CHIRNSIDE COMMON GOOD ASSOCIATION
Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 10th September2025.
At 7.30pm in the Community Centre

Apologies: Margaret Law, Josh Oldfield, Mark Kinghorn, Anne Robertson, Adele Kerr.
Present: Sara Doggett (Chair), Linda Gray (Secretary), Mark Turner(treasurer), Kevin Prior, Susan Swan, Simon Wright, David Wesley, Sophie Hannant, Geoff Lomax, Noel McGuile.
Minutes: circulated prior to the meeting were approved and accepted as correct.
Plinth- Noel attended meeting to update us on the plans for Sunday 14th September when the plaque to the fallen and plinth would be unveiled and dedicated.
Finance: Mark was co-opted onto committee as a trustee also confirmed as the new treasurer. Accounts are in the process of being transferred form submitted for change of online signatures. OSCR return has been completed and sent off. Register of trustees has been updated. Still to do HMRS tax return still to be completed. £130 was raised at recent quiz for CGA funds.
Matters arising –
Quarry – Two different views on the quarry some people like the grass long others would like it cut SHORT. The new cutting schedule allowed for more frequent cutting in the Church yard. The cost element of the areas cut by volunteers was takin into account when working out the new schedule.
It may be possible to get the Quarry cut and lifted twice a year instead of once. The wildflowers were a great success in the quarry also in the long hill field. Sara will contact Derek at SBC to see what options are available for this area. We would like to increase the wildflower area and leave grass on the banking areas uncut.
Boundary dispute – Gillian advised that the other party offered £2,000 for the land. Should we accept this amount? Or renegotiate. Our insurance does not cover getting a land valuation or legal costs to change title deeds. Would be better if we changed title deeds. We cannot afford to take this matter to court. Will ask for more guidance from Gillian.
Planters – new plants in large Eastend planter growing well 250 bulbs to be planted. Also discussed were the four large wooden planters currently situated outside the village may be moved to. One possible site was between the tennis court and the allotments.

Any other business -

Greener Gateway – the presentation evening will be held on 30th September at Galashiels. Sara, Sarah Stones (horticultural society) and myself will attend.

CGA Park – trees in the park are in need of some attention need to organise a date to do work.

Next meeting – Wednesday 8th October will be a presentation evening only next meeting 12th November.