



Denham, Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts Community Board agenda

Date: Thursday 23 February 2023

Time: 6.00 pm – Change in time

Venue: [MS Teams](#)

BC Councillors:

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

Town/Parish Councils and other organisations:

Chalfont St Giles, Chalfont St Peter, Denham, Fulmer, Gerrards Cross, Hedgerley, Seer Green

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For further information please contact: Katherine Farooqi on email democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.

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Denham, Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Denham, Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts Community Board held on Wednesday 16 November 2022 in , commencing at 6.00 pm and concluding at 7.09 pm.

BC Councillors present

S Chhokar (Chairman), P Bass, T Broom, G Hollis, C Jackson, S Rouse, J Rush and A Wood

Town/Parish Councils and other organisations present

A Smith OBE, H Griffiths, J Simmons, J Chamberlain, J Walsh, M Locke, S Williams, T Shinner, P Tanner and M Thomas.

Others in attendance

L Charter, S James, L Wright, K Farooqi

Agenda Item

1 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed attendees to the meeting.

2 Apologies /Declarations of Interest /Minutes of last meeting

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Tim Butcher, Cllr Linda Smith and Cllr Isobel Darby.

There were no declarations of interest.

The minutes of the meeting held 8 June 2022 were agreed as a correct record.

3 Queen's Award for Voluntary Service & Queen's Award for Enterprise

Andrew Smith OBE Deputy Lieutenant for Buckinghamshire and Corporate Affairs Director at Pinewood Studios gave a presentation on the Queen's Awards for Enterprise. The slides were appended to these minutes and the following points were highlighted:

- The Lord Lieutenant for Buckinghamshire Lady Howe was the Sovereign's personal representative in Buckinghamshire.
- The Queen's Awards for Enterprise is the highest accolade for UK businesses

to achieve. The awards recognised worldwide celebrate outstanding contribution from businesses.

- There were four categories which businesses were required to excel in one. These included promoting opportunity, sustainable development, innovation and international trade. The majority of winners from Buckinghamshire achieved international trade and innovation criteria.
- The benefits of winning the award include an increase in sales and exports, a reception at Buckingham Palace, global recognition and opportunities to work with the government.
- The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is the highest award given to volunteer groups across the UK. It is considered the equivalent of an MBE for voluntary organisations.
- The eligibility criteria is available online <https://qavs.dcms.gov.uk/>
- The awards are decided by the Cabinet Office however; lieutenants can advise voluntary groups on the application process.
- There was a request for the Board to promote the awards and encourage voluntary organisations in the area to apply.
- There are over 4100 voluntary organisations in Buckinghamshire.

4 Questions Arising

A Member asked if there was a criterion to identify organisations which would be ideal candidates for the award. It was advised organisations with an outstanding contribution in the local community would be considered. The deputy lieutenants would assist with the application process and there was a checklist highlighting all information required.

The Chairman thanked Andrew Smith OBE for his informative presentation and advised the information for organisations to apply would be included in Community Board communications to encourage applications.

It was highlighted the Lieutenant officers who assisted with the application process were local officers part of the wider national office. The Chief Executive of Buckinghamshire Council was the Clerk to the Lord Lieutenant providing administrative support.

5 Proud of Bucks

The Proud of Bucks awards would return after last year's success, to award local people for their outstanding contributions in the community. Nominations would open from 9th January 2023 and close on 12th February 2023. Successful nominees would be welcomed to attend an event in the spring to celebrate their achievements. The awards would recognise smaller locally focused projects with adult, young person and group community champion categories.

6 Youth Engagement - School focus

Lizzie Wright, Community Board Manager for Amersham and the Villages gave a presentation on youth engagement with a focus on schools.

The following points were highlighted:

- Young people are a large proportion of the demographic in Board areas. Reaching out to school pupils would also help engagement with parents and carers.
- In Amersham and the Villages all schools in the Board area were approached to seek project ideas. School assemblies were useful in spreading the word about initiatives. The Board was introduced through letters to pupils and parents and school newsletters. A simple idea form was created to take to events and schools which was accessible for all ages to put forward project ideas.
- The projects supported by the Board were highlighted on the presentation. Projects included wildflower seeds for primary school children, Amersham Youth Club refurbishment and fitness garden, Stoney Dean pond refurbishment, Little Chalfont Primary School kitchen garden and herb garden, Chesham Bois School no stopping signs outside the school, five commemorative benches installed along walking routes, defibrillator installation and first aid training with Dr Challoner's School.

