

Minutes of the Chineham Parish Council Recreation Committee

Date: Thursday 25th March 2021 **Time:** 7.00pm

Place: The meeting was held remotely via Zoom

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

1. To receive apologies Actions

There were no apologies.

2. To agree the minutes from the previous meeting

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 28th January 2021 were an accurate record of that meeting. Cllr. Fuller will sign the paper copy of the minutes in due course.

3. Allotments

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

There was no representative from CAT present at the meeting as there has not been a CAT meeting since the last Recreation Committee meeting and the Assistant Clerk had been advised that they had no issues to raise.

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

The Assistant Clerk advised that the allotment water had been turned back on on Monday 22nd March as some of the water troughs were getting low. The allotment toilet will remain locked for the time being and until all lockdown restrictions are lifted. This will be reviewed again at the end of June.

The Assistant Clerk advised that Plot 24 has been handed back and new plot holders are currently being signed up. An email to all plot holders before the annual rent invoices were issued, did not lead to any other plot holders indicating they would be handing their plots back. The Parish Clerk issued the annual rent invoices by email on 15th March and so far we have received 22 electronic payments and have been advised of one cheque on its way. We will chase any outstanding payments in two weeks.

There are currently 46 names on the waiting list. 18 names were added in 2020 and so far five have been added in 2021.

4. To consider the suggestion by a skateboarding coach to host an activity day at the Chineham Skate Park and agree next steps.

The Recreation Committee acknowledged that the skateboarding coach had not responded to

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emails inviting him to join their Zoom meeting. Following a discussion, it was agreed that representatives of the Recreation Committee would want a face to face discussion (by Zoom) with the coach before deciding if the proposal was something they wished to recommend to the Parish Council.

The Assistant Clerk will email this feedback to the coach.

Asst Clerk

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

To create a more useable space behind the ancient moat

The Assistant Clerk advised that the Parish Council is still waiting to hear from the Borough Council about a timeline for the work to replace the two bridges and further chaser emails have been sent, including asking Cllr. Miller to intervene. The Parish Rapid Response Warden has highlighted that both bridges are becoming dangerous and he has raised this through Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council (BDBC) Customer Services.

To install some new seats along Petty's Brook

The Assistant Clerk advised that a new officer had joined the BDBC Grounds Maintenance Team and she has approached them for their input about the proposed locations for the new seats. This officer has agreed to carry out new site visits and to provide feedback to the Parish Council.

Cllr. Clarke advised that Savills (who manage Thames Water's estates) are also awaiting additional input from BDBC before being able to give final approval about the proposed location of a new seat in Tollhouse Meadow.

Action: Assistant Clerk to continue to follow up both projects with Borough Officers and Cllr. Miller.

Asst Clerk

6. Chineham Landscaping

All Recreation Committee members agreed that the daffodils were giving a good show this year but the crocuses had not been so good. It was acknowledged that despite a commitment from Hampshire Highways about planting bulbs around Binfields Roundabout following the roadworks to and around the roundabout, there was no evidence of anything growing this year.

Assistant Clerk to follow up with Highways and Cllr. Still.

Asst Clerk

7. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

27th May 2021 at 7.00pm. N.B. A decision will be taken nearer the time about whether this meeting will take place in person or remotely via Zoom.

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