

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.