre, providing colourful flowers in the cemetery borders and creating spaces for native wildflowers within the parks and open spaces. In 2018 the Parish Council planted up some wildflowers on the A413 at Pheasant Hill. This was very well received and the areas planted were increased in 2019. The positive feedback from the flowered areas meant that the Parish Council anticipated planting more areas in 2020, however this did not happen because of the Pandemic. The Pandemic has seen far more people taking exercise outdoors and enjoying the open spaces within the Parish so the Parish Council has agreed to increase the flowers around the villages of Chalfont St Giles and Jordans.

**The Community Board agreed the funding application.**

### Becoming Your Own Boss

This was an initiative by Bucks Business First aimed at supporting people who were seriously considering self-employment or starting their own business. Buckinghamshire Council made people aware of the scheme on 22 January 2021 and five other Community Boards were supporting the project. The three day programme advises people in the right direction; enterprise support, one on one and two day training course. The Programme was to fund 12 people. Bucks Business First would do a follow up after the course. Eight people recommended this to the Community Board. Cllr Chamberlain commented that the BYOB course sounded excellent but was concerned that applicants would be accepted on a first come first serve basis rather than a geographical basis across the Board. The applicants should be reflective of the Board. Steve Weston agreed with this and would take this up with Bucks Business First. Cllr Darby commented that this project was time limited so it was important to ensure that there were 12 applicants coming forward and if time allowed that it should be geographically spread.

**The Community Board agreed the funding application.**

## 11 Calendar of Meetings

Members noted that the calendar for Sub-Groups would be included on the website.

Community Board meetings would be held on the following dates:-

16 June  
22 September  
8 December  
9 March 2022

## 12 AOB

Cllr Reed asked for the following:-

- A copy of the spreadsheet showing pending projects.
- Information on legacy Local Area Forum funding. Previously there was LAF funding agreed for parking measures in Gerrards Cross.
- Iver and Wexham Community Board invite their MP and it would be good to do this for this Community Board.
- He asked for clarification on whether all Community Boards would start at 6.30pm. The Community Board Co-ordinator confirmed this.

There was a discussion about using zoom rather than Teams. The Community Board Co-ordinator suggested trialling a zoom meeting for the next meeting. Cllr Smith commented that zoom worked better for smaller groups and teams was better for the size of the Community

Board. There could be hardware or broadband issues. Buckinghamshire Council supported Microsoft Teams; if zoom did not work there would not be any corporate support. The Chairman said that the next meeting would be on zoom.

Teresa Scott referred to the youth group which was new and she commented that they would like to see better representation and youth provision in the local parishes. She asked Members to promote this information. They were very proactive and had some great ideas and would to hear about what other people were doing in their area.

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## Report to Denham, Gerrard's Cross and the Chalfonts Community Board

<b>Date:</b>	06/07/2021
<b>Title:</b>	<b>A413 Speed Limit Reduction - Chalfont St Peter</b>
<b>Relevant councillor(s):</b>	<b>Cllrs Isobel Darby, Linda Smith, Jonathan Rush</b>
<b>Author and/or contact officer:</b>	Nick Reading, Network Strategy Manager, TfB
<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	Chalfont St Peter
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>Commission Speed Limit Assessment from Transport for Buckinghamshire for the concerned section of A413 Amersham Road.</b>

### 1. Summary

Buckinghamshire Council have received a petition requesting a speed limit reduction on the A413 Amersham Road between the Greyhound Roundabout and Kingsway Roundabout. This response sets out the considerations made by Buckinghamshire Council in preparing its response.

### 2. Background information

The A413 Amersham Road between the Greyhound and Kingsway roundabouts is a two-lane dual carriageway in both directions, currently subject to the National Speed Limit.

Just prior to the Greyhound roundabout the speed limit it is reduced to 30mph; the entire section is fully street lit with overhead lighting situated within the central reservation. The section is rather short measuring approximately 740m between the two roundabouts, which does not provide motorists much opportunity to reach the maximum speed limit before

having to slow for the next roundabout. There is good forward visibility in both directions and adequate advance warning signage.

For the majority of this section there is no footpath on either side, and pedestrians are not encouraged to walk alongside it; however there is a short section of narrow footpath heading north from the Kingsway roundabout stretching for approximately 80m before joining a crossing point leading across the A413 to Woodside Hill on the east side. The petition informs us this crossing point is used by residents on the eastern side of the A413 to access the town.