A new competition was launched for young people and schools to put forward project ideas to win a share of a total £9,000 prize fund.

7 Questions Arising

The Chairman highlighted the Board would contact local schools to discuss project ideas. The bright ideas competition for young people was commended as a great way for children to lead on project initiatives.

The Community Board Manager, Liz Charter advised the Chesham and Villages Community Board were piloting a literacy and cultural awareness project in five primary schools. The project would entail five Ukrainian cultural days for key stage two pupils. It was noted this would be useful in the Denham, Gerrards Cross and the Chalfonts area where there was a large number of Ukrainian guests.

A member of the Board queried if the projects listed were suggested by school children and their parents or schools. It was highlighted the projects had arisen from a variety of means including word of mouth and discussion with headteachers.

8 Community Matters

It was confirmed no public questions had been received for this meeting. Members and residents were encouraged to submit questions five working days in advance.

9 Buckinghamshire Council Updates

Simon James, Service Director for Education, Buckinghamshire Council provided an update on Council matters. The update was appended to these minutes and the following points were highlighted:

- The Council had a number of schemes to help residents with the cost of living crisis. The Helping Hands scheme was supporting families experiencing financial hardship via cash payments or post office vouchers. Support was available during the school holidays with free activities and food. Council

libraries and community buildings were open as 'welcoming spaces' providing a warm space for residents to sit during the day. There was a dedicated cost of living crisis section on Buckinghamshire Council website <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living/>

- There were currently 58 roads and highways projects across the county. The Board would not accept additional highways funding applications for the year 2023-24. All Community Boards would be consulted on the new protocol for highways funding going forward.
- There were 700 Ukrainian families supported in Buckinghamshire and 1200 guests housed with 500 children attending local schools. The six-month initial stay for families would come to an end soon with various options available including an extension of offer from sponsors, re-matching and private rental and social housing.
- The waste team were aware of missed bin collections in some areas in the south. The chargeable garden waste subscription service was rolled out across the Wycombe area.

A Member highlighted there were ongoing missed waste collections for certain residents on the collect and return service. These residents did not have access to computers to reports missed collections. It was requested that this was investigated further by the service area.

It was confirmed that no further highways projects would be considered by Community Boards for the next year. Residents or community organisations were encouraged to research and prepare any highways applications to be considered in 2024-25.

A Member raised the issue of footpath and rights of way repairs in Denham. It was requested the member email Liz Charter and ward Councillors the specific locations in need of attention which can be passed to the relevant department. It was noted the footpaths at Denham Garden Villages were referred to Transport for Bucks for attention.

A Member raised antisocial behaviour horse and trap racing on the A413 and the lack of progress on providing a solution to the issue. A meeting was requested for all interested parties including Transport for Bucks, Thames Valley Police and the MP for Beaconsfield.

10 Community Board updates

Liz Charter, Community Board Manager, Buckinghamshire Council provided an update on Board matters. The following points were raised:

- There were four priority areas for the Board including the environment, health and wellbeing, community safety and highways and economic regeneration.
- The Board had an annual budget of £114,206 with a total spend to date of £67,137. A breakdown of the budget spend areas was provided with 51% spent on health and wellbeing, 25% on community safety and highways and

24% on environmental projects.

- Projects funded were listed including a silver Sunday community event at Denham Garden Village which was well attended.
- Projects in the pipeline were currently under consideration by Members. Kings Church Amersham Christmas hamper appeal was a multi Board project to provide food for families in need.
- There was a reminder when applying for funding to check the Community Board website and discuss projects with Liz Charter pre-application. There was a maximum of £15,000 for general funding and small grants would increase from £1,000 to £5,000 if the project related to the cost of living crisis.
- As part of the welcoming spaces initiative organisations were encouraged to use the online toolkit and register their community space online.
- The 'all together' community event held in Chalfont St Giles was well attended and successful.
- Christmas events across the area were highlighted on the presentation. Any further community events contact Liz Charter to be added to the list.

