

**CHATTERIS TOWN COUNCIL
LEISURE AND GENERAL PURPOSES WORKING GROUP**

Minutes of a meeting held at the Council Chambers, 14 Church Lane, Chatteris, on Tuesday 21st April 2026

Present: Cllrs A Jones (Chairman), L Ashley, J Fuller-Gray and V Joyce.

Apologies: Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs A Hay, S Selman and S Unwin.

L41 25/26 Any Matters Arising from Last Meeting of the Group

The last meeting of the group had been on the 10th February 2026. The only issues not on the agenda which required updates were:

L38) Public Toilets: The results of the survey of public toilets were still not known. The Clerk said she would continue to chase the matter.

L39) Nomination: The supporting document for the MBE nomination for Mr Chris Savill had been submitted.

L42 25/26 Little Acre Fen Pocket Park & Old Railway Line Footpath Update

The Clerk reported that FLAPP were struggling to find fit and active members at present so she had asked Warrens to collect and plant a number of Beech trees/hedging which had been given to Cllr Unwin for the Pocket Park. Fortunately the water tank was full so there was the means to water the trees.

The cubs had expressed an interest in visiting the park but had not responded to suggested dates when they could help with planting and tasks around the park.

After speaking to the Financial Officer, it had been agreed that any underspend on the Pocket Park budget over the next two to three years would be used to pay for improvements to the footpath through the Pocket Park as the sum needed was substantial.

L43 25/26 Final Plans for Annual Town Meeting

The Clerk reported there had been a good response to the call for organisations to nominate volunteers to be recognised at the Annual Town Meeting on the 1st May. To date 13 people had been nominated.

The theme of the evening would be Celebrating Our Volunteers and