CHIRNSIDE COMMON GOOD ASSOCIATION (SCIO)

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 14th February 2024
at 7.30pm via zoom

Apologies: Mark Kinghorn,Josh Oldfield, Susan Swan,Anne Robertson,Adele Kerr, Sophie Hannant, Maureen Anderson.

Present: Sara Doggett (Chair), Kevin Prior (treasurer), Linda Gray (Secretary), Simon Wright, David Wesley.

Minutes: which were circulated prior to the meeting were approved and accepted as correct.

Finance: account circulated prior to the meeting were approved and accepted as correct. Treasurer reported that costs were rising faster than our income particularly the liability insurance which is now £815.56 and Is likely to rise this year by 50to 60% which will be a challenge. Treasurer looking to see if we can get any assistance from Border Community Action Group. We could try the Co-op fund or the Co-op Bank they help customers who are registered charities. A new source of funding is give as you live which is connected to online shopping and easy to set up we will publish details in the next village newsletter. We presently have £8531.29 in general funds. We have agreed to do coffee and tea on the Gala Day.

Swap & Share Shed: still to be treated.

Community Storage Shed: ongoing Simon is dealing with this.

Insurance Cost: Treasurer will investigate this to see if there is a better deal available.

Fence CGA Park: The owners of Hillside have put up a new fence on their property but have taken in 3and a half foot of our ground on the West edge of the park, they should have followed the Chemist fence line. How do we deal with this without incurring legal costs. We have had an initial contact with them and hope to arrange a site meeting. Secretary will contact our solicitor to find out the best way to proceed with the matter.

Community Council Report: James Anderson our local Councillor is looking into a solution to the wheelchair access in the Main Street near the Co-op where the pavement is very narrow.
New Playpark equipment for the village is still ongoing Tyson is dealing with this.
Parking issues in the Kirkgate at school drop off and pick up times also on the main road at school with double parking with lorries unable to get through.
Overhanging branches reported on the Loaning at Market Road end.
Memorial Bench happy with the proposed site of this bench perhaps should be further up the banking or at the playpark area where there is limited seating for parents.
New proposed cutting plans issued by SBC they hope to provide more biodiverse areas in the village. At the Quarry, East End Orchard. The playpark areas need to be cut better particularly round the play equipment also the area between Winram Terrace and Windsor Locks.
Any other business:
Tennis Court: area between the tennis court and allotments has been tidied up fruit trees and bulbs have been planted. Need to get a skip to dispose of the rubbish but access is a problem will try to get one from SBC.
Civic week teas: need people to help with this on the 26th May.
Jim Clark Rally: to be held weekend of 24th to 26th May they hope to bring cars through village between stages.
Litter pick: next litter pick will be Saturday 23rd March meet at Crosshill at 10.00am.
Next meeting will be Wednesday 13th March 7.30pm in the Community Centre.