The Chairman highlighted the budget setting meeting would take place in January 2023. There would be survey for residents to have their say on the Board's key priorities.

The calendar of meetings for the next year was requested.

11 Date of Next Meeting

Budget Meeting 26th January 2023, 6:30pm, MS Teams

Community Board 23rd February 6:30pm, MS Teams

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An update for Community Boards from Buckinghamshire Council (Issue 1 2023 – January 2023)

Local Heritage Listing

Using government funding, the council has developed a Local Heritage List to protect some of the most important heritage sites in the county that contribute to the local character of Buckinghamshire.

The Local Heritage List identifies locally significant heritage sites and celebrates their contribution to local identity and character. These sites include historic buildings (houses, chapels, agricultural and industrial buildings), archaeological sites (upstanding earthwork remains and buried sites), formal gardens, public open spaces, public works of art, monuments and street furniture.

Sites were nominated by local communities and council staff and evaluated by the council's heritage and archaeology team with volunteers also working on the project.

The Local Heritage List is different to statutory listing and designations (e.g. Grade I, II and II* Listed Buildings, Scheduled Monuments, and Registered Parks and Gardens), which are assessed nationally by Historic England.

Assets on the Local Heritage List will be recognised and considered in any future planning applications, helping to protect local heritage assets for future generations to enjoy. There have been more than 2,653 nominations for inclusion on the list and 771 of these sites are now being brought forward for adoption in Phase 1, with the rest being assessed for Phase 2.

To view a list of nominated sites, please visit the [Buckinghamshire Local Heritage List website](#).

ORCS funding for EV charge locations

After successfully securing £407k from the [Office for Zero Emission Vehicles](#) (OZEV) via their [On-Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme](#) (ORCS), the council will now be installing 128 new EV parking bays in 16 of its car parks across the county – with work being completed by April 2023.

We are now looking for other opportunities to broaden the public charging network in local town and village community car parks in Buckinghamshire.

Our aim is to submit a combined bid to the On-Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme (ORCS) in March 2023, to provide the funding for this initiative. We will work alongside town and parish councils to assess what type of chargepoint might be suitable for each site, calculate the cost of installation and the power connection costs, and liaise with EV chargepoint suppliers on behalf of town and parish councils. We can also help to procure and manage the installation.

Find out more about [Buckinghamshire Council's 5-year Action Plan](#) to support the transition of the county to EVs.

Local Plan update – sites to be published following call for sites

Following the 'Wider' call for sites last year, over 700 sites have been submitted for consideration as land for possible future development within Buckinghamshire. Our previous calls for brownfield sites resulted in 300 sites being suggested. An interactive map showing these has now been published at [Brownfield CFS 2021-22 \(arcgis.com\)](#)

A list of other sites which have been submitted as part of our wider call for sites will be available in the coming weeks. Officers have now started the process of evaluating each of the sites against the criteria of suitability for their chosen use, availability and deliverability over the plan period to 2040.

Work has commenced on an Employment and Retail Evidence Study and a Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (we expect to consult with the relevant statutory bodies on this shortly). We are in the process of appointing consultants for several other studies which are needed to inform the plan.

We are currently working to set out the overarching vision and objectives for the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire which will shape our work going forwards. In accordance with good practice on community engagement, the team is working on a forthcoming public consultation which will enable people to comment and give feedback on the draft Vision and Objectives.

Visitor Economy survey

Buckinghamshire Council has launched a new Tourism Survey which will help to shape the future of Buckinghamshire's visitor economy sector. The council is inviting input from residents, businesses and key stakeholders which it will use to help identify new opportunities and to support the future growth of the visitor economy across Buckinghamshire.

The survey will be an important contributor to a Visitor Economy Strategy currently being developed by Buckinghamshire Council and its partners. The strategy itself will aim to

identify how Buckinghamshire can build on the opportunities within its visitor economy with a view to supporting businesses and creating jobs.

The survey findings will be used to get a better understanding of where to focus support for the sector and explore what tourism businesses see as their main challenges and opportunities now and in the future.

Tourism is an important part of our local economy, as visitors spending their time and money in Buckinghamshire support more than 13,000 local jobs and over 2,000 small businesses. Responses from the survey will be used to develop a strategy and action plan which will help the tourism sector in Buckinghamshire to flourish and grow, supporting local jobs, workers and industries into the future.