This section of A413 was originally considered for speed limit reduction as part of the County wide speed limit review in 2008, coming under Area 10. At the time it was decided the national speed limit should be retained as there was a good safety record on this section of road, and the current speed limit was appropriate. Following this comprehensive review, the Council is unable to justify funding any further speed limit changes.

Since the speed limit review, there has been little change in terms of collisions, and in the past five years there have been no recorded collisions along this section of dual carriageway away from the roundabouts at either end. The collisions that have occurred are recorded at the two roundabouts, including a fatality late last year.

Unfortunately, collisions cannot always be prevented simply by reducing the speed limit. There are various reasons for this such as driver behaviour, being under the influence of drink or drugs, or the severity of the collision being greater because the occupants of a vehicle have failed to wear a seat belt. It is important to establish exactly what the problem is, as very often concerns are based on perception rather than fact. It is also often the case that anti-social driving is committed by a small percentage of road users, however, are more noticeable and attract more attention and the police authority retain the responsibility to tackle anti-social behaviour.

In evaluating the road for a lower speed limit, Buckinghamshire Council must consider relevant guidance. Requests for speed limit changes can only be formally consulted upon and implemented if they comply with the National Guidance on setting speed limits as set out in Department for Transport Circular 01/2013 'Setting local Speed Limits'.

Requests for speed limit changes must also be supported by the local community, and it is evident from this petition that support is strong and could proceed to the formal application and assessment stage.

A fee will be charged to enable a formal assessment of this request to take place. This assessment will include:

- a site visit.
- analysis of existing traffic data (speed, flow and crash records).
- comparison of the proposal with the criteria of the national speed limit guidance.
- evaluation of the implications on the local road network.

- assessment of factors affecting cost of implementation (e.g. sign placement, vegetation issues).
- liaison with police traffic management officer and identification of enforcement issues.
- identification of the suitability of the proposed extent of the speed limit and possible alternatives.
- assessment of signing changes required including illuminated signs.
- need for and potential environmental impact of, additional engineering/other measures to encourage compliance with proposed speed limit.

If there is no current speed/flow survey on record, which appears to be the case here, then an additional charge to collect this data so a full assessment can take place will apply. Requests for an assessment or survey can be made by contacting Transport for Buckinghamshire. A formal report will then be produced detailing the outcome of the speed limit appraisal.

Following the speed limit appraisal, changing the speed limit requires a legal process to be followed which includes a formal public consultation. This includes the following:

- advertisement in local newspaper(s) of the proposed and final Traffic Order.
- legal services' fees.
- analysis of consultation feedback.
- formal consultation report.
- sign installation.
- preparatory work and correspondence associated with all of the above.

Unfortunately, Buckinghamshire Council are unable to fund the speed limit assessment or reduction in speed limit, and the Community Board or Parish Council should be approached for funding.

### **3. Other options considered**

The Parish Council may wish to consider as part of an application to the Community Board the inclusion of 'rumble strips' or 'bar markings' on the road surface on the approach to both roundabouts. However, this may create additional road noise, and the residents living closest to the road may want to consider this before they are requested.

### **4. Legal and financial implications**

4.1 None identified.

## **5. Corporate implications**

- a) None identified

## **6. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views**

6.1 N/A

## **7. Communication, engagement & further consultation**

7.1 N/A.

## **8. Next steps and review**

8.1 N/A

## **9. Background papers**

Buckinghamshire Council follow Department of Transport Guidance when setting local speed limits. A copy of this guidance can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/setting-local-speed-limits/setting-local-speed-limits>

## **10. Your questions and views (for key decisions)**

10.1 N/A



## Community Boards

### Funding summary report Denham, Gerrards Cross and The Chalfonts Community Board 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021

This paper provides a summary of the funding applications received, considered and approved since the last Community Board meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021

#### Community Board Budget Overview

The table below details the current budget position for the Community Board.

Community Board Fund 21/22	Allocated to date (30.06.21)	Remaining budget as of 30.06.21
£347,377	£12,586	£334,791

#### Funding Applications Status Summary

Funding applications that have been received by the Community Board and their current status are detailed in the table.

