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COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY 16th JANUARY 2024 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT

Cllr Jane Attwood	Cllr Mary Jordan
Cllr Lt. Col Bernard Barton- Ancliffe	Cllr Alan Porter
Cllr Gill Blackwell	Cllr Ian Yates
Cllr Nick Dring	Cllr Pierre Weinzwieg
Cllr Wayne Hands	

Also, present : Miss Geraldine Connor, taking minutes.

330 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

330.1 Cllr Khazeni - Rad

331 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OR REQUESTS FOR DISPENSTIONS

331.1 Planning : **Minute 333.1** Cllr Jane Attwood (Churchdown Club), Cllr Gill Blackwell (Churchdown Club), Mary Jordan (TBC).

332 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

332.1 None.

333 PLANNING

333.1 [Proposed single storey front extension and new entrance ramp](#)

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No objection

334 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 21st November 2023

334.1 The minutes were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman, Cllr Jane Attwood.

335 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM PLAY AREA REPRESENTATIVES

335.1 Churchdown Park: No report

335.2 Chapel Hay Rec: No report

335.3 John Daniels: No report

335.4 Oakhurst Park: Councillor Mary Jordan reported that the play area looks quite neglected. The spring horse needs replacing.

The Clerk advised that a program of painting could be planned.

A Member confirmed that the Community Pay Back scheme is restarting soon.

A community event focusing on play equipment refurbishment and painting involving members of the public was discussed.

The Clerk was asked to make enquires about the availability of Community Pay Back and to approach Sportily to ask if their volunteers could help.

335.5 Shamrock Close Park: No report

335.6 St Johns Park: No report

335.7 Tudor Mead Park : Councillor Mary Jordan reported that the local PCSO has confirmed that a person has been identified as responsible for causing damage to the bench that was formerly sited in Tudor Mead Park.

335.8 Zinnia: No report

The Clerk informed Members that Councillor reports on play areas are extremely helpful – it is always useful to have an additional visual inspection.

Councillors are not liable for any findings in reports as the Parish Council relies on its *RoSPA* trained Play Area Inspectors to evaluate risk in their quarterly and annual inspection reports.

336 TO CONSIDER QUARTERLY ROUTINE PLAY AREA INSPECTON REPORT AND AGREE ACTIONS

336.1 Members received the report. The Clerk informed Members that all actions relating to medium risk findings have now been completed.

337 TO RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT

337.1 The Clerk presented her report.

The flat swing seat at Tudor Mead has been replaced and the overhead A- Frame bar tightened.

The Clerk has ordered 2 new self-closing spring mechanisms for the pedestrian gates to the play area at John Daniels.

Knights Brown have kindly compacted the track next to the allotments in Churchdown Park.

The Clerk has received 6 expressions of interest for the Churchdown Park accessible path project path tender – the closing date is **16th February 2024**.

The Clerk has requested a new bin for Cheltenham Road East outside the Fire Station opposite Pirton Fields.

A Member requested a new bin for the alley leading over the A40 footbridge from Melville Road to Andora Way.

A Member asked for an update on the dog bin installations for Pirton Fields. The Clerk confirmed that these were ordered last year [Clerk's note : the request was made on **7th March 2023**]

A Member asked if the s106 Pirton Fields ' dog bin' allocation covers the cost of dog bins for the whole of Churchdown or just the new Pirton Fields development.

338 TO CONSIDER APPROPRIATE ACCESSIBLE PLAY EQUIPMENT AND LOCATIONS FOR GCC GRANT [*Build Back Better*]

[Email from County Councillor Ben Evans regrading funding opportunity for accessible play equipment]

- 338.1** The Clerk tabled a written report and updated Members on a recent meeting with a play equipment representative from Proludic. It was acknowledged that Churchdown Park is the most accessible play area, given the tarmac path facilitating access to all equipment, and the proximity of the adjacent car park. Various units and options were considered including relocating a carousel from Churchdown Park to Oakhurst to make space for an inclusive carousel at Churchdown Park. A Member reported that previous attempts to relocate units have failed.

It was proposed , seconded and

RESOLVED to formally apply for the grant in the sum of £10,000.00 [toward a new nest swing, play panels and thermographics]

The Clerk to report back to Committee when the application outcome is known.

The Clerk reported that £20,000 is available for new play equipment in CPC Ear Marked Reserves.

A Member reported that there is no s106 allocation for improvements to Oakhurst Close Play Area in the Newlands development as a new play area is planned. The Member also reported that the plans include a footpath through the current play area at Oakhurst.

339 TO CONSIDER ROUTE FROM GREENFIELDS FOR WOKS TO CHURCHDOWN PARK ALLOTMENT PATH

Option 1 - Remove the middle grass section to ground level: **£ 2482**

Option 2 - Leave the central grass strip in place, import type 1 stone to bring up

the levels of the two side strips approximately 50 to 65mm in depth : £ 2486

- 339.1 It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to approve **Option 1**- Remove the middle grass section to ground level in the sum of £ 2482.00.

340 TO CONFIRM ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUMMER FUN DAY JULY 2024

- 340.1 It was proposed , seconded and **RESOLVED** to change the date to **Saturday 20TH July 2024**.

- 340.2 It was proposed , seconded and **RESOLVED** to appoint a working group to organise and confirm final arrangements : membership to be open to all Members of Council [the working group to report to the Community Committee].

341 TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON PUBLIC FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS

- 341.1 A Member expressed concerns about the condition of the cycle path running though Churchdown Park toward the airport. The Clerk was asked to report issues raised to Sustrans.

A Member raised concerns about the stretch of road by the new development on Cheltenham Road East.

342 TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORT FROM COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH COORDINATOR

- 342.1 Cllr Pierre Weinzweig tabled a written report – **Appendix C**

A request has been made from a staff member at Parton Manor care home supporting the need for a pedestrian crossing on Parton Road.

343 TO APPROVE QUOTE FOR NEW DOG BIN AT PAYNES PITCH /CHAPEL HAY LANE

- 343.1 It was proposed , seconded and **RESOLVED** to opt for a mixed waste bin to be funded from s106 funds.

344 CORRESPONDENCE

344.1 John Daniels Football Pitch

Email from Cotswold Rangers requesting use of John Daniels as home club/ground.[existing hirer]

Email from Whittington Youth Football Club requesting use of John Daniels as home club/ground. [new hirer]

The Clerk reported that both requests are to use the pitch on a Saturday. The planned pitch improvement works are planned for September 2024 which

will rule out pitch hire between September-December.

The main drainage issues relate to the area at the far end of the field, formerly used by the Panthers as a midi-pitch : this is not included in the current program of works. This could be considered when the s106 allocation for the Newlands development [behind the fire station] is agreed.

The Pavilion has limited capacity. There are 4 changing rooms [2 for cricket teams and 2 for football teams : home and away].

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED to offer a pitch hire agreement to the existing hirer [Cotswold Rangers].

345 QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION

345.1 A Member asked who to contact regarding the damaged barrier at Chapel Hay car park. A Member confirmed that the barrier belongs to TBC.

345.1 A Member observed that it is the 80TH Anniversary of the D-Day landings this year : Members were asked to consider if CPC should arrange an event to mark the anniversary.

Members were reminded that 2025 marks the 80th Anniversary of VE Day [6th June 2025] and VJ Day [15th August 2025].

Meeting closed at 8.48 p.m.

Next Meeting Tuesday 16th JANUARY 2024

CHAIRMAN