The survey is live now and will be running until 17 February 2023. Buckinghamshire residents, business owners and other tourism stakeholders can complete the survey [here](#).

Current and upcoming consultations

As well as the Tourism Survey, take a look here to view other current consultations:

Buckinghamshire Council consultations

Current consultations and surveys from Buckinghamshire Council are available to view on our website <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/>

Where appropriate, we also list NHS consultations and surveys as well.

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Gerrards Cross & Denham

Neighbourhood Team

Your neighbourhood team consists of

Sergeant 5731 Dan RYDER

PC 0795 Bryony POWELL

PCSO 9345 Paul DOBBIN

PCSO 7958 Paul AUSTIN

PCSO 9605 Sarah CHURCHWARD

Neighbourhood Priorities

The priorities for your Neighbourhood Policing Team (NHPT) will be decided by the Policing Issues Panel; comprised of representatives from Community Boards from the whole of South Buckinghamshire. The Police do not run the panel, although we do attend as representatives. This allows us to speak to a wide cross-section of the community, find out what you most want improved in the area and consider how we and others can accomplish these aims. The top three priorities are chosen by the forum every three months and are then assumed by your Neighbourhood Policing Team. If you wish to learn more please use the following hyperlink: [Chiltern & South Bucks Policing Issues Forum – Community and Neighbourhood Police stronger together \(csb-forum.org\)](https://www.csb-forum.org/).

Follow us

Following on from the Chiltern and South bucks LPA Merger with Wycombe LPA to form the South Buckinghamshire LPA, we are wishing to point out that our original social media pages are no longer active and our new pages are

Twitter @TVP- southbucks - https://twitter.com/@tvp_southbucks

Facebook TVP South Buckinghamshire [TVP South Buckinghamshire - Home | Facebook](#)

In order to receive the latest updates around our patrols, good work, crime prevention and Have your say events, along with what actions we are conducting to tackle community priorities and issues, please ensure you follow the above correct pages and share to increase our visibility and deter criminals

Sign up to Thames Valley Alerts to receive crime and policing updates directly from your local Neighbourhood Team as well as more crime and policing issues. Sign up to the service online

At: www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk or speak with one of your Neighbourhood Team.
www.thamesvalley.police.uk

Priority – Burglary



This quarter we have seen an increase in burglaries this quarter has again increased from 15 to 21 this quarter.

The team have been carrying out proactive patrols and giving out crime reduction packs at the following locations.

Denham – Oxford Road, Denham Green lane, Cheapside Lane, Ashmead Lane, Broken Gate Lane, Ranston Close, Nightingale Way and Newton Road.

Gerrards Cross – Oak End Way, Windsor Road, Marsham Way, Packhorse Road, St Huberts Close, Mill Lane and Camp Road.

To continue to combat this we have been carrying out proactive operations, which specifically floods rural, and cross border areas of the LPA with proactive patrols during peak offending times. This has helped us to detect crime and apprehend cross border offenders who use arterial routes to enter our policing area and to protect residents living within South Buckinghamshire.

Please remember these tips to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of burglary especially as the nights are now drawing in.

- Cut back your shrubs and hedges to aid visibility
- Set timer switches to turn your lights on when away
- Avoid leaving valuables in plain view e.g. laptops and tablets
- Set any house alarms
- Lock side gates to prevent access to the rear of your property
- Keep any tools and ladders stored safely away in a locked garage
- Don't advertise that you are away and that your home is empty, by 'checking in' or posting your holiday snaps on social media
- Resist uploading any holiday pictures to social media until you have returned home
- Don't leave windows open at the front of your property when you are in the garden

Take a look at Thames Valley Police Website for further crime prevention advice or contact your local Neighbourhood Team.

During this time of increased offences, we urge you all to be extra vigilant, any suspicious activity or persons should be reported to the Police immediately to increase our chances of apprehending these offenders.

Priority – Anti-Social Behaviour



We have continued to patrol areas subject to Anti-social behaviour. This includes West and East common, Gerrards cross High Street, Higher Denham Recreation Ground, and Denham Cricket green. Enhanced our patrols around areas subject to a recent rise in Graffiti and the train stations.