Organisation	Funding applications received between 11 <sup>th</sup> February and 30 <sup>th</sup> June			
	Project title and description	Amount of funding requested from Community Board	Amount of contributory funding	Community Board funding recommendation
Buckinghamshire Culture	Buckinghamshire Open Weekend	£2,000	£500	Sent to Board 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2021. <b>REJECTED</b>
Chalfont St Giles Parish Council	Bowstridge Recreation Ground Defibrillator	£1,600	£0	Sent to Board 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 <b>APPROVED</b>
Seer Green Baptist Church	Car Park Defibrillator	£1,500	£0	Sent to Board 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 <b>APPROVED</b>
Gerrards Cross Town Council	Wildflowers for Gerrards Cross	£2,486	£0	Sent to Board 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 <b>APPROVED</b>

St Peter's Memorial Garden Group	Memorial Garden – Phase 1	£7,000	£3,000	Sent to Board 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 <b>APPROVED</b>
Chalfont St Giles Parish Council	Trees of Hope	£2,670	£0	Sending to Board 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2021



## Community Safety Sub-group

30<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 6.30pm

MS TEAMS

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**Chair:** Tony Shinner

**Attendees:** Ann Marie Vlarar (CSP resident), Andrew Wood (GX TC), Charlie Gray (F TC), Isobel Darby (BC, CSP PC), John O’Keeffe (GX TC), Jonathan Rush (CSP PC), Kathleen Martin (CSG Revitalisation Group), Mary Phillips (CSG PC), Rob Gill (CSG PC)

### Agenda:

- Apologies
  - David Alder, Carl Jackson
- Declarations of interest
  - Blanket declarations of interest for the above Town and Parish Councils
- Notes of meeting
  - CSG Residents association to be changed to GX RA
- Member and Community Updates – if relevant and appropriate
  - Mary Phillips, **CSG**
    - All Together Community Fridge – issues with being charged for use of the location they need, (i.e. parking spaces in the car park): they might make a CB application in the future
    - Yellow lines funded by CB have been put in and appreciated
    - Parking attendants have also been round dealing with some of those who dangerously park on pavements
    - Flooding – A413 near Gorillas, floods halfway across the road – water board have been out, and it seems to have been fixed
    - Gullies in the village have been cleared, but not all have been as some are solid from road repair grit
      - Situation is significantly improved
      - Charlie offered to give Mary contact re: drains
  - Charlie Grey, Fulmer PC – general remit is roads, natural environment and safety.
    - Want to keep Fulmer special
    - Pro-active community
    - Fly-tipping issues
    - Drainage issues, road resurfacing etc
  - Andrew Wood, **GX**
    - Fix my street seems to be being actioned
      - Potholes - concerned that spray-patching is doubling the work, payment and time
      - Programme of gutter-cleaning is being completed
      - Still struggling with CCTV – electrical testing and stress testing still needs to be done (should have been done in Oct 20).
      - Resurfacing Packhorse Rd to Ethonpe – not done yet
      - Woodlands Parking – not finished to standard

- Mill Lane project – 1/3 of the money will go to network rail
  - Oxford Road speeding – Clerk used to send out letters acknowledging complaints, saying it is a civil matter, but AW has taken this on, and it is being received in a much better fashion
  - Tony Shinner, **CSP**
    - Had a meeting with Deputy PCC (Matthew Barber) – well attended
    - Positives and negatives
      - Acknowledged that the ability or not to enforce a speed limit on the A413 won't be a factor as to whether they recommend reducing the speed limit
        - Keen to say they enforce the limit; they don't set them – that is for Highways and the Council
      - Perception of speed rather than the actual speed that people focus on - several places throughout Bucks where noise is seen as a contributing factor for speed reductions (this can be seen at Chalfont Heights)
        - Charlie recounted Fulmer speedwatch group, where this was found this to be true
        - Collected data until there was enough for police to come and set up a radar
      - Speedwatch is being restarted – pilot of 6 months
        - Data will be available for the Council to view
        - GX doesn't support the scheme
          - Should be the police's remit
          - Overzealous Cllrs
          - Attacks on those who volunteer
        - The police would no doubt refer complaints they received about speeding onto the TC, telling the complainant to contact their local council speedwatch group.
        - There would be a massive increase in complaints to the council even without the police referring complaints. With the increase in complaints, we as a council would have to respond to, both dealing with the communication between the council and the complainant, and possible speedwatch events.
        - They are not against another group doing this.
      - In CSP, speedwatch is run by the NAG and volunteers
    - Parking – restricted parking in certain areas now, making it much safer
    - Isobel conveyed her thanks to Ann Marie for her work in the village
      - A possible idea for a safer crossing on the A413 to be funded by this board – something physical
      - CSG and CSP Clerks have been following up on drains that need clearing
        - Question to LAT is what happens to the drains/gulleys that weren't cleared on the schedule first time round?
        - Also now looking to do intelligent emptying – i.e. how often does each one need to be emptied?
- Discussion points:

