



## **Minutes of the virtual Land Management Committee meeting held 6 April 2021 at 7pm**

**Present:** Cllr Hutchfield, Cllr Thorley, Cllr Savage, Cllr Porter, Cllr Jackson, Cllr Maisey.

Representatives: Ian Gray (CCG & CAA), Robin Bourner (CSRA), Frans Thorley (Cuxton'91 FC),

Mrs June Nicholson – Clerk

**61. Apologies for absence**

Lee Cooksey, Carl Gray, Cllr Reynolds  
*It was resolved to accept these apologies.*

**62. Declarations of Interest (DPI, conflict of interest and personal interests) and alterations to the Register.**

Cllr Porter Item 4

**63. Minutes of meeting 9 March 2021 – For Information Only (approved at council meeting 18 March 2021)**

**64. Allotments Report – For Information**

Ian Gray gave a verbal report:

- Further rat bait boxes have been put down – these are secured with a rod and the rats have to lick the bait which means this is a safe system
- There are no vacancies at present with on 5 people on the waiting list
- The pond is being created with help from a young lady who is taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme.
- The water has been turned on.

*Clerk requested a meter reading*

**65. Cuxton Countryside Group Report – For Information**

Ian Gray gave a verbal report:

- They are liaising with school re planting trees, the school will need to water the saplings as they start to grow. CCG have made a new contact at Medway Council with regard to trees.
- They have had another request for a memorial bench. This will make 3 benches in all.

Ian requested that the Clerk look into ownership of land near Church Hill.

*Clerk will need further information to undertake this search.*

A Discussion took place about the difficulty of ensuring that benches are safely secured as some appear to have become loose which appears to be due to people rocking on them.

*CCG will work with CSRA to look for a solution for this.*

**66. Cuxton Sports & Recreation Association Report – For Information  
See separate report.**

Robin Bourner advised that:

- the padlock on the double gates on the hard court has broken. This has been reported to the Clerk.
- some of the benches have become loose and CSRA will look into securing them again.
- It has been noticed that young people have been sitting on the top of the new storage containers there was a suggestion that the corners be painted with anti-vandal paint.

*A discussion took place and it was agreed that the young people should be spoken to before any action is taken.*

- CSRA are looking to put a different type of “dust” to consolidate the surface as it has suffered with damage due to extreme weather over the winter.

There was a discussion regarding maintenance and cost.

- There has been spoil from the container site put behind the berms and it was suggested that it could be seeded with wildflowers.

- Robin advised there has been three complaints about motorbikes /quad bikes on the field, football pitch and bike track. CSRA have put up another “no motorbikes” sign by the entrance.

There was a discussion regarding different styles of motorbike inhibitors and the need to research the type and size to ensure that anything installed would not stop people with prams, wheelchairs or mobility scooters from accessing the park.

The discussion also included discussion about the possibility of replacing the fence and gates at the entrance to the park.

*It was agreed that if seen, it should be reported to police on 101*

**Cuxton '91 Report – For Information  
See Separate Report**

Frans Thorley advised that

- Cuxton '91 are having wooden shelving put up in their storage containers. Frans will supply photos of the shelving in case the council would like to consider shelving in their container.
- Work will start soon on installing artificial turf this month
- Pitch maintenance work will start in the next couple of months. Cuxton '91 have obtained a grant to go towards the cost (£40,000) over the next 6 years.
- Matches started again last week.

**67. Recreation Ground**

- a. Request to use the recreation ground for Military Style Boot Camp – For Decision  
Discussion took place. This was deferred to the Full Council Meeting on

15 April so that the hire costs can be reviewed and ensure that only one boot camp is allowed to hire the recreation ground at any one time.  
*Clerk will check what the other bootcamp is paying. He can carry on as he is for the time being.*

- b. Provision of motorbike inhibitor at entrance to recreation ground – For Decision  
Discussion took place see CSRA above.

## 68. Events

### a. Big Lunch – Update

Clerk advised that wording re Big Lunch decision needs to be included in the scheme of delegation.

There was a discussion regarding scheme of delegation due to zoom meetings being unlawful from 7 May 2021.

The Asst Clerk has started phoning round the stall holders to check on whether they are available.

It was agreed that a Working Group be set up to organise the Big Lunch. Members may be; Robin, Kay, Pat, June, Tracy and Julie.

Robin advised that the Sound man has been booked at a cost of £300, The Social Club is booked to provide the beer tent (they give a donation), Robin is currently working on bands.

Fresh Expressions Church will run a Children's Tombola.

### b. Bonfire Night – Update

Clerk advised that Wheel of Cuxton would like to run the event, but no decisions have been made yet,.

### c. Christmas tree planting – Update

Update – Cllr Hutchfield has looked at the site and confirmed that there is nothing crossing the site.

SGN have been contacted and will get back to Cllr Thorley next week.

The next step will be to have a site meeting with the library manager.

Cllr Hutchfield has investigated the types of trees suitable to be used as Christmas trees.

Two trees have been recommended; Abies Fraser and Abies Koreana. These trees cost approx. £250- 300 including delivery. The trees grow to approx. 25ft but can be topped out. They take approx. 10-15yrs to reach full height.

A discussion took place and it was agreed that council will request a donation of £300 towards the cost of the tree from Ward Cllr Fearn.

A resident has offered some snowdrops for this area.

## 69. Management Plan for Six Acre Wood – For Discussion

Ian will meet a Greenspaces representative from the Local Access Forum for a site meeting – no date yet.

## 70. Condition of the wall by the memorial bench – For Decision

No decision made - Cllr Hutchfield has found a company who restore flint walls. It was noted that this wall is not council property. It may be possible to access a grant for this work. .

The sculptor has been in touch re digging for the posts for the memorial. CCG

will help with this. The Information board should be ready by the end of June.  
A small litter bin was approved by council, but not ordered due to lockdown.  
*Clerk to order.*

- 71.** Purchase of self-watering flower troughs for the area around the village shops –  
For Decision  
The area is already looking very nice. No decision was made at this time though  
it was agreed to approach the local resident who currently maintains this area.
- 72.** Purchase of wildflower seeds and small plants for the village – For Decision  
Wildflowers cost approx. £6 per box. No decision made at this time.
- 73.** Correspondence
  - a.** Residents – Complaint received regarding traffic in the village at school  
drop-off collection times. The headteacher has already written to  
parents about this issue. The council is also concerned and will look  
into Speedwatch etc. Clerk will respond to advise that the council are  
looking into a number of things.
  - b.** Other – Cllr Porter has been asked about a pile of chalk and gate has  
been closed across the footpath up Church Hill. Ian will look into this.
- 74.** Information exchange No motions may be proposed, nor decisions taken under  
this item but may be placed on the agenda for the next or future meetings.  
Cllr Thorley advised there is a piece of waste land behind Ladywood Road part  
way up Tar Tank Lane and asked who owns this land. It used to be the village  
recreation ground.  
*Clerk to check the deeds of Tar Tank Lane.*
- 75.** Members' future agenda item  
Traffic Calming  
Big Lunch  
Recreation Ground

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.38pm.**

**Signed        Julie Porter**

**Chairman on the        27th        day of        April        2021**