We have also conducted patrols around Goodlake Court following increased reports of ASB.

These patrols assisted us in identifying a large number of youths we strongly suspected to be involved, following us issuing 8 ASB warning letters and informing their parents, we have disrupted this behaviour and have seen a decrease of reports as a result in these areas.

Our patrols under this priority are allocated based on the reporting of incidents and it is important that reports are made via Call 101 (Non-Emergency Contact Number) Call 999 in an emergency only

Thames Valley Police Web form: <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/report-a-crime>

During this quarter, we have also run our annual ASB operation to tackle the increase of incidents that occur over Halloween and Bonfire night. Many of you would have seen a presence at local events in Denham, Fulmer and Gerrards Cross to show that presence and deter groups of offenders. This early engagement preventing the increase in reports that we have seen over previous years.

Priority – Speeding

During October, our roads policing officers have spent 15 hours conducting speed enforcement at various locations and out of ten visits identified 587 offences across South Bucks. Our fixed cameras have identified 612 offenders.

Neighbourhood officers have also been out conducting speed enforcement at the following locations, Windsor Road where one vehicle was sighted doing 43 MPH and was reported. Fulmer Road where three vehicles were identified driving at 45 MHP and reported. North Orbital Road where the highest speed recorded was 48MPH and two people were reported.



Other News

In October the PCSO have been out and about visiting local schools and talking to year six students, raising awareness around about County Drug Lines

During November, the team have been carrying out park sweeps with the Community Safety team and conducting talks at schools to raise awareness around Knife Crime.

Following a report about a woman begging at NatWest Gerrards Cross, officers located the female, following various checks and locating a homeless charity able to assist, the female has been re-united her back to family in Camden London and the homeless centre that is supporting her repatriation back to Romania.

After locating a vehicle in GERRARDS CROSS where an individual was engaging in inhaling nitrous oxide. The nitrous oxide was seized and disposed of. Although there was insufficient for prosecution, the officers took various actions to increase public safety around the individual and deterred him from committing any offences in the future.

Whilst on enquires in Slough they saw a large fire in the location of Rokesby Road, Britwell. They located the source of the fire, contacted fire for immediate attendance, the fire was catastrophic luckily their quick response prevented any damage to the houses or residents.

Whilst on ASB foot patrol in GERRARDS CROSS, We were stopped by a member of the public, advising us that a woman was crying on the other side of the OXFORD ROAD. Officers identified she was having a psychotic breakdown including delusions and hallucinating from a 4-5 day drug and alcohol binge. The woman was subsequently detained under the mental health act and admitted to hospital for treatment.

During Burglary patrols, officers came across a dog that had been run over on the A40 Denham, the dog being trapped under a vehicle was being aggressive making it difficult to get out, officers acted quickly to free the dog and take it to a local vet. The dog was treated before being released and is recovering well after being reunited with its owner.

Offenders Brought to Justice

A male has received a community resolution for drug offences at A40 Services

A female has received a community resolution for a dangerous dog in Denham

A male has received a community resolution for public order at the A40 Services

A male was arrested and charged for assault on three officers in Oxford Road, GX

A male has received a community resolution for drug offences in Denham

A male has received a community resolution for drug offences in Denham

A male has received a community resolution for drug offences in GX after stop check by police

A male was detained and given a community resolution for drug offences in GX

A male was arrested and charged for possession of offensive weapon at M40 services

A male has been given a community resolution after a stop check by police in West



Common.

A male has been arrested and charged for shoplifting in GX

A male has been arrested and issued a fixed penalty notice for shoplifting in Denham

Have Your Say Events

We have now started our Have Your Say events again so please keep an eye on our social media where we will advertise where we will be.

