

Minutes of the Management Committee of Charney Hall & Field Trust

Held in the Village Hall on 21st February 2024 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
Lucy Gildersleeves	St. Peter's PCC representative
David Jones	Elected Village representative

Apologies	Evelyn Campbell	Parish Council representative
	Bruce Royan	Field Safety Officer

1. Apologies for absence- as above
2. Declaration of interests- MC declared an interest as a Parish Council Representative and would not vote on any issues regarding the Allotments. DJ declared an interest as a potential allotment holder.
3. Safeguarding Incidents and Accidents Reports – None. It was noted that the First Aid Box Contents was due to be checked and updated. AB agreed to produce a spreadsheet to record the contents as current sheet was running out of space. Action AB
4. Approval of Minutes of the Management Committee held on 13th December 2023
Proposed LG/ Seconded MC Agreed
5. Matters Arising from the Minutes not otherwise on the Agenda – CT noted that the Hall Subcommittee Terms of Reference and Responsibilities are been updated. AB said she would add these to Google Doc and the Website. Action AB
6. Land Registry Update – CT reported that we have not yet had any response from the Land Registry.
7. CHAFT Domain Update – JD reported that our request to Google has now been approved and he will be able to move forward on creating the CHAFT Domain. Action JD
8. Finance Update – no comments were made on the reports submitted prior to the meeting.
9. Hall Subcommittee – CT reported that the lost and broken large tables have now been replaced with 2 new ones.

The PRS Licence has been renewed. Previously we have paid for a PPL Licence as well but this is deemed unnecessary as parties and domestic events such as weddings held in the hall are classed as an extension of the domestic setting and do not need a licence. Third party hirers such as dance classes should be responsible for their own licence. CT will confirm this with Vale Islanders. Action CT

The minor works identified in the electrical report are due to be actioned shortly.

The coat stand is broken. CT suggested that some hooks are installed on the wall in place of a free standing one. Proposed CT/Seconded MC Agreed

Hall Hire is about the same as last year. The Table Tennis Club has stopped however some of the members are hiring the hall on an ad hoc basis for practises. Another potential source of income could be to hire the hall for small one day conferences but we would need to offer broadband to promote this.

The hall subcommittee have move forward with costings for the refurbishment project. We are still awaiting costings for lighting suggestions and improvements. The cost of fibre optic broadband has not been costed as we were waiting for a reply from Oxfordshire's Gigahub project but it seems that it could be some years before this becomes a reality. It is likely that we will need to install broadband independently.

Unfortunately, CHAFT does not meet the criteria for VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme. It is doubtful if CHAFT will be eligible for any future VWHDC funding. Eligibility for National Lottery Grants is also questionable. However, CHAFT maybe be eligible for Platinum Jubilee Village Halls Fund through ACRE.

In conclusion we are unlikely to receive any grant funding for a refurbishment project. We were fortunate enough to have received Government funding during the pandemic of £30,000 and maybe we need to use this now for the improvement work to the Windows, Heating and Electrics plus putting in Broadband. Proposed JD/Seconded MC Agreed

10. Charney Field Subcommittee

- a) Woodland Management – LG reported that it was still too soon to plan further Charney Wick Ditch Maintenance Work and need to wait until the water levels have dropped to see what needs to be done (if anything).

It is difficult to see which of the saplings have survived the winter yet although there are some signs of growth already. An oak tree had to be felled in the copse area and some of its wood was used to create public information notices regarding the conservation work being carried on. Branches and twigs were added to the dry hedging.

The willow arbour has been pruned back and branches woven through and is looking good.

Mr Tim Fitzgerald O'Connor has mentioned that his employee is still available to cut the field. LG will liaise with him regarding the timing and extent of the cut. Action LG

There had been a meeting with the Parish Clerk and Chairman of the Parish Council regarding the fencing between the Allotments and Charney Field. It was decided the CHAFT didn't need to replace the entire fencing but that some rails need replacing. The PC are intending to insert rabbit proofing around the allotment area. It was suggested that CHAFT contribute £300 to the cost of this plus planting some low hedging on the CHAFT side of the fencing Proposed LG/Seconded JD Agreed

(MC abstained from this vote due to her declaration of interest being a Parish Councillor)

DJ reported that it is proposed by the PC that there will be an access gate for vehicles which will be kept locked and a smaller unlocked pedestrian gate so that footballs can be collected.

- b) BR emailed that there is nothing really to report regarding the play park but that we should have the annual inspection this month and he will chase that up if he has had no notification by early March.

11. Events

- a) Thank you Tea for Volunteers 13th January 2024

It was an enjoyable event attended by about 30 residents. JD gave a short speech of thanks for all their work on behalf of CHAFT.

- b) Games Evening – this is now to be held on 13th April from 7.30-10.00pm as the date was changed to avoid clashing with the Chequers Quiz afternoon. Ticket price of £5.00 was agreed with snacks included with ‘a bring your own drink’ suggestion as we don’t have a licence to sell alcohol.

12. Recruitment - An article was be posted in Charney Chatter

13. Website Update

There are still some actions necessary to update our part of the Website.

Action AB/LG

14. Parish Council Draft Minutes 10.1.24 - noted

15. Questions from the Public

- a) Allotment/Charney Field Boundary Fencing – see 10a)
- b) Portrait of the King for the hall – PC asked if CHAFT would like a portrait of the king for the hall but the trustees felt this was not necessary.
- c) Improving Football Pitches and Facilities Funding – we do not have the necessary parking and changing facilities to apply for this funding.

16. A.O.B.

- a) JD reported that a Male Voice Choir would be passing through the village on 5th May after performing in London and would be prepared to perform on the Green. LG felt that this might clash with the May Dancing planned for the 6th May. A concert in the church might be a possibility and she would contact the kind resident who had spoken to JD.

Action LG

- b) Date of next meeting 10th April 2024

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Signed

Date

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