



# **Chillerton & Gatcombe Community Association**

Committee Meeting 16/09/2025

## 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

Jayne Thomas

Apologies:

None

Minutes and Matters Arising:

None.

Treasurer's Report

PV stated that there was, presently, approx £12000 in income (reference CGCA Accounts; access via PV, for a more detailed, accurate look)

This was considered healthy, but all agreed that this needed to be increased to ensure that should there be a need to cover the costs of any repairs that needed to be undertaken, then there would be sufficient funds. PV

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and TB explained that the potential increase from bar takings (following the recent price rise) should help to improve the situation.

IP shared some information regarding the financial situation of the C&G Horticultural Society, in respect of them passing on monies requested from the PC and CGCA directly onto a local charity. It was agreed that we needed to be a bit more circumspect about giving money upfront; especially given that CGCA has a priority for decorating the Village Hall, and for refurbishing/ purchasing new Parish Noticeboards.

#### Parish Council News

JL stated that there was a vacancy on the PC. Any new members were being asked to formally apply.

JL said that she intended to go to Brighstone on Oct 2nd to attend the Best Village Awards event.

#### Forthcoming Activities/ Bookings

Verity from Wight Ukes has asked if she can use the GB on a Monday evening; alongside her alternate Saturday booking. This was agreed; and a liaison with Jamie re Snooker had already taken place. She has been trained by TB as 'Bar Staff', and that will, along with Jamie's input, mean that the Gallybagger can be advertised as being Open to the general public on a Monday evening from October, onwards. She has agreed to make a voluntary donation if the bar receipts are low. There will be no hire charge as the Gallybagger will be open anyway.

**Action: TB to organise for an Opening times banner to put up permanently outside the Gallybagger, and to put the new Opening times on to YPM.**

**Action: PP to change the Opening times on google.**

**Action: JL has offered to support Verity for her first few sessions on the bar.**

*Scarecrows-* IP made it clear that we, the CGCA, do not have the capacity to run the Scarecrow event for 2026: If it is to go ahead, then there would need to be a separate group set up, to include active support and organisation from a range of Villagers.

TB and PV offered to coordinate such a group; TB as the Chair, and PV as the Admin/Secretary.

**Action: IP to send a message out on YPM to this effect.**

**Action: TB and PV to begin the coordinatination of this group once the message has gone out on YPM.**

*Christmas-* IP talked about having lights in the Village Green Cherry tree, instead of purchasing a Christmas tree and erecting Christmas lights, as we have traditionally done in the past. It was felt that, with some key

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people being away over Christmas, and with, what is now, a more ageing population, lights in the Cherry tree would be a better way forward.

The plan is to have the traditional 'Carols on the Green' (or inside the VH if cold/wet), along with the Brass Band, and Rev Steve. The handing out of the Santa Selection Packs, which proved a hit last year, are planned for again at this year's event.

**Action: IP to contact Terry from the Brass Band, and Rev Steve. Also to post on YPM, once arrangements were clear.**

**Action: PV, Julie Bailey, and JB to be in charge of the purchase and handing out of the Santa Selection Packs.**

*Harvest Festival event-* This was discussed further, and a date of Wed 22nd October was firmed up.

**Action: JL to take the lead on this and to inform the committee at the next meeting, or before, to explain what the plan for the evening is.**

#### Maintenance

IP stated that Jamie has offered to look at the Gallybagger roof, to provide an update as to whether it needs any work done specifically, the leak that tend to occur after heavy rains).

**Action: IP to ask Jamie for an update before the next meeting.**

IP reminded the committee that the Village Hall was still in need of painting, The agreement was to revisit this in the Spring, whilst, in the meantime, attempting to secure some additional funding to support this.

**Action: PV to look into the possibility of a grant (may be from Help the Aged etc?)**

#### Health and Safety

No issues currently.

#### Any other business

JL informed us that she was planning on attending the forthcoming Funding/ Bid Writing event at the Riverside on Wednesday 8th October.

PV has, in the absence of PP (away on holiday) kindly offered to organise the September Quiz.

Date of next meeting:

**Tuesday 21st October, 7pm, Rome Cottage.**

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