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COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VIRTUAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY 20th APRIL 2021 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT:

Cllr Jane Attwood
Cllr Bernard Barton – Ancliffe
Cllr Mary Jordan

Cllr Nick Dring
Cllr Stephen Wall
Cllr Mrs Loraine Yates

Also, present: Miss Geraldine Connor, Clerk, taking minutes.

995 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

995.1 Cllrs Gill Blackwell, Roy Nutting & Richard Smith

996 TO MAKE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

996.1 None

997 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

997.1 A Resident asked if the path to, and around the ponds area can be made more accessible for wheelchair users?

The Clerk explained that the potential costs for work to the path/ lane approaching the ponds area and the path around it, are likely to be prohibitive given the length of both.

The lane is owned by Gloucester City Council who would need to be involved. The Clerk reminded Members that the work to the play area path (which is considerably shorter in length) cost in excess of £5,000 approx. 3 years ago. Expenditure would also have to come from Ear Marked Reserves as the budget for the ponds area is £3,000 – as such any proposal will need to go to Full Council. Further any expenditure over £25,000 will have to comply with the tender process in para 18. Churchdown Parish Council Standing Orders

A Member reported that Severn Trent have funding available for community projects.

A Member reported that a discussion has taken place regarding the development of the pocket park as a sensory garden for use by residents and children with disabilities. A number of Members endorsed the proposal to look at developing the Pocket Park as a sensory garden.

998 PLANNING

998.1 None

999 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 16th MARCH 2021.

999 .1 The Minutes were confirmed as a true record and will be signed by the Chairman.

1000 TO RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT

1000.1 The Clerk reported as follows -
The new roundabout has been installed at Churchdown Park.
The picnic table in the ponds has been vandalised.

It has been reported that the wooden posts around the site for new wildflower beds on Pirton Lane have been broken/ driven over.

A Member reported that a car was parked over the wildflower bed area yesterday.
A Member asked if the Clerk knew who is responsible for this?

It was proposed, seconded and
RESOLVED that further posts be put in, with rope or orange netting and signs put up stating that further vandalism is costing your Council money.

1001 TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON PARKS/PLAY AREAS

1001.1 **Churchdown Park - Councillor Roy Nutting** - No report

1001.2 **Chapel Hay Rec – Councillor Jane Attwood** - No report.
The Parish Council act in the capacity of Trustee for this amenity.

1001.3 **John Daniels - Councillor Karan Khazeni-Rad** - No report

1001.4 **St Johns Park - Councillor Karan Khazeni-Rad** - No report
The Parish Council act in the capacity of Trustee for this amenity.

Cllr Mary Jordan reported as follows:

Older children's swing: One has been replaced and the other is showing signs of cracking but will not need replacing for some time.

Slide: There is rust under the top of the slide which looks established; the framework desperately needs painting.

'Baby' swing. There are small chunks out of the safety surface under the swing. This appears to have been done recently as the chunks were on the surrounding grass. They are very small pieces but may become an area to 'pick at' and need to be monitored.

1001.4 Oakhurst Park – Councillor Mary Jordan

The older children's 'swing', the mushrooms and the 'spinning pole' are all in acceptable condition although the mushrooms are looking in need of some paint.

Rocking Horse: In need of oiling as it makes a loud squeaking noise when being used.

Large climbing frame.: Generally in good condition but there is a build-up of moss starting to appear in the wooden bridge slats particularly where this meets the metal structure. I am only mentioning this as, if it is left, it could cause the wood to rot.

Other than this the equipment is acceptable.

I would like to suggest installing another piece of equipment for older children as I have observed the last piece to be installed is extremely well used and the only piece suitable for older children.

1001.6 Shamrock Close Park – Councillor Noushien Khazeni-Rad - No report.

Cllr Mary Jordan reported as follows:

All equipment is in an acceptable condition.

Obscene graffiti on hard surface(floor) which needs removing as soon as possible.

