

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF TRUSTEES OF CHAFT**

held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 9th June 2016

AGENDA

1. Public questions
2. Election of officers for 2016/2017
3. Dates of committee meetings for 2016/2017
4. Children's Play Equipment progress
5. Fund-raising and social events: 2016-17
6. Any other business

1. Public questions

There were no questions from the general public. Trustees noted that we are very fortunate to have Charney Chatter which shares regular information about CHAFT activities along with other village news, which may tend to provide answers to most of the questions that arise.

2. Election of officers for 2016/2017

After discussion, and having expressed her willingness to serve if the committee wished her to do so, Lucy Gildersleaves was nominated as Chair by Mark Ritchie, seconded by David Sibbert. There being no other nomination, Lucy was duly elected. David Sibbert was proposed as Vice Chair by Jane, seconded by Christine. There being no other nomination, David was also duly elected. Christine Trotman and Mark Ritchie had stated that they were willing to stand for re-election to their current roles for a further year. Lucy proposed, seconded by Diane Ewart, that Christine Trotman be re-elected Treasurer. Helen Royan proposed, seconded by Christine, that Mark be re-elected Secretary. There being no other nominations Christine and Mark were duly re-elected to their respective roles. John Wright had signified that he would be happy to continue as Bookings Officer and his offer was gratefully accepted by the trustees.

3. Dates of Trustees' Management Committee Meetings for 2016/2017

It was agreed that there should be more frequent meetings than in the recent past and that we should have an extra meeting as soon as possible after the announcement of the Vale of White Horse District Council's decision on capital grants.

- **Monday 1st August 2016, 7.30 pm** (Play equipment grant follow-up)
- **Thursday 8th September 2016, 8.0 pm**
- **Thursday 24th November 2016, 8.0 pm**
- **Thursday 23rd February 2017, 8.0 pm**
- **Thursday 8th June 2017, 7.30 pm (2017 AGM)**

4. Children's Play Equipment progress

Diane Ewart reported that the play equipment application to Vale for £9,000 was submitted on 5th May 2016. She reminded the trustees that with £14000 from CHAFT's designated fund for Charney Field and recent fundraising of around £1000 this grant would cover the main costs of the project. It was agreed that Helen Royan and Diane Ewart will if necessary attend the deliberations of the VoWHDC awards committee in July on behalf of the Trustees. The final result should be known by the end of July. Action: Helen Royan and Diane Ewart.

If there is a shortfall in the grant from Vale, an application would be made to CLET to assist. Otherwise, construction could start 6 weeks after we have the go-ahead from Vale. If there is a

shortfall it might be possible to delay installation of some of the toddlers' equipment, pending further fund-raising. However it was noted that this would be likely to incur additional set-up charges for a two-stage process. The August meeting will take whatever decisions are necessary once the Vale funding decision is known.

Diane confirmed that Vale has told her that being awarded a grant for play equipment would not disqualify Charney Bassett from subsequently applying for a grant for adult gym equipment.

5. Fund-raising and social events: 2016-17

The following events were proposed and agreed in principle. Further consideration is to be given to them in the August meeting. It was noted that we need to have some purely social events with no expectation of fund-raising. Once we know the outcome of the grant application to Vale, we will know how much fund-raising we need to do.

- **Family Activity Day** to be held in July-August 2016. School finishes on 23rd July. Diane and Helen and their families will be away in August except for the last week. Action: Lucy to sound out parents of families about when or if this could be viable.
- **Charney Feast 2017.** There was some discussion of using Charney Field for this but there was a consensus that siting this event on the Green (with permission obtained for use of the neighbouring paddock) would put it in the centre of the village, convenient for pub and Village Hall.
- **It's a Knockout family activity and barbecue evening** event, summer 2017. This should be held in late June to early July 2017. This could be held on Charney Field.
- **Quiz Night** (Lucy and Paul). The last quiz was greatly enjoyed by all those who participated and the trustees requested Lucy to organize another in late autumn 2016 or more likely in the winter (?January 2017). Action: Lucy Gildersleeves
- **Dog Show**¹ – It was felt that this would be a popular event among our many dog owners, with small prizes for categories like "dog most like owner", etc. This would need to be an open-air event in summer 2017.
- **Children's Party** in Village Hall (e.g. Halloween or other theme).

Actions: Helen to send around her list of ideas for events before the August meeting.

It was agreed that Helen would check event dates with the Chequers and Lucy would check with the Church and both would come back to our August meeting with plans. Action: Helen and Lucy

6. Any other business

6.1 Goal-mouth mowing. It had been noted in the chairman's speech that there would now be a need to mow the goal-mouths on Charney Field using hand-operated equipment because the gang mower cannot any longer approach closely because of the nets. Mark Ritchie, Mike Newman, David Nellist and Brian Trotman agreed to take turns to carry out this task monthly. Action: Secretary to circulate a rota to mowing volunteers.

6.2 Queen's birthday celebrations. All those present were reminded that volunteers will be needed to help to erect the large CHAFT gazebo and to put out some chairs and tables on Saturday 11th June morning ready for the tea party in the afternoon.

There being no other urgent business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm

¹ This could perhaps be combined with the *It's a Knockout* family day?