- Additional MVAs
  - CSP have been talking about flashing signs that show speed
  - Currently have 2 and 12 locations that they are moved around to
    - Coming to end of life
    - Will be submitting an application at some point
  - Jonathan – saw MVAs that flash up number plates in Cornwall
  - GX also interested in MVAs – are any other parishes or towns interested in this?
- Traffic Survey A413
  - CSP will be making an application to the Board for £1100 for this
- Crime & ASB update (latest data)
  - Try and get hold of the SB report- they haven't been sent through
- Funding applications:
  - None
- AOB
  - Website for crime statistics – Ann Marie to send this to me
  - Swish Fibre – are digging up the streets to put in fibre broadband
    - Ask AW for advice if they come your way
  - Big litter pick is happening around Bucks
  - RE: Parking regs - enforcement doesn't seem to be occurring in GX
  - GX is encouraging members of the public to stop idling in cars

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## Covid Reset and Recovery Sub-Group

6<sup>th</sup> April 2021, 6.30pm

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**Chair:** Guy Hollis

**Attendees:** Barry, Eleanor O'Connor, Jane Chamberlain

### Agenda:

- Apologies: Isobel and Jonathan
- Notes of last meeting
- Consideration of applications to the Community Board
  - Bowstridge Recreation Ground Defibrillator
    - Questions:
      - Provision for storage an electricity?
        - Yes
        - Heated cabinet is locked with a key code, will need to ring up emergency services who will give the code to start the process
      - Training
        - As many sessions as are needed
        - Will train as many as possible for any emergencies
        - Defibrillator will talk a person through
      - A note to keep an eye on the pads and batteries
      - **The working group recommend to approve this application**
    - Seer Green Baptist Church Car Park Defibrillator
      - Questions:
        - Where are the other defibs in the vicinity?
          - 1 at school, 1 at playing fields – well-used car park and footpath of the Baptist Church
        - Provision for storage and electricity?
          - Heated cabinet is locked with a key code, will need to ring up emergency services who will give the code to start the process
        - Training?
          - No, as it's for general use of the public, for emergencies
          - Will publicise within Parish as and when installed
        - A note to keep an eye on the pads and batteries
        - **The working group recommend to approve this application**

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## Youth Provision Working Group

24<sup>th</sup> March 2021

6.30pm

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**Chair:** Teresa Scott

**Attendees:** Hellen Orme, Isobel Darby, Joanna Brennan, John Arnold, Karen Dickson, Ken, Monica Bergh

**Apologies:** Avtar Singh, Benson Miyoba

### Agenda:

- Notes of last meeting
- Declarations of Interest
- Cross-Board Mental Health project in Schools – Introduction from Jo Brennan of Bucks Mind
  - Ask Jo for slides
  - Youth MH First Aid – globally recognised
    - To teach anyone around those 8-18 to recognise mental ill-health
    - Looking to do this cross-board – a number of courses, dividing the funding proportionally to the number of schools
  - Buckinghamshire Mind
  - Questions
    - Does Bucks Mind offer a directory/ follow up resources for signposting?
      - There is a Bucks Mind guide on the website that acts as a local and national directory – broken down by category, location, crisis etc
      - The sessions will address this guide
    - Can we include private schools?
    - Should we expand to the periphery – Amersham, Chesham etc, will their Boards
    - What % of the remaining budget is left?
    - Could there be more than one trained maybe per secondary school? Otherwise it's a lot of pressure on one trained person.
      - Schools might have a little bit of budget to add extra places
    - Find out if Amersham CB is doing this
    - Contact schools including Private schools
    - Jo to find out how many MHFAs you need per so many pupils
    - Work with Monica and her link workers to get in contact with the schools
- Updates from group members
  - Gerrards Cross
    - Looking at outdoor youth activities
  - PACCAR
    - John will circulate the activities list etc