I spoke with residents in Shamrock Park and a teenager said he would like to see another football goal, a basketball net, and the Youth Club re-opened. He attended the YC at the Hub on a regular basis prior to it being closed. I suggested forming a resident's group and have left my email address so they can contact me if they want to.

1001.7 Zinnia – Councillor Noushien Khazeni-Rad –

Cllr Mary Jordan reported that the park is in an acceptable condition.

1001.8 Tudor Mead Park – Councillor Lt Col Bernard Barton-Ancliffe - No report.

1001.9 It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED that a rolling maintenance programme be developed to ensure continual oversight of the play areas.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED that new projects be considered, supported by appropriate community engagement.

A Member asked for an update on the path at Tudor Mead. The Clerk was asked to follow this up by the end of April.

1002 TO CONSIDER PROJECTS FOR CHURCDOWN PARK (FIELD)

1002.1 Members discussed various proposals including: the retention of the field as a pitch, as an area for exercise equipment and to accommodate extending the BMX track . A Member observed that the field is currently used for the Day in the Park and the Fireworks Extravaganza and should be retained as it is a multi – purpose facility.

1003 TO CONSIDER QUOTES FOT LITTER BIN AT SHAMROCK PARK

- £579.37 plus VAT
- £579.37 plus VAT
- £430.98 plus VAT

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED that the third quote be accepted in the sum of **£ 430.98 + VAT.**

1004 TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON STREET FURNITURE AND BUS STOPS/SHELTERS

- 1004.1** A Member reported that the bench which has been refurbished on the railway bridge on Parton Road looks much better.
- 1004.2** A Member asked if the dog bin on the corner of Chosen Drive has been ordered? The Clerk confirmed that this was done after the last meeting,
- 1004.3 TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON PUBLIC FOOTPATHS, HIGHWAYS AND PAVEMENTS INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF PARKING ON PAVEMENTS AND GRASS VERGES**
- 1004** A Member asked if the enforcement officer has been requested to attend Churchdown. The Clerk reported that this has been done.
- 1006 CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**
- 1006.1** Request to hold yoga classes in Chapel Hay Park
It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that this be approved subject to the park and pitch hire agreement approved in 2020 (£10 up to 10 attendees and £20 for up to 20 attendees (up to a maximum of 20 attendees)
- 1006.2** Emails from a Resident concerning anti-social behaviour in John Daniels Park
 It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that all instances of anti-social behaviour be reported to the police.
- 1006.3** Email regarding littering in John Daniels Park
 It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that all instances of anti-social behaviour be reported to the police.
- 1006.4** Request from a Resident for a new path in Churchdown Ponds area
 It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that a working group be established to consider a project for developing a sensory garden in the Pocket Park.
- 1006.5** Request to erect a shed on allotment plot 72 Churchdown Park.
 It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that a shed up to 6 x 4 ft be permitted.
- 1006.6** Request to replace 3 sheds with one 8 x 6 ft by allotment plot 13C Audenfield.
 It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that a shed up to 6 x 4 ft be permitted.
- 1006.7** Request to erect a shed & a green house or poly tunnel on allotment 2A Audenfield.
 It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that a shed up to 6 x 4 ft be permitted - a small poly tunnel or green house is permitted up to 6 x 4 feet high.
- 1006.8** Request to convert verge on Parton Road by Audenfield Allotments to lay by
 It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that this request be refused (in any event this issue comes under the responsibility of GCC Highways).
- 1006.9** **Request** to sow wildflowers in ponds area (tree warden)
 It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that this request be approved.

1007 QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION

1007.1 A Member asked when the pitch fees will be reviewed?

It was confirmed that this will be in June as there is no Committee meeting in May.

1007.2 A Member asked if Members can consider suitable projects for the s 106 CIL funds available at John Daniels.

1007.3 A Member asked if the Paddock is owned by TBC? (a bench on site is in poor repair)

Meeting closed at 9. 10 pm.

CHAIRMAN