Should you be holding any community events that you wish for the local team to attend and provide any crime prevention advice, please contact one of the team above and we will try to attend and support the event

Contact Us:

Call 101 (Non-Emergency Contact Number)

Call 999 in an emergency only

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Report to Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board

Date:	Feb. 23rd 2023
Title:	Tilehouse Lane (south) petition for traffic calming
Cabinet Member(s):	Councillor Steven Broadbent
Contact officer:	Neil O’Leary Network Safety Team Leader
Ward(s) affected:	Denham (link to find your councillor)
Recommendations:	Buckinghamshire Council’s Network Safety Team support the creation of a Community Speed Watch group in Denham and the installation of infrastructure to permit the deployment of the available MVAS unit in an attempt to alter driver behaviour.
Reason for decision:	The implementation of Community Speed Watch will provide accurate information on traffic speeds, which will in turn provide TVP with information on occurrences of speed in excess of the posted limit allowing for targeted enforcement where necessary. CSW has been successful in reducing the recidivist rate of $\leq 4\%$ of the c. 322,000 vehicles which have passed through the TVP CSW system.

1. Executive summary

- 1.1 Buckinghamshire Council have received an ePetition complete with 62 signatures requesting “the council” to introduce traffic calming measures to reduce traffic speeds on Tilehouse Lane South, Denham.
- 1.2 Based on the Buckinghamshire Council Network Safety Policy and the personal injury data available for Tilehouse Lane, funding for traffic calming measures cannot be provided through the Local Safety Scheme budget.

2. Content of report

- 2.1 Tilehouse Lane Denham presents a number of distinct highway environments along its length. The section subject to this report runs from the junction with Tilehouse Way to the junction with the A412.
- 2.2 This section of Tilehouse Lane (south) is subject to a 30mph speed limit as per the relevant Traffic Regulation Order, 30mph terminal signs are present at the junction with the A412 North Orbital Road. 30mph repeaters are permitted and are present on this section of Tilehouse Lane (south).
- 2.3 Tilehouse Lane (south) is predominately rural in nature with residential properties on the northwestern side, fronted by a grass verge and a footway adjacent to the carriageway. This footway links to a Public Footpath which connects to Tilehouse Lane between the properties know as Riddhi and Sundown. The footpath passes along the southern side of the sports ground and links to a pedestrian refuge on the A412 North Orbital Road approximately 200m north east of the junction with Tilehouse Lane.
- 2.4 The southern end of Tilehouse Lane is marked with a centreline indicating there is sufficient carriageway width for opposing vehicles to pass.
- 2.5 A 'series of bends ahead' warning sign accompanied with a text plate stating, "oncoming vehicles in middle of road", "SLOW" road marking and a 30mph repeater sign are located on the approach to the road / rail underbridge. At this location the centre/warning line is omitted indicating that the carriageway is $\leq 5.5\text{m}$ and 2-way flow may be difficult to achieve at speed.
- 2.6 The Buckinghamshire Council policy, section 6 below, outlines our process with its aim of reducing the number of injuries incurred by those using Buckinghamshire's road network.
- 2.7 Based on the local policy for the identification and development of casualty reduction (Section 6), Tilehouse Lane does not meet the criteria for inclusion in the capital funded Local Safety Scheme programme.

3. Other options considered

- 3.1 There are other potential funding streams available which could be investigated further.
 - a) Funding connected to developments which are granted permission could provide funding for traffic calming. When outlining such agreements, the relevant Neighbourhood Plan is often referenced to identify need.

- b) HS2 has a significant presence in the area and where traffic patterns are altered / influenced by works associated with the HS2 project, funding can be sought for improvements to the local network.

4. Legal and financial implications

- 4.1 Unable to comment in full due to lack of detail on scope of potential works involved.
- 4.2 Traffic calming is subject to statutory public consultation.

5. Corporate implications

- 5.1 At this stage there appear to be no corporate implications

6. Policy Context (local and national)

- 6.1 Buckinghamshire Council's Network Safety Team are responsible for the delivery of statutory obligation under the Road Traffic Act 1988 Section 39. Generally:

- promoting road safety by disseminating information or advice relating to the use of roads.
- prepare and carry out a programme of measures designed to promote road safety

- 6.2 Under the Road Traffic Act each Local Authority must:

1. carry out studies into accidents arising out of the use of vehicles
2. in the light of those studies, take such measures as appear to the authority to be appropriate to prevent such accidents, including the dissemination of information and advice relating to the use of roads, the giving of practical training to road users or any class or description of road users, the construction, improvement, maintenance or repair of (roads for the maintenance of which they are responsible) and other measures taken in the exercise of their powers for controlling, protecting or assisting the movement of traffic on roads
3. In constructing new roads, must take such measures as appear to the authority to be appropriate to reduce the possibilities of such accidents when the roads come into use

- 6.3 By completing 1. above we determine emerging patterns across the county thereby identifying our most vulnerable road users and developing trends. This information informs our Education, Training, Publicity (ETP) work. From this same analysis we identify locations across the county where injury collisions have been reported, this output satisfies 2. above.

