

Minutes of the Management Committee of Charney Hall & Field Trust 2023/24

Held in the Village Hall on 11th October 2023 at 6.30 pm

Present	Trustees	
	Jamie Dean (Chair)	Elected Village representative
	Christine Trotman (Treasurer)	Elected Village representative
	Annabel Brown (Secretary)	Elected Village representative
	Mary Castle	Parish Council representative
	Evelyn Campbell	Parish Council representative
	Lucy Gildersleeves	St. Peter's PCC representative
	David Jones	Elected Village representative
	David Sibbert	Elected Village representative
	Members of the public	
	Trevor Brown	

Apologies Bruce Royan Field Safety Officer

1. Apologies for absence- as above
2. Declaration of interests
MC and EC declared an interest and would not comment during discussion of Item 14 or take part in any vote.
3. Safeguarding Incidents and Accidents Reports – LG reported that a villager had reported an injury caused when playing in the Willow Arbour caused by sharp cuttings. She did not wish to make a formal accident report. Action will be taken to ensure this does not recur and the pruning method may need to be reviewed. Action LG
No other incidents or accidents were reported.
4. Approval of Minutes of the Management Committee on 2nd August 2023 -
Proposed JD/ Seconded DS Agreed
5. Matters Arising from the Minutes not otherwise on the Agenda
6a) Proposed Joint Statement - Chaft representatives responded to the Parish Council in accordance with *Minute 6 (2.8.23)* and additionally drafted a compromise document and suggested a one-off meeting. The PC has also produced a document. Given other pressures and outstanding matters it has not been possible to arrange a meeting of the JLC.
9c) Jubilee/Coronation Cairn- LG reported that a donation of stone had been received and that her son was attending a course in dry stone walling and would be willing to build the cairn in future.

10c) Thank you Tea for Volunteers – dates were discussed and 2nd December at 3pm in the Hall was agreed subject to availability of the Hall. Trustees were asked to compile a list for MC, of volunteers to be invited.

11b) Woodland Area Website Pages – LG reported that it has not been possible to update these pages as yet.

13c) JD reported that he is looking into a domain for CHAFT. In his investigations so far, he has discovered that Google

- Workspace costs £5 per user per month.
- Chaft.org is £10 per year.
- He has applied to Google non-profit and is waiting 14 business days for our accreditation to be checked.

6. Finance Update – no comments were made on the reports submitted prior to the meeting.

7. Hall Report – a written report was submitted before the meeting which explained that the preferred quotation for heating did not include costings for the removal of existing heating or a possible upgrade to the distribution board. The Vale of White District Council have advised that grants for projects that tackled Climate Change are likely to be available in the new year. The Hall Subcommittee feel it would be best to put a whole project together including heating and insulation (replacement doors and windows) and apply for a grant. It was decided that this was the best course of action.

JD asked if there were any urgent actions or concerns from the questionnaire that was recently sent out. CT said that we would need to study the results of the questionnaire to garner views expressed about the proposed changes to the hall. CT also noted that there were no current issues regarding maintenance.

8. Charney Field Subcommittee

a) Woodland Management – see items 8c) and 9c)

DJ had received some positive comments about the appearance of the Charney Field. LG reported that the willow arches placed to deter horse riders from using the field have not been successful and a more permanent barrier is needed. AB suggested that a closing of the gap in the same way as is in place at the top of the footpath past the Village Hall onto the Buckland Road might be worth considering.

b) Field Subcommittee Accountabilities & Delegation

1) Charney Field Subcommittee Delegation and Accountability document terms of reference.

Proposed LG/Seconded JD Agreed

2) Delegated budget already approved £1000. It was proposed that an additional £2000 should be added to the budget for the coming year.

Proposed CT/Seconded DJ Agreed

c) Charney Wick Ditch Maintenance Plan – this was circulated prior to the meeting.

CHAFT extends many thanks to the volunteers who worked so hard on removing the very prickly vegetation from the side of the ditch along The Bridle Path and also removing the large amount of waste in their own bins.

The next action will be to cut back the vegetation in various points along the next section of the ditch to allow inspection of the watercourse. A date will be discussed and circulated shortly.

LG left the Meeting at 7.20 pm

- d) Allotments and Football- the attached report made suggestions from CHAFT and the PC on managing the possibility of footballs causing damage in the proposed allotments. EC commented that it was too early in the process to address these concerns. JD asked if greenhouses would be allowed on the allotments. TB replied that the PC is currently in negotiations with County Council on the conditions of the lease but it was useful to know of any concerns in advance in order to account for any expenses that may be incurred. DS said that he hadn't received any quotes for possible preventative fencing and was simply trying to anticipate any possible issues between the users of the field and users of the allotments.
- e) A short report from BR was read out. The Bird Spikes have been replaced, the dog fouling is not too bad and there is a small increase in litter. The main concern is the number of rabbit holes especially those close to the goal areas. The subcommittee will consider how to deal with these.
- f) Community Planting Project – AB asked if there was any interest in this project and will email LG in order to check. DS said that he thought there had been some discussion within the sub-committee but it had not been reported. Action AB

9. Events

a) Community Day

The 'nature' trail was enjoyed both on the day and afterwards. Walking Rounders was also a great success. A donation was received from Tim Hewes and was greatly appreciated. Many thanks go to LG and CT for all their hard work to make the event so enjoyable.

Some interesting ideas were received for the development of the field especially from our younger villagers and are being considered.

LG has collated the results of the questionnaire delivered to all household in the village and in these will need to be studied carefully as to what residents want to see happen to the hall and field going forward.

10. Recruitment

- a) One person has expressed an interest in becoming a trustee.
- b) Shadow Booking Secretary – our current secretary has reported that he will stand down at the end of his current term. AB asked if an electronic system could be used. JD suggested that this could be explored along with other update of CHAFT communication systems.
- c) Shadow Hall Lead – there has been no interest.

11. Website Update

It was proposed that Trustees' photographs (with their permission) would be provided on the website. Proposed AB/Seconded JD agreed

12. Parish Council Draft Minutes 13.9.23

These had been noted and some points already discussed. JD noted under 23/69 that CHAFT would like to liaise with the PC over the CWD plan.

13. Questions from the Public – None

TB left the meeting at 7.50pm

14. Land Registry Documents – Confidential Item

15. A.O.B.

a) Date of next meeting

This will be held on 13th December 2023 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Signed

Date