- Opening for youth visits from 29<sup>th</sup> March
  - National Youth Agency revised guidance to allow unlimited amount of young people to gather for activities
  - Schools are waiting on a change of guidance for them to leave school premises for activities
- Monica
  - Luke Rogers is doing a consultation with Council on youth participation as a whole
    - Has some ideas about bringing youth voice to the board
  - Need the list of previous grants and whether they need to continue
- Continuation of discussion: priorities for the group and discussion around what projects could be funded to aid these
- Consideration of applications to the Community Board
  - None
- AOB
- Date of next meeting
  - Currently set as 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021
  - Next meeting to be set in between as an MHFA meeting



## Youth Provision Working Group

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

6.30pm

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**Chair:** Teresa Scott

### Notes:

1. Introductions (a chance to find out about the experience and background of our newer members)
  - Avtar Singh – Chalfont St Peter youth centre, team of volunteers
  - Benson James – Director of Fitness Garden (community interest company) including youth projects in Denham and Chalfont
  - Carl Jackson – Chalfont St Giles Parish Council, Involved with CSG Youth Club
  - Debbie Hulme – Community co-ordinator for Chiltern and South Bucks (part of family support team)
  - Hellen Orme – Gerrards Cross Town Council
  - Isobel Darby – Chalfont St Peter Parish Council, Buckinghamshire Council
  - John Arnold – Chairman of PACCAR Scout Camp
  - Jonathan Rush – Vice chair of Community Boards, Director of Chalfont St Peter Community Centre
  - Karen Dickson – Chalfont St Peter Parish Council, Youth Club and Community Centre, Involved with volunteers re: activity park
  - Stuart Parker – Community development manager – youth offer within Voluntary sector
  - Teresa Scott – Gerrards Cross Town Council, previously worked with unemployed youths, trained as a teacher
  
2. Priorities for the group
  - Existing youth provision – where they've received previous funding, do we need to look at if they need the funding from us still?
  - Doing what was done before may not be the right thing anymore – young people's lives have been turned upside down. What is their need now, and what can we do to help this?
  - Avtar – continuing to see young people around CSP. The impact of lockdown has affected young people differently: lockdown has worked positively for some of the most vulnerable - opportunity to reflect on previous choices.
    - Socio-economic groups: even those with more privileged access (tech, space, "luxuries") have experienced considerable mental health issues. We need to look at each as an individual, rather than mass generalising.
    - Vast majority have been robbed of their childhood and interactions. We need to appreciate this.
    - Sports court (astroturf) and equipment at CSP youth centre, which will be available to the community once re-opened.
  - Stuart – how can we speak to young people of the area to find out their needs, their priorities? We need to give them a voice, we need to consult with them.
    - Some boards have young people on their working groups.
    - Need to ensure there is a diverse range of young people.

- Do we train up those who are already working with young people, or specialist organisations to come in and deliver?
  - Bucks Mind – trailblazers for mental health
  - There is a gap for the younger age group as we tend to focus on 13-19 year olds
  - PFA work – preparing for adulthood (Kickstart by the DWP)
    - Could tie-in within the colleges? It might just be funding necessary for them to continue to study.
  - **John – a definition of youth would be useful.**
    - A section of youth – around year 11-13 – whose watershed moments in life have just gone by. E.g. no Duke of Edinburgh award that could help them into “adulthood”, aiding their growth and development.
      - Now finding themselves in an adult world and may not be well-equipped.
    - Here to enable via the activities and opportunities PACCAR can provide.
  - Isobel – looking at it holistically, we need to find out the school provision.
    - Primary to secondary transition may also be a key section, they’ve lost their leaver’s time.
  - Benson – delivered work in CSP around 2019.
    - Detached youth work for 12 weeks – try and find out what’s going on.
    - Started a project just before lockdown in Denham
      - Those who aren’t involved in structured groups are looking for structure and community – and they’ll find it anywhere. Youth Groups e.g. at CSP, which are less structured, allows them to break off into their sub-groups.
      - Boxing work – has showed that sometimes the activities you think will work on one set of young people, actually work on another. Need to be able to be flexible.
      - Those in the most affluent villages are more suspicious of the help given to them.
        - We need to ensure we get to those who need help.
      - Hasn’t been into GX yet.
      - Gavin James – violence reduction unit (custody, young people), tries to create a plan for them in the community. Referral scheme to work with them on a one to one basis. He will also share list of gateway companies for KICKSTART.
  - Mental health provision: is it about awareness, identification etc?
  - Not yet informed enough to set our priorities.
  - Should we invite PCSOs?
  - Send over anyone you think would like to be on this group to Ani.
  - Ani to send out funding criteria for members consideration
3. Consideration of applications to the Community Board
- None
  - Teresa Scott – we need to consider some applications and not let this money disappear
4. AOB
- Need to ensure we are managing expectations, be realistic about what we could achieve, especially when talking to young people.
  - Theme the offers? E.g. Health & Wellbeing?
5. Date of Next Meeting
- Currently set officially as 13 July 2021
    - The group would like to set an interim meeting to continue the momentum.
      - 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

#### **Actions**

- Volunteer it yourself – Denham Scout Hut
- Look at those who received funding from the districts – see if they still need our help.