- 6.4 The 3rd obligation is covered through the completion of Road Safety Audits in line with the current Buckinghamshire Council Road Safety Audit policy.
- 6.5 Once this analysis has taken place the cluster list and route list will be reordered to account for those locations satisfying 2. above.
- 6.6 In order to make fair and reasonable comparisons across the network, clusters are defined as an occurrence of 5 injury incidents within 50m in a 5 year period. Route/road sections are generated from a table of populated by roads/routes which have witnessed injury collisions over the same 5 year period. The severity of the incident is classified as Slight, Serious or fatal and the list is ranked based on the These reordered lists, with outline mitigation measures, are passed to designers to develop the detailed designs.
- 6.7 The available Network Safety budget is allocated to the design and implementation of these identified Local Safety Schemes.
- 6.8 For FY 23/24 the Network Safety Team have identified approximately 60 cluster sites and 20 route sections which meet these criteria.
- 6.9 Based on the personal injury records made available by Thames Valley Police, Tilehouse Lane does not appear on either route or cluster list.
- 6.10 No national policy for the identification of potential Road Safety intervention works currently exists.
- 6.11 No national targets for casualty reduction exist.

7. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views

- 7.1 Unitary Councillors and Community Board Members were invited to provide comments on the petitioners request via email on 13/12/2022.
- 7.2 Cllr. Guy Hollis responded on 13/12/2022 raising 2 points:
 - a) The need to provide “hard evidence” of need for traffic calming – Information provided by TVP covered a 6 day period during Summer months, details not provided to reporting officer. This is sufficient for TVP to support the set up of Community Speed Watch but would provide insufficient information to determine the need for physical traffic calming measures.
 - b) Does the request meet TfB criteria for traffic calming – see section 2.7

8. Communication, engagement & further consultation

- 8.1 Email sent to enquiries@denhambucks-pc.gov.uk 20/01/23 to seek clarification on decision to include Tilehouse Lane on the MVAS rotation and discuss progress on the implementation of Community Speed Watch. At time of writing (09/02/23) no response has been received.
- 8.2 Email sent on 13/12/22 to TVP Traffic Management Officer, to identify any issues raised and gain further information on the proposal to introduce CSW. A response was received on 15/12/22 stating speeds were collected over a 6-day period during Summer 2021.
- 8.3 Feel that further engagement is required through parish councillors Guy

9. Community Board action

- 9.1 TBC

10. Next steps and review

- 10.1 Following Community Board decision next steps and timescales can be determined.

11. Background papers

- 11.1 Network Safety Policy: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/policies/highway-policies/network-safety-policy/>
- 11.2 Criteria for Road Safety Improvement works within Buckinghamshire: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/road-safety/road-traffic-collisions/>
- 11.3 DENHAM PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2020 – 2036 SUBMISSION PLAN: [Denham Parish Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission \(denhambucks-pc.gov.uk\)](https://denhambucks-pc.gov.uk)
- 11.4 30mph Traffic Regulation Order: [Speed Limit Order 2021.pdf \(traffweb.app\)](#)
- 11.5 Dealing with speed: [Dealing with speeding | Buckinghamshire Council](#)
- 11.6 [London-West Midlands ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT November 2013 Volume 5 Technical Appendices Transport Assessment \(TR-001-000\) Part 7: Country assessment Traffic and transport](#)
- 11.7 [LONDON-WEST MIDLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT Volume 5 | Map books Traffic and Transport](#)

12. Your questions and views (for key decisions)

- 12.1 If you have any questions about the matters contained in this report, please get in touch with the author of this report. If you have any views that you would like the cabinet member to consider, please inform the democratic services team. This can be done by email to democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.

Pheasant Hill Playground

Chalfont St Giles

Pheasant Hill Play Area is set in the village centre, adjacent to the duck pond and close to the village green. As a result, it is used regularly by children through the year, parents and grandparents take their little ones to feed the ducks and spend some time in the playground despite it being very tired and in need of a makeover.

