

Minutes of the Chineham Parish Council Recreation Committee

Date: Thursday 24th June 2021 **Time:** 7.00pm

Place: The meeting was held remotely via Zoom

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

1. To elect the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Recreation Committee Actions

Cllr. Ginny Wright proposed that Cllr. Sue Fuller be nominated as Chairperson of the Recreation Committee and Cllr. Andy Clarke seconded the motion. Cllr. Sue Fuller was duly elected.

Cllr. Sue Fuller proposed that Cllr. Andy Clarke be nominated as Vice Chairperson of the Recreation Committee and Cllr. Ginny Wright seconded the motion. Cllr. Andy Clarke was duly elected.

2. To receive apologies

There were apologies from Cllr. Kirsty Giles.

3. To agree the minutes from the previous meeting

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th March 2021 were an accurate record of that meeting. Cllr. Fuller will sign the paper copy of the minutes in due course.

4. Allotments

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

Sandra Wilson from CAT joined the meeting for this agenda item.

Mrs Wilson advised that during a recent plot inspection, a large number of plots were placed on the watch list for being either uncultivated or generally untidy. There will be a further informal plot inspection on 21st July, after which letters will be requested to go to any plot holder whose plot is still not being maintained to a satisfactory standard. The Assistant Clerk advised that she had emailed all plot holders about the latest inspection and had received a few replies. Mrs Wilson asked that the Assistant Clerk advise CAT of any plot holders currently finding it difficult to maintain their plot as assistance will be offered.

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

Following a discussion about allotment maintenance, the Assistant Clerk will contact the grounds maintenance contractor again to find out if they are able to carry out some urgent tasks on the site. The alternative is to ask the Parish Lengthsman if they might be available to help out, with any costs being charged to the allotment account.

Action: Assistant Clerk to follow up with grounds maintenance contractor and if necessary, the Asst. Clrk

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Parish Lengthsman.

The Assistant Clerk advised that a plot holder had suggested that the communal manual lawn mower be serviced so that plot holders can use it to cut the grass strips between their plots. Mrs Wilson advised that the grass is too high between some plots for this to be useful but agreed to ask other CAT members to look at the lawn mower. The Assistant Clerk suggested that if the lawn mower (which had been donated by a former plot holder) was beyond repair, that CAT and the Recreation Committee might wish to consider the purchase of a new manual lawnmower which would be kept inside the summer house. Mrs Wilson agreed to take this suggestion back to the other CAT members and report back.

5. 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 confirmed that they would be joining the Zoom meeting but had not in fact joined. Following a discussion, it was agreed that if the Recreation Committee was to look recommending to the full Parish Council that it should support an event, it wouldn't take place before 2022 given the ongoing Covid restrictions and only following a face to face discussion (by Zoom) with the coach when the Recreation Committee's questions could be answered.

The Assistant Clerk will follow up again with the coach.

Asst Clerk

6. 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. The Assistant Clerk will ask Cllr. Miller to request an update.

To install some new seats along Petty's Brook

It was acknowledged that Cllr. Clarke had received approval from Savills on behalf of Thames Water that a replacement seat can be installed in Tollhouse Meadow south of Thornhill Way. The next step is for the Assistant Clerk to carry out a site visit with the contractor to seek a quote to install a base for the new seat or to ascertain whether the base for the previous seat might still be useable. This has been on hold waiting for the site to be accessible following grass cutting.

It was also acknowledged that the BDBC Grounds Maintenance Officer had confirmed that they were content with the other proposed sites for the new seats. There was a discussion about the proposed location in Long Copse and recent reports of anti social behaviour in that area. It was agreed to hold off installing a seat in that location for the time being.

The next steps will be for the Assistant Clerk to contact Croudace, the owner of the land opposite Four Lanes School, to seek their agreement to install a seat in that location and to carry out a neighbour consultation about the proposed location beside the footpath close to the bridge over Petty's Brook adjacent to Saffron Close. It was agreed that any hand delivery of consultation letters should wait until all lockdown measures are lifted. The Recreation Committee agreed on a style of seat similar to the commemorative seat on Thornhill Way but with a different more appropriate design for the location. Recreation Committee members will review the David Ogilvie website and agree their preferred design by email with a view to

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making a recommendation about the choice of seat to the full Parish Council.

7. Chineham Landscaping

It was acknowledged again that despite a commitment from Hampshire Highways about planting bulbs around Binfields Roundabout following the roadworks to and around the roundabout, there had been no evidence of anything growing this year. Cllr. Wright proposed that the Parish Council considers planting bulbs on the verges around the roundabout. The Assistant Clerk suggested that because of the prominent and potentially higher risk location, a cultivation licence may be required from Hampshire Highways and the Parish Lengthsman who is a HCC-approved contractor may be the best person to do any planting.

The Assistant Clerk also advised that a new apple tree had been planted by Hortus Loci to relace one which had failed. Th Assistant Clerk has been watering the tree during dry periods and Cllr. Fuller confirmed she will also do some watering when needed.

8. To review and agree the frequency of future Recreation Committee meetings

Following a discussion it was agreed to keep the frequency of Recreation Committee meetings to every two months although to get the meeting schedule back on track, the next meeting will take place on 30th September. It was agreed that should an interim meeting be needed, this could be arranged.

9. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Thursday 30th September 2021 at 7.00pm. Method of meeting TBC.

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