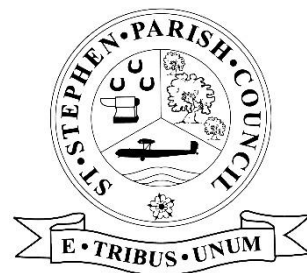


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Present: Councillors

Ajanta Hilton Bill Pryce (Chair) Eileen Whittaker

Co-opted Committee Members:

Chris Matson (PSRA) Brian Gibbard (CGRA) Barbara Vernon (PS Village Hall)

Also present:

Christy Mitchell, Grow Chiswell Green and Isabel Crozier - Assistant Clerk,

Minutes of the **Community & Leisure Committee meeting** held on
Thursday 7 July 2022 at 7.30am
Venue: **Parish Centre, Station Road, Bricket Wood, AL2 3PJ**

- 2223/CL/001 To agree a chair of the Community and Leisure Committee for 2022-23
Resolved: Cllr Whittaker proposed, seconded Cllr Hilton, unanimous that Cllr Pryce is elected Chair of the Community and Leisure Committee for 2022-23
- 2223/CL/002 To receive and accept apologies for absence
Apologies received from Cllrs Kerry, Spelman and Berriman and Linda Crocker (BWRA).
- 2223/CL/003 Declarations of interest and dispensations
- To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda
 - To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests; and
 - To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate
- None
- 2223/CL/004 To approve the minutes of the last meeting of the Community and Leisure Committee, held on 8 March 2022
Resolved: Cllr Hilton proposed, Cllr Whittaker seconded, unanimous, that the minutes be signed as a true record. **Motion Carried**
- 2223/CL/005 Public Participation- To invite comment and questions from the public in accordance with the Public Speaking Policy
None
- 2223/CL/006 To consider proposals from Grow Chiswell Green for a Community Garden Project
Christy Mitchell spoke about Grow Chiswell Green, set up as a not for profit Ltd Company with a plan to register for charitable status. Ideally the group would be looking for a 40mx40m site to establish a Community Garden. A Core of 4 or 5 company directors would be responsible but volunteers could get involved in the establishment and maintenance. Grow Chiswell Green felt that North Close would be ideal. Committee were in principle in support

of proposals. The Council have included the intension to have a community garden in the draft brief for an options study which will then be consulted upon.

Resolved: Cllr Pryce proposed, Cllr Hilton seconded, unanimous, that the Committee offer their 'in principle' support to the concept of a Community Garden being established in Greenwood Park or North Close.

Motion Carried

2223/CL/007 To consider proposals from Midway Surgery for collaborative well-being projects

Midway surgery shared plans to expand their services and increase their building in order to bring in clinicians, wellbeing services, social prescribers, including plans to extend into the Parish land to replace parking lost through the extension of the building. Statement from Midway Surgery was read out. The Surgery and keen to work together with residents groups, the parish and users on well being projects in the local area eg park run.

2223/CL/008 To provide an update on projects:

a) Woodbury Field improvements project

Vehicle Crossover permission has been provided by HCC and we are commissioning a company to put in the crossover and an agreement will need to be drawn up for access across the Common.

b) Fixed Assets Strategy

Fixed Assets Committee are meeting on Tuesday to finalise the brief to run a tender for a consultant to undertake an options study for Greenwood Park improvements.

c) Parish Survey

When the option study on Greenwood Park is produced this will be combined with Parish Survey questions already produced to create a wider parish survey and this will be consulted upon in the Autumn

d) Community orchard or tree planting with St Stephen Gardening Club

Cllr Pryce and the Garden Club are meeting at the end of month to discuss where tree planting could go.

2223/CL/009 Review of recent events and to consider events going forward

Successful Queens Jubilee Event at Greenwood Park and successful Armed Forces Day held at the Parish Centre. Future events need help from people other than from the Council. In order to help decide on what events to run in the future we will include a section in Parish Survey on events. For the short term, recommend to Full Council that the Remembrance Service on 13 November and Christmas Market on the 4 December are both run in 2022

2223/CL/010 Update from Residents Associations

PSRA Jubilee Event was very successful. MacMillan coffee morning planned for Sunday 18 September. Wellbeing/pampering Day at Greenwood Park planned for 16 October. Event at Village Hall on 12 November, showcasing local talent. Halloween event at the Scout Hut.

Christmas lights switch on at How Wood Shops in December

Chiswell Green AGM was held in May, had a presentation on History of Burstons –new members have come forward. Meeting next week.

2223/CL/011 Clerks Report

Complaint about the increasing incidence of dog fouling at Greenwood Park.

ACTION: Cllr Hilton to design some posters which can be put up on stakes around the field.

The benches at Greenwood Park are being painted as essential maintenance. The Council received a complaint from someone who donated a memorial bench and was not happy with the finish of the bench. Cllr Pryce to review case.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Chair:

Date: