

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CHOPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 23 NOVEMBER 2016**

**Members present:**

Cllr E A Barrell

Cllr G Huntley

Cllr A Iley

Cllr P Munley

Cllr J Oswell

**In attendance:**

Mr D L Nicholson, Parish Clerk and Mrs A Brindley, Assistant Parish Clerk

**CD&E 010/16      1.      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr R Butler (approved absence), Cllr J Foster (family commitment), Cllr W Ogilvie (approved absence) and Cllr P Vaughan (work commitment). The meeting accepted that these were valid reasons for absence.

**CD&E 011/16      2.      MEMBERS WILL IDENTIFY ANY DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER REGISTERABLE PERSONAL INTEREST(S)**

No declarations were made.

**CD&E 012/16      3.      TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2016.**

The minutes were adopted as a true record of the meeting

**CD&E 013/16      4.      CONSIDERATION OF ANY MATTERS ARISING**

Responding to a question from the Chairman on minute **CD&E 006/16 6.3**, the Parish Clerk reported that the memorial tubs marking the entrances to former collieries have been repaired and that Mrs M Glass had been invited to participate in a small ceremony to celebrate these works. Members considered the best way to inform the public of the heritage of each location.

1. Members agreed to form a working group with membership comprised of Cllr A Barrell, Cllr G Huntley, Cllr A Illey, Cllr P Munley and Cllr J Oswell.

**RESOLVED:**

Members discussed a framework for decision making in respect of the development of facilities to support community and sport activity in Choppington, Guide Post and Stakeford.

**CD&E 015/16 6. SPORTS ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE PLANNING**

**RESOLVED:** Member's requested the Parish Clerk to investigate the feasibility of introducing badminton on the facility.

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Financial planning anticipated an 18 month development period before the facility would be earning sufficient income to cover running costs and to contribute to earmarked funding for future repair/replacement of equipment and physical asset. Performance to date has been ahead of profile and will produce a dividend for the school and for the Parish Council as managing agent.

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The Assistant Parish Clerk reported that the indoor facility at Stakeford Primary School had been in use for 6 months and is being used 4 evenings each week, providing opportunities for adults and for younger people. Activities for external play and for sport will be promoted in late spring 2017, with parents of children attending the school being invited to help shape new activities.

**CD&E 014/16 5. PARTNERSHIP PROJECT – STAKEFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

1. Members agreed to develop information boards at each location and to invite contributions from local historians with academic input.

2. Members agreed that development cost for 1. above will be met from income already attracted to this heritage project.

**RESOLVED:**

2. The working group is charged to consider the facilities that will be required, project development and the financial framework required for project achievement; reporting to the Parish Council as required.
3. The Parish Clerk was given delegated powers to prepare and submit any planning applications necessary for the development of the programme.

## Agenda, Part 2

Members agreed that in consideration of Standing Order 46a, that in view of the special and confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded and asked to withdraw.

### CD&E 016/16      7.      **CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS FOR GRANTS**

Members considered requests for grants received from community groups and assessed these using the parish council's criteria.

**Cllr G Huntley declared a registerable personal interest in relation to a grant application received from Stakeford Primary School Parents Teachers Association - Cllr G Huntley being a member of the schools governing body. Cllr Huntley withdrew from the meeting and did not participate in the consideration of this grant.**

#### **RESOLVED:**

**Members agreed to award the following grants:**

1. Stakeford Primary School Parents Teachers Association – awarded a grant not exceeding £1,000 towards the cost of external storage.
2. Holy Family Tea Dance – awarded a grant of £500 in respect of the development of opportunities for older people.

### CD&E 017/16      8.      **CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF SHARED EQUIPMENT FOR OUTSIDE PLAY**

**RESOLVED: Members agreed to commit £950 for the joint purchase of play equipment together with PFC (the Parish Councils service provider for sport activities).**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 13.00.

Chairman.....  
Dated