CHIRNSIDE COMMON GOOD ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Business meeting held on
Wednesday 11th June 2026 at 7.30pm
In the Community Centre.

Apologies: Adele Kerr, David Wesley, Mark Kinghorn.
Present: Sara Doggett (chair), Mark Turner (treasurer), Linda Gray (Secretary), Kevin Prior, Susan Swan, Anne Robertson, Simon Wright, David Wesley, Sophie Hannant, Geoff Lomax, Robert Leetham, Margaret Law, Lesley Angell (visitor).
Minutes: minutes of the May meeting were approved and accepted as correct.
Finance: as per AGM
Matters arising
David Hume Memorial: it has been confirmed by SBC that planning permission is not required for the stone memorial installation in the Common Good Park. Sara has put Carol the organiser of the event in touch with Stan Bonner who is an artist/ sculptor. The organising group are confident they will be able to raise the funding required.
Boundary issue: not further progress on the issue.
Essay Competition: the 8 short listed entries had been read by the committee prior to the meeting the unanimous decision were 1st Essay no1 2nd no 2 and 3rd no 5.
This year the quality of all the entries was exceedingly high which made judging very difficult. The standard of spelling was good, a lot of imagination used, good descriptions. Some of the judges' comments were well though out, good use of imaginative words and phrases, an action packed story, well divided into three clear sections, scary story with sharks rats, bats and cannibals. Good punctuation and spelling. All entries were a credit to the authors.
Path at War Memorial: discussed the proposed pathway to make access a bit easier at the war memorial. It was agreed that due to the monies available it would only be possible to make a simple path up beside the wall and a paved standing area for the wreath layers. £2378 is available for the work. The area around the memorial is on quite a steep gradient and would be very costly to level it out.
Charity fundraising: agreed to just use the Give as you live site to raise money it gives better returns.

Quarry: a number of box jumps have appeared in the quarry area, are we covered by the liability insurance. Agreed to put an item in the next village newsletter to the effect that the area can be used as an amenity area but that children using it as a pump track do so at their own risk.
Hedge plants: discussed where we could plant the spare hedging plants could go, possible around the millennium capsule in the quarry. Noted that the Jubilee Oak in the Common Good Park needs a new guard.
Roy Garden it was noted with sadness the passing of Roy Garden a long-time member of this committee. He was also our District Councillor and Chairman of the Community Council. Our thoughts are with his family at this sad time.
Plinth: the report to Awards for all funding from the National Lottery for the plinth to the fallen has been submitted.
Next meeting will be 9th September due to the summer break.