

Minutes of the Chineham Parish Council Recreation Committee

Date: Thursday 15th March 2018 **Time:** 7.30pm

Place: Community Room, Chineham Village Hall, Thornhill Way, Chineham

Present: Cllr. Sue Fuller (Chairperson) Cllr. Ginny Wright
Cllr. Kirsty Giles Julia Johnston (Assistant Clerk)

1. To receive apologies Actions

There were apologies from Cllrs. Andy Clarke and Marian Adams.

2. To agree the minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2018 were signed as an accurate record of that meeting.

3. Allotments

Duncan Little from the Chineham Allotment Team joined the Recreation Committee meeting for the allotments section of the meeting.

3.1 To receive an update from a representative of the Chineham Allotment Team (CAT)

Mr Little advised that a CAT plot inspection had taken place on 4th March. There were no plots highlighted for a letter from the Parish Council although three plots were noted for specific attention at the next inspection.

The Assistant Clerk advised that two plots had recently been reassigned and three further plots were to be reassigned. The Assistant Clerk advised that two of these plots were in an overgrown state and may need to be treated with weedkiller and rotovated if people on the waiting list were not prepared to take them on.

The Assistant Clerk advised that another roll of damp proof membrane (DPM) and a spreader had been bought for use by CAT. The DPM is to be used on the overgrown plots to suppress the weeds and the spreader is to be used to apply sodium bicarbonate on the allotment track following the successful trial last summer.

Cllr. Wright asked about how much the new incinerators had been used during the winter months and Mr Little advised that he thought they had been little used since they were bought. It was acknowledged that the rules about when they could be used would be reviewed again in November.

It was acknowledged that the water had been turned on again and Mr Little advised that the straps securing the lids on the water troughs would be removed.

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3.2 To review and agree appropriate actions for allotment issues raised since the previous meeting

There were no other allotment issues requiring discussion and Mr. Little left the meeting.

4. To review the progress of current S.106 projects:-

- **To refurbish the play area on Hanmore Road beside the Busy Bees Nursery & to replace the concrete bridge over Petty's Brook in Tollhouse Meadow.**

The Assistant Clerk advised that she had been in contact with the Borough Council officer who was now overseeing both projects. A report is currently being prepared for the Portfolio Holder at Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council (BDBC) for the release of the funds for both the playground refurbishment and bridge replacement. Since the Hanmore Road play area had recently been cleared of overgrowing vegetation, it had highlighted that the current perimeter fencing is not suitable for a toddler or junior play area and new fences would be required. This would require an increased budget for the project in order not to compromise the amount of play equipment that can be installed.

The Borough Council is now seeking agreement for the release of £85k from Section 106 developer contributions held for community projects in Chineham. It was advised that the three Chineham Ward Councillors had already given their agreement to the release of the £85k. It was acknowledged that the Parish Council had previously agreed to the release of £60k at its meeting in September 2017 and follow up agreement would be required for the extra funding. After a discussion the Recreation Committee agreed that they supported the increased budget and would recommend this to the full Parish Council. It was agreed that the Assistant Clerk would seek advice from the Parish Clerk with a view to gaining agreement from Parish Councillors in time to meet the Borough Council Officer's deadline of 19th March. It was acknowledged that if agreement was not secured for the additional funding the project would go ahead with the originally agreed budget of £60k.

It was also acknowledged that the ongoing issue of water ingress from a neighbouring site was still being investigated and the project would not start until this was resolved. The Borough Officer had advised that the tendering process could still begin in the meantime.

The Assistant Clerk advised that the originally agreed budget of £15k for the replacement bridge over Petty's Brook in Tollhouse Meadow should still be sufficient for the preferred horizontal mid rail style of bridge. The Assistant Clerk also advised that the Borough Officer confirmed that the bridge works were still scheduled to take place as planned during the summer months.

Action: Assistant Clerk to liaise with Parish Clerk to seek agreement from Parish Councillors for increased Section 106 budget allocation for the playground project and to include appropriate agenda item for the next full Parish Council meeting on 9th April.

Asst Clrk

Action: Assistant Clerk to liaise with Borough Council Officer following decision by the Parish Council about whether to increase the s.106 budget allocation.

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- **Installation of the 'Lest We Forget' commemorative seat**

The Assistant Clerk advised that the same Borough Officer dealing with the playground refurbishment and bridge replacement had advised that the Borough Council's Property Services

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Team did not support the construction of the footpath extension from the main Highways footpath to the proposed location of the new seat for reasons of health and safety. The Property Services team could not commit to maintain the new footpath extension and instead advised that the new seat should be sited adjacent to the main footpath. After a discussion the Recreation Committee agreed that the Assistant Clerk should in the first instance have a follow up conversation with the Borough Officer to see if there was any compromise regarding the footpath extension. It was also agreed that if there was no possibility of the footpath extension then the Recreation Committee would still wish to proceed with the seat at the same location on the grass verge on Thornhill Way between the Mattock Way junction and the Reading Road roundabout but adjacent to the existing footpath. It was acknowledged that in this case further confirmation would be required from the full Parish Council.

Action: Assistant Clerk to speak to Borough Officer about footpath extension and to liaise with Parish Clerk to include an item on the agenda for the Parish Council meeting on 9th April.

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5. Chineham Landscaping

• **Community Orchard**

It was acknowledged that there had still been no progress with this project since the feedback from the landowner, Hampshire County Council (HCC) was that they were not in favour of the fruit tree planting in the area behind the bund on Reading Road.

It was also acknowledged that the Parish Council is awaiting the outcome of County Cllr. Still's enquiries.

Action: Assistant Clerk to ask for an update from Cllr. Still.

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6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 24th May 2018 (TBC), Community Room, Chineham Village Hall.

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