Chalfont St Giles Parish Council had been discussing renovating the existing playground for a couple of years as we were beginning to spend money replacing equipment, however our biggest concern was that it was not a play area open to all children as it wasn't fully inclusive to young people with disabilities.

We carried out a survey with our Parishioners on line and face to face to seek their thoughts on the existing play area and asked what equipment they would like to see if we were to in a position to proceed.

The survey identified that there was huge support for a new playground and that it was used regularly by many of our Parishioners.

As the HS2 tunnel passes directly under the pond and play area, we approached Align for funding having received approximate costing from a playground contractor.

Align agreed to give us 50% of the costs provided we could raise match funding, which we did with money from our own budget and assistance from the Community Board.

In November we went out to tender and received five responses to our brief for a playground for younger children, which would be inclusive and accessible for children with disabilities and sensory issues, equipment and design should be in keeping with the surrounding area (pond, river and meadows) and finally consideration should be given to the fact that the playground is in the heart of the village conservation area.

From the responses received we selected HAGS, their designs were fully inclusive with good guarantees for equipment and costs within our budget. The design for the new playground (see attached visual) is fully inclusive with equipment for children of all abilities and will encourage development, improve motor skills, enhance creative imaginative ideas and complements the surrounding area.

Ideally the PC would have liked the project completed by Easter, however lead in times for all the contractors made this impossible so we are looking at the beginning/middle of May for completion. The PC plan to make the opening of the playground a celebration event, inviting everyone who has been involved to attend, but more importantly for our Parishioners and our young residents to see the new equipment. All our signage around the play area will acknowledge the support from the Community Board (and Align).

During the next few months the PC will be advising our Parishioners on social media and at the site about the progress of the project as we want to bring the community along with us on this journey.

Chalfont St Giles Parish Council would like to thank the Community Board for their grant which has helped make this project possible.

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Please note that this is an artist impression only. Final equipment specifications and pricing to be confirmed with order.



Bespoke Inclusive Junior and Toddler Multi-Unit!

Variety of Swings!



Bespoke Welcome Sign!

Ponds Play Panels



Slide!

Leaf Rooves!



Inclusive Mirage Swing Seat

Designed for inclusive play
✓

Age Range
1-7
years

Timber Steel Ground Fixed
✓

Seesaw!

Accessible Continuous Wetpour Pad

The Five Principles for Designing Inclusive:
1. Multi-sensory elements
2. Accessibility
3. Play for all
4. Opportunity for calm
5. Social environments



Leaf Hopscotch!

Duck Springer with backrest!



Telescope!

Climbing Wall

Toddler Spinner

Inclusive Steps!

Wooden Bridge

Inclusive Roundabout!



Shop Play

Climbing Net!

Firemans Pole

Inspired by River Misbourne

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DENHAM MEMORY CAFÉ

Denham Parish Council started the Memory Café for Dementia sufferers and their carers in the latter part 2021.

People arrive around 11am greeted and are given tea or coffee and biscuits, and made to feel very welcome, we chat with them as to how their week has been.

We have the Sunshine Singers attend, a song book is given out so they can choose what they would like to sing, play a musical instrument if they wish, and dance. This goes on for about 45 minutes as any longer than this and their attention starts to wane.



At the last session we had a lady come and give a session on Chair Yoga for 30-40 mins which everybody participated in and really enjoyed. Hopefully, this will become a regular item and can be something that they can take home and do together outside of the café.



They have lunch consisting of sandwiches and cakes and more tea and coffee! We have a professional lady who specialises in Dementia and she attends each session and chats and will give advice, there is a separate room to the side of the hall where they can have confidential conversations.



Numbers vary at each session as depending on how bad the Dementia is, depends on how they feel that particular morning. We have had carers come back and say that whilst they don't normally remember things day to day, they do remember coming to the café and when are they going back. Which is a great delight to hear.

Currently we have people coming from Denham, Harefield and Iver and are now going to open up to Gerrards Cross and Chalfont st Peter.

We have volunteers who come and help with setting up the tables and chairs, and making refreshments and organising the lunch plates and it is a really lovely atmosphere.

