



Chillerton & Gatcombe Community Association

Committee Meeting 21/10/2025
Rome Cottage

Minutes

Present :

Ian Poulter (IP) - Chair

Paula Poulter (PP)- Secretary

Tim Bailey (TB)- Vice Chair

Phillipa Veitch (PV)- Treasurer

Julia Laursen (JL)- PC Rep

Joanne Brown (JB)- Bingo Lead

Guests/Observers:

Paul Thomas

1.Apologies

Jayne Thomas.

2.Minutes and Matters Arising

These were all agreed, with Action Points met, or in the process of being met.

3.Treasurer's Report

Month on month we are tracking a slight profit (contact PV for any further clarification).

PV & TB proposed that we have a Stocktake asap; specifically on groups of drinks, eg Lagers, Wines etc.

Action: PV & TB to Stocktake on groups of drinks, and also to remind Bar staff the importance of accurate 'recording' on the till, eg, J2O and Appletise are recorded as separate items.

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TB said that it would be useful to operate a 'Waste Book'; where bar staff would record any drinks which were given away free of charge, and/or where bottles were dropped, drinks were spilt etc.

Action: TB to start up a Waste Book, and to let people on bar duty know how/what to record.

PV stated that, in TB's absence, she had purchased some Pinot Grigio Rosé from Asda. These were small bottles, but the plan is to shift over to full size bottles thereafter.

4.Parish Council News

JL explained that the current vacancy on the PC was in the process of being filled.

We had a detailed discussion about Noticeboards; their estimated renewal cost, the most efficient/attractive designs, and how we might begin to fundraise for them (CGCA Quiz, Village Market funds etc).

Action: JL to continue to get quotations (current one is £525 plus VAT per Noticeboard)

Action: IP to ask via YPM, once purchased, for any volunteers to help put them up.

JL explained how the forthcoming 'Farm and Land Fest' evening would run. Currently, Farmers Burden, and Clarke will be in attendance, along with the Barbers from Ramsdown. An American Supper would be provided by the CGCA and PC..

JL explained, with reference to the 'Greening Campaign', that she intends to advertise across the Parish to offer 'quick fixes' to residents who may benefit from reducing heat loss.

Action: JL to advertise this to Parishioners.

JL said that she had recently attended a Ward Liaison meeting in Arreton, where some good practice was shared, and information relating to there now being a Mounted police team (\$ in total) on the Island; much of which covers our area, Central Rural Wight.

Action: JL to ask Jan Lever (from this team) to come to talk to the Parish Council. CGCA to be invited

5.Forthcoming Activities /Bookings *(there are quite a few, so I have **bullet pointed** these, marking, in **Bold**, if you have agreed to **Action** something)*

* AGM - 29/10/25 7pm at the Gallybagger. **PP** to prepare Agenda, and to remind Parishioners via YPM.

* Yoga Fitness class - **JL** is investigating the possibility of this.

* Bingo - New pricing structure discussed and all agreed. £10 for whole book, and £5 for a split book. **JB & PV** to work together on this.

* Monday evenings at the Village Hall?- **JL** to decide whether Bob's Band can commit to booking more regularly..

* Outside Talks/ Speakers. **PP** to book Vectis Astronomical Society (Stargazing), plus begin to look at other events.

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* We agreed that we would call a Scarecrow meeting in November. **TB & PV** to call the meeting. All Committee members to try to attend. **IP** and **PP** to pass on any information from past events that they have to PV and TB.

* Christmas Carol Service. Scheduled for 13th Dec. Action Points relating to this event: **TB, Julie B, PV & JV** to all serve. **TB & Julie** to do the Mulled Wine, and Hot Chocolate.

IP to welcome people/ be the overall Lead, plus also to book Brass Band (Terry T), and Rev Steve, plus advertise on YPM. If no luck booking the Brass Band, then **TB** to organise someone from Folk Night to step in.

PP to source and distribute the Carol sheets, and set out the chairs/Hall (help from **JT**?) **JB** to organise the Selection Packs for Children, and to dress up in Christmas attire.

6.Maintenance

The curtain rail for the new curtains needs putting up.

Action: PB has kindly offered to do this.

Craft and Whist Clubs have asked if it is possible to have some (approx 6?) new chairs (with arms).

Action: PP & IP to look for these.

7.Health & Safety

PV has reviewed Fire Safety, and has carried out a low level Risk Assessment.

She has drawn up and laminated an Evacuation Procedure.

There was a brief discussion as to whether the material that had been used to re cover some chairs was fire retardant.

Action: PV to place the Policies & Procedures manual will be put into the Gallybagger, and to ensure that all bar staff are familiar with it.

PV mentioned too about PAT testing, and also about the regular (weekly) need to test the smoke alarms at both the Village Hall and the Gallybagger.

Action: PV to test the Gallybagger smoke alarms, and to ask if Zoe Rhind can test the Village Hall ones when she cleans.

Action: PV to speak to Jason re PAT testing.

Action: PV to speak with Brenda/Sharon to check if the new material was fire retardant.

8.Any other business

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* Wi-Fi: PV explained that she now has access to the BT account. A discussion was had, and the plan is to get rid of the Gallybagger landline, and switch from BT to a Business account with Starlink. After the initial set up, and after running both accounts for a short while, this should lead to a saving of approx £15 pm. This should enable us to have a TV, and should also improve the speed and efficiency of card payments.

Action: PV to continue to oversee this

* JL said that there was now an issue with emergency vehicles not being able to cross the brook.

Action: JL to liaise with Island Roads and IW Council.

9.Date of next meeting: **AGM, followed a short meeting. 29th October, 7pm. Gallybagger Inn.**