

Minutes of the Chineham Parish Council Recreation Committee

Date: Thursday 21st November 2019

Time: 7.00pm

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

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

1. To receive apologies

Actions

There were no apologies.

2. To agree the minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2019 were signed as an accurate record of that meeting.

3. Allotments

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

There was no representative from the Chineham Allotment Team at the meeting.

The Recreation Committee reviewed the minutes from the CAT meeting that had taken place on 13th November. It was acknowledged that CAT will be losing two members and will be having a recruitment drive to attract plot holders to get involved.

Cllr. Fuller confirmed that CAT will consider any possible changes to the allotment rules at its meeting in January in time for the Recreation Committee to consider them at their meeting on 30th January. She also confirmed that the communal building has been painted and security straps have been put on the water troughs for the winter.

The Assistant Clerk confirmed the following:-

- The contractor has been to look at the outer gate into the car park and will be carrying out some further adjustments to address the problems with it sticking.
- The mains water has been turned off for the winter.
- A new plot holder is being signed up for Plot 29.

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

There was a discussion about two plot holders who had received 'final warning' letters with three months notice to make improvements on their plots following the September CAT plot inspection. It was acknowledged that the three month period expires on 12th December and Cllr. Fuller and both Clerks will visit the site after this date to inspect the plots and to agree next steps.

Signed

The Assistant Clerk advised that the grounds maintenance contractor had recently undergone hip replacement surgery and would not be available to carry out the end of season tidy up at the site. It was agreed that it would not be necessary to find someone else to do this work this time.

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

• **To refurbish the play area on Hanmore Road beside the Busy Bees Nursery**

The Recreation Committee acknowledged that work was progressing well with the playground refurbishment but a new problem with water ingress from a neighbouring site would delay the completion of the project while the site was waterlogged and the problem persisted. The Assistant Clerk shared the latest update from the Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council (BDBC) officer managing the project which advised on the steps being taken to identify the source of the water ingress.

• **To create a more useable space behind the ancient moat**

The Assistant Clerk advised that the 'expression of interest' for Local Infrastructure Funding (LIF) had been submitted to BDBC. If the project is deemed to be eligible for a LIF grant, then an application will be prepared in time for the submission deadline in June 2020, with a view to a possible project start date of October 2020 if successful. There was a discussion about whether additional funding may need to be allocated from the Parish Council's 2020/21 budget and the Assistant Clerk will liaise with the Parish Clerk about this. There was agreement that seats made from recycled materials should be investigated.

Asst Clrk

Action: Assistant Clerk to discuss possible budget allocations with Parish Clerk.

• **To install some new seats along Petty's Brook**

It was acknowledged that there was no further update since the previous Recreation Committee meeting. The Assistant Clerk has again asked BDBC officers for their input regarding possible sites for up to four new seats.

• **To install a permanent information board beside the new community orchard**

The Assistant Clerk confirmed that planning permission is required from BDBC for the installation of an information board at the Community Orchard and it was agreed that work will start on the application immediately.

5. To consider ideas for new projects for 2020 and any budget implications

It was agreed by the Recreation Committee that the main focus for 2020 should be on the ongoing projects still to be completed. There was a discussion about the moat park project and whether any additional budget should be allocated for seating. The Assistant Clerk will liaise with the Parish Clerk about this. It was also agreed to request further funding for bulb planting in 2020 (see item 6 below).

Cllr. Fuller also requested that a budget allocation is requested to be able to hand out bee friendly perennial plants at the Four Lanes Summer Fayre. The idea had been suggested for the 2019 Summer Fayre and costings had been done so the Assistant Clerk will retrieve these and liaise with the Parish Clerk.

Asst Clrk

Signed

6. Chineham Landscaping

- **New bulb planting**

Cllr. Wright confirmed that the grounds maintenance contractor had planted 1200 daffodil bulbs in the locations previously agreed. She advised that the focus for planting in the autumn of 2020 will be along the stretch of Thornhill Way between the Reading Road mini roundabout and the junction with Mattock Way as the current daffodils in that area have been swallowed by overgrowing brambles. It was advised that Cllr. Wright and the Assistant Clerk will make a plan of this area when the current daffodils are flowering in the spring so that accurate planting instructions can be passed to the grounds maintenance contractor. It was agreed that a further £1000 should be requested for new bulb planting in 2020 and additionally any bulb planting budget from 2019/20 not used this time be accrued for 2020/21.

Cllr.Wright
& Asst
Clerk

There was a discussion about problems with people picking the daffodils when they are in flower and it was agreed that something should be included in a Chineham Chat article asking people not to do this.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

30th January 2020 at 7.00pm in the Community Room, Chineham Village Hall (tbc)

Signed