

RESIDENTS UPDATES

- **Cheddington Support Group - Chedd-eroo – Article for Buckinghamshire Council Hub Bulletin**
Email received from Carol Lister OBO Chedd-eroo on 03.06.20

As the inevitability of 'lockdown' approached, and under the Cheddington Neighbourhood Watch umbrella, we asked residents for their help in establishing a volunteer network to support vulnerable local people through the Coronavirus pandemic. Support would include shopping for essential supplies and collection of medication for people who were unable to leave their homes due to the lockdown.

We decided to call ourselves Chedd-eroo.

We were overwhelmed by the response we received. In the first week we had 100 Chedd-eroo volunteers in place who had agreed to support 150 households. Support provided included shopping for essentials, arranging and coordinating the collection of medication from local GP surgeries and pharmacies, and crucially making new friends and connections from within the Cheddington community. The offers of support continued so much so that we had to set up a 'reserve' list with volunteers on stand-by in case of need.

What we have witnessed through adversity is a coming together of local people and a community spirit of togetherness that would have been hard to imagine a few short months earlier. People who were complete strangers now have new friends; vulnerable people have someone to talk to and there is a very real sense of community amongst the Cheddington residents.

Chedd-eroo volunteers are collecting prescriptions from 5 local surgeries. CADS, the Cheddington drama group have taken on an extended role in helping with prescription deliveries for the Rothschild House surgeries in Tring and Markyate, mainly serving other local villages. Nine CADS members have been delivering medication across parts of Aylesbury Vale, Herts and South Bucks.

More recently, we have set up a drop-off point for our people to support two local food banks. Again we were overwhelmed with the support we have received and we are now making weekly deliveries to the food banks with the donations that we have received.

The response of people to give their support throughout this crisis has been remarkable. We are so proud of all of our Chedd-eroo volunteers and how their support and enthusiasm has made such a difference to the lives of so many local people. The friendships that have been made will endure well past this crisis and ensure that the village of Cheddington will continue to thrive.

- **Home to School Transport (HTST) – Update provided by Lucy Chidley**

The Council has confirmed it has reconsidered national guidance and no longer requires parents to rank their nearest school (Tring) as their first or highest preference to be eligible for free transport. This means that free transport will now be considered to The Cottesloe School, if this is parents' first choice, if the Council is satisfied that a place could not be offered at Tring. This will require parents to put Tring as another preference on their application form in order for the Council to assess, on a case by case basis, a child's eligibility (based on whether that child could have secured a place at Tring). The fact that the Council is now considering free transport is a huge step forward from outrightly refusing free transport where Cottesloe was expressed as a first preference. We are now delighted to confirm that children who are due to attend Cottesloe from September have been offered free transport .

Clearly this is a much improved situation than before but the removal of discretionary free transport to our nearest Bucks school remains a serious issue. As I have previously explained the current home to school transport policy still allows discretionary free transport to the nearest Bucks school in other parts of the County where residents live closest to an out of county school. But for reasons we have yet to ascertain, the Council has now arbitrarily determined Tring School a "virtual Bucks school" for transport purposes. The Cottesloe School remains our local catchment secondary school for admissions purposes. We have challenged the Council on the criteria it has used to determine what is a "virtual Bucks school", that there

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is an existing admissions arrangement and secondly that there is a significant pattern of parental preference to that school. Tring has confirmed to us that there is no existing admissions arrangement for the Ivinghoe Area as it does not fall under Tring's priority catchment area. In terms of "parental preference" for Tring, this is a fairly ambiguous criterion to use but as far as we can tell, with the exception of Pitstone and Marsworth, the preference certainly in the rest of the Ivinghoe area has always been for The Cottesloe School. To date, despite numerous requests, the Council has failed to provide their rationale for classing Tring a "virtual Bucks school". Ideally we would like the Council to reconsider Tring's status as a "virtual Bucks school" and revert to providing the Ivinghoe area with free transport to its nearest local catchment school in Bucks.

We will continue to monitor the situation and when some normality has returned will press the Council further on its use of "virtual Bucks schools" in its school transport policy and I would like to ask the Parish Council to support our continued campaign.

Update news for the Parish Council is as follows:

TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

There was nothing received.

CLERK'S REPORT - to note updates to ongoing matters

- **Community Speedwatch Training** – Nothing to report.
- **Orchard Manor Zebra Crossing/lamp post** - Nothing to report.
- **Orchard enforcement** – Nothing to report.
- **Village Hall Lease** – Hugo Hardy Architect to forward surveyor contact details.
- **Tennis club lease** – Clerk waiting on confirmation from the Tennis Club regarding the official registration at the Land Registry - Nothing to report.
- **Tree outside no 58 Gooseacre** – Payment made to JDR Treecare.
- **Light at Barkham close** – Nothing to report. Clerk had emailed relevant department. Will chase.
- **AGAR 19/20** – AGAR form to be posted on notice board once approved by the Parish Council. Clerk to put a notice with the AGAR information explaining the current situation in respect of the extension due to the Corona Virus. Parish Council meeting to be arranged via Zoom before the end of July 2020.
- **Bins at Breachwell Place** – Nothing to report.
- **Notice Board, Orchard Manor** – Nothing to report.
- **The Green** – Quarterly inspection carried out and equipment passed. Repairs as per report done in February completed.

