

# AV&L Community Association Minutes – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016

**Present: Jane MacBean (Chair), Howard Griffin, Phil Folly, Mo Fayyaz, Richard Dunn, Alan Bacon, David Bird, Kim Zolan, Jennifer Parker and one other** (refused to provide her name)

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Apologies</b> Tony Strudwick, Irfan Arif, David MacBean, Louise Dunn, Hanna Morgan, Vince Crompton.</p>	<b>Action</b>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Minutes and matters arising</b> <b>Street cleaning</b> – HG sent an FOI (Freedom of Information Act) request to CDC asking for frequency of mechanical street cleaning undertaken along Bellingdon Rd in 2015/16. Response from the Council was that this had been undertaken 4 times in the year on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016 and 30<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Members discussed frequency needs for the road, neighbouring streets and to request (again) for a timetable of planned visits. HG to write again concerning frequency of visits.</p> <p>It was agreed that elected Members attending association meetings would not use activity undertaken by the association for political gain including party newsletters.</p>	HG
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b> Other than the FOI reply no other correspondence to report.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b> Treasurer's role remains vacant. So far no-one has expressed an interest. Jane reported that signatories have now been updated and confirmed by the bank. David MacBean has provided an unaudited financial statement of the account. Copies were circulated and a further copy is available on the website. Jane reported a further bill for hall hire (£108) and the website (£10.80) needs to be deducted from the balance. Contact Jane for any queries.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>90 Asheridge Road</b> Landowner and their agent are undertaking a 3 month marketing process to establish if there is any interest in the site for commercial use. Noted that the site had been cleared and tidied. Assuming no commercial interest, it is expected that a planning application will be submitted for housing led development.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Benches</b> Members discussed the association making a financial contribution to replace two benches that used to be located in Bellingdon Rd (near fire station) and Asheridge Road (near allotments). Mo had contacted Bucks CC that are usually responsible for street furniture but no response.</p> <p>The meeting discussed future responsibility for the benches on BCC land, the need for further consultation (such as the allotment group). Chesham Town Council are to consider funding street furniture etc on land they do not control at the next Rec &amp; Arts Committee. The meeting then voted on the following proposed by Richard Dunn and seconded by Mo Fayyaz 'To provide in principle support to part fund the cost of two new benches'</p> <p>The motion was carried with 4 votes in support, 0 votes against &amp; 2 abstained. Alan Bacon asked Howard to advise the Town Clerk.</p>	HG

7	<p><b>Ideas for Future Activity</b></p> <p>The meeting discussed hosting events and activities. Mo Fayyaz requested David Gardner be invited to the next meeting to explore options and funding further. HG to write and invite David.</p> <p>Howard advised the meeting about the Celebrate England funding scheme that is providing grants of between £300 and £10,000 to community groups. More information can be found at <a href="http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/celebrate">www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/celebrate</a></p> <p>Action days to engage residents in helping to clean up their street were suggested. Dates were discussed and agreed on the 4th Sunday of each month as follows: -</p> <p>Sunday 25 September – Lowndes Avenue  Sunday 23 October – Bellingdon Road  Sunday 27 November – Access to Co-op field</p>	
8	<p><b>Members' Forum</b></p> <p>Mo reported that a number of street lamps in Hivings Hill are obscured by trees/bushes. A new on-line reporting system for faults is available on the BCC website.</p> <p>Elmtree Hedge – This has been cut back although may still need more work.</p> <p>David Bird asked about latest information on the Parking Review. No information to report. It was suggested that residents write to Cllr Noel Brown who chairs the committee or Cllr Mark Shaw.</p> <p>Drains on Hivings Hill – Mo has asked County Councillor Patricia Birchley about these as some are completely blocked. Jane added that there is a lack of complete plans maps of the drainage system and as a result Chesham Flood Action Group are looking at feasibility of using cameras to accurately map the system and identify maintenance needs.</p>	
9	<p><b>Dates of Future Meetings (7.30pm at Chesham Methodist Church)</b></p> <p>Thursday 6 October  Thursday 3 November</p>	