**Your Parish Council Update - February 2022**

**If you have any issues or priorities that you would like the Council to consider, please raise with the Chairman or the Clerk.
A full copy of the minutes can be viewed on the Parish Council website –**

**Report from Wiltshire Councillor Najjar**-In Councillor Najjar’s absence the Clerk briefed the meeting on the proposed Chalke Valley Speed Working Group. Cllr. Pickford and Cllr. Fry to be the Council’s representatives. The Chairman to be a reserve and to be the link with CATG.

**South Street Trees-**The Chairman has spoken to the person believed by the Parish Council to be the owner of the trees along the bank by Bena Cottage. He has stated that he is not the landowner and so further investigations are required.

**Emergency Plan**-The EP has been reviewed and will now be taken forward as an individual village Plan separate from Bowerchalke. It is felt the management and communications process can be undertaken more effectively on a village basis with a separate Core Group responsible for each village’s volunteers. Cllr. Pickford agreed to be the Council’s nominated person together with the Clerk for the Core Group. The Clerk wished to record the Council’s thanks to Mrs Tinkler for her work on getting the Plan to this stage.

Further village communication will be going out in coming weeks and anyone interested in helping as a coordinator and/or volunteer should contact the Clerk.

**Low Lane funding-** A grant application has been sent to the Chalke & Chase Landscape Partnership for £5,000 towards the project. Emphasis of the grant application being access and landscape. CATG will also be approached.

**Queens Platinum Jubilee in June 2022**- More information to be provided in due course but possible events include: a service on the Sunday; a Beacon lighting at Hut Lodge as part of the National campaign; Open Gardens the following weekend; Planting of an Avenue of trees; Planting of a coppice of trees on land close to the existing Jubilee clump and near to the Queens Head Pub Garden. Ashley Truluck agreed to be a central point of contact to ensure coordination of events to avoid clashes.

**Replacement finger post on Causeway/South Street Junction**

Following a successful grant application to Wiltshire Council the Chairman has undertaken the purchase of materials and construction of the new post. A Parish Council Working Party then to action removal and replacement once ready.

**Councillors Priority Area Updates**

Website: Cllr. Dawes reported that, having reviewed document storage on the website there is no need to make any changes. The website will also be going through a refresh and will include photos and background info on the Parish councillors and their duties.

Playground: Cllr. Cave-Gibbs reported on the site meeting he and the Clerk had with Playdale. Awaiting contact back on query on guarantees on existing. A second meeting later this month on possible schemes, with costs.

Highways and Drainage:Cllr. Fry has liaised with the Parish Steward who will take up the High Road gulley blockage again as this continues to be an issue. The standing water has also reappeared at Causeway/South St. and further investigations to be undertaken.

**Proposed village fete** -There is a desire to resurrect the Village Fete. Sara Moss is looking to organise a small working group and volunteers are being sought. Anyone able to help, please contact Sara or the Clerk.

**Finance Status**-The balance of funds in the bank is £12,702. This includes donation from the Chalke Valley History Festival of £500 for the footpath project.

**Planning Matters**

**Presentation on proposed planning application, High Lane-** Mr Pickford chaired this item in light of the Chairman’s declared interest and advised the Council that there is no planning application presently so there is no decision of the Council arising at this point.

The proposal is for a bungalow on land on High Lane that is outside the Neighbourhood Plan Settlement Boundary. The Council received a written summary and outline drawing from the developer. Mr Truluck advised the meeting as to the Neighbourhood Plan position on the proposal. Following discussion and questions, Cllr. Pickford commented that, whilst there is no reason why people in general would not like the proposed design, it is not in accordance with the Council’s Policy and so, should an application come forward, it is unlikely that the Parish Council could support it.

**PL/2021/11866:** Tree work in conservation area, Orchard Bank, South Street**.** No Objection.

**Future Parish Council Meeting**:9th February 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

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