CORRESPONDENCE, CONSULTATIONS AND CIRCULARS

- Andy Thompson, Chairman, Cheddington Tennis Club - plans for review of opening the tennis club – All agreed that is was OK, as long as government guidelines followed.
- Andy Thompson, Chairman, Cheddington Tennis Club – permission to get water turned on at Pavilion on Thursday 4th to enable painting of 3rd court – agreed. Clerk to turn on water.
- Resident - Street Party Church Hill – Parish Council felt this should go ahead as long as the organiser follows Government Guidelines at the time.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

There was nothing to report.

PAVILION

- **VAT Registration** – documents signed and returned by post and email, to DCK Accountants to become VAT registered from 1st April. Clerk contacted again on the 2nd June for update.
- **Deed of Variation** – Joe Houston forwarded new forms on the 2nd June for completion. Clerk will complete draft, send to Council for comments and then return to Joe Houston.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a. To agree payments in accordance with the financial report - Approved
- b. To agree Stephenson Davenport Structural Associates Ltd invoice as per fee proposal dated December 2019 - Approved

PLANNING MATTERS

a) To consider applications received via AVDC:-

20/01506/APP - 97 High Street - Erection of 2 residential double garages and associated landscaping for plots 1 and 3 on approval 18/0170/APP – **No Objection**

b) To receive determinations by AVDC

There was nothing to report.

c) Other Planning Matters

For information - 20/01415/ATP - 1 Blenheim Close Station Road Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0SE

Application for tree works: Works to trees subject to a tree preservation order (TPO) and/or notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area. Town and Country Planning Act 1990

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FINANCIAL APPENDIX

MONTH 3

AS AT 01/06/2020

VCHR	DATE	PAYMENTS - CURRENT ACCOUNT	NET	VAT	TOTAL
DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS DEBITED					
23	13/05/2020	Anglian Water	£ 25.17	£ -	£ 25.17
24	14/05/2020	E.On 01.04.20-30.04.20	£ 648.93	£ 129.79	£ 778.72
25	28/05/2020	Clerk's Mobile 13.05 - 12.06	£ 13.15	£ 2.63	£ 15.78
			£ 687.25	£ 132.42	£ 819.67
ONLINE PAYMENTS MADE					
26	07/05/2020	JDR Treecare	£ 200.00	£ 40.00	£ 240.00
27	13/05/2020	St Giles Church Donation	£ 200.00	£ -	£ 200.00
28	24/05/2020	Waste King - Skip for Allotments	£ 300.00	£ 60.00	£ 360.00
			£ 700.00	£ 100.00	£ 800.00
DD PAYMENTS TO BE MADE					
29	07/05/2020	NEST Pension May 2020 - DD	£ 69.32	£ -	£ 69.32
		TOTAL DDs to be made/due	£ 69.32	£ -	£ 69.32
ONLINE PAYMENTS TO BE MADE					
30	04/06/2020	Euro Office	£ 39.21	£ 7.84	£ 47.05
31	04/06/2020	Playground Facilities	£ 65.00	£ 13.00	£ 78.00
32	04/06/2020	Playground Facilities	£ 408.77	£ 81.75	£ 490.52
33	04/06/2020	HMRC - 06.05-05.06	£ 13.01	£ -	£ 13.01
34	04/06/2020	Simon Barrow - May	£ 2,283.33	£ 456.67	£ 2,740.00
35	04/06/2020	E R Roberts - Expenses May 20	£ 142.87	£ -	£ 142.87
36	04/06/2020	E R Roberts - Salary May 20	£ 926.92	£ -	£ 926.92
37	04/06/2020	B Small Handyman - May 20	£ 861.00	£ -	£ 861.00
		TOTAL Payments made/due	£ 4,740.11	£ 559.26	£ 5,299.37
CURRENT ACCOUNT - Community					
R8	04/05/2020	Cheddington Petanque Club - Recharge 19-20	£ 79.75		£ 79.75
R9	01/05/2020	MVAS - Marsworth	£ 106.00		£ 106.00
			£ 185.75	£ -	£ 185.75
SAVINGS ACCOUNT - BMM					
R7	22/04/2020	HMRC VAT Recaim 19/20	£ 4,536.43	£ -	£ 4,536.43
			£ 4,536.43	£ -	£ 4,536.43
BALANCES					
		Current A/c			£ 2,363.68
		Savings A/c			£ 128,490.88
		TOTAL			£ 130,854.56
		Less DD to be paid			£ 69.32
		Less Unpresented Cheques			£ -
		Less Online Payments to be made			£ 5,299.37
		CURRENT BALANCE			£ 125,485.87