- Send out funding docs
- Talk to the schools – what MH provision
- Offers of help to be logged
- Consider database of current projects and their funding streams for match funding opportunities.

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## Town & Parish Council Updates

### Chalfont St Giles

- Chalfont St Giles Parish Council will hold a physical meeting on Wednesday 7 July on the village green in Jordans.
- The ongoing issues with gully clearance in the village continue to cause problems with many of our gullies needing to be 'dug out', the recent heavy rains have shown that we still have major problems where several roads that become dangerous or impassable.
- The waste services provided to our Parish are also erratic, with many residents complaining that their bins are not collected, the litter bins in the village are often overflowing because they have not been emptied.
- At this time of year the Parish Council receive many calls from residents who have reported to Buckinghamshire Council issues with the rights of way footpaths only to be told that the Parish Council are responsible for making these paths accessible. We are calling for better training of call handlers to understand what the contract with Parish Councils actually covers, this would greatly help with the frustrations of our residents who are passed from one council to another.
- Our wildflower areas are beginning to bloom and careful management of our meadow at the recreation ground has seen an increase in the number and variety of flora and fauna seen there.
- The need for a defibrillator was seen in the first game of the Euro 2020 football tournament. Thank you to the community board for funding of our new defibrillator which will shortly be installed at Bowstridge Lane recreation ground.

### Denham

- Installed four new noticeboards around the Parish
- Installation of new outdoor gym in Tatling End
- Monthly community litter picks are proving very successful in all areas
- Successful spring bulb planting all over the Parish and wildflower verge pilot project
- Preparation of a business plan to submit to Buckinghamshire Council for the recommissioning of former Tilehouse Day Opportunities Centre to provide day care for adults with dementia and learning difficulties
- Ongoing issues with major planning applications including proposed motorway service station in Iver, Pinewood and HS2
- Resuming face to face meetings having to book and pay for larger rooms

### Gerrards Cross

We have had some big changes at Gerrards Cross since the elections with 7 new councillors now on board. Also, the Assistant Clerk retired and we have employed a Deputy Clerk to assist with the increased work load of a very proactive council.

We have some major projects in the pipeline:-

- Improvement of pedestrian safety at Mill Lane bridge for which we have some match funding from Denham, Gerrards Cross the Chalfonts Community Board.
- Improvement of pedestrian safety at Marsham Lane bridge.

- Improvement of the public footway at the junction of Marsham Lane with Oak End Way.
- Campaigning to get the Packhorse Rd resurfaced in the centre of our town.
- Seeking to extend our Devolved Highways agreement with Bucks Council in order to continue to carry out pothole repairs of minor roads. We have had 2 very successful years repairing potholes which have been recognised by our Local Area Technician as being completed to a standard of excellence.
- Stage 2 of our installation of CCTV cameras to cover the whole length of the town centre along Packhorse Road and Station Road.

We continue to maintain our Commons and The Camp and recently created corridors of wildflowers to improve the biodiversity of these sites. All of these open spaces have been very well-used during the Covid lockdown. A playground survey has just been completed to see how we can improve our busy playground on East Common. We also continue to support our Conservation Volunteers and Volunteer Litter Pickers who carry out an invaluable service for us.

### **Seer Green**

- Seer Green continues to have significant issues with flooding with at least three further vehicles written off in floodwater on Chalfont Road in June. The Bucks Council Senior Engineer is working with the Council on schemes to improve the drainage issues on the main thoroughfare through the village. Fix My Street issues for maintenance on important drains were reported 6 months ago and have still not been cleared - can more funding be given for maintenance?
- The village is also experiencing issues with vehicle safety and accessibility in the village centre due to parking issues around the Public House's (as the car park is now a seating area) following installation of the double yellow lines in the village centre. Bucks Council have been asked for help to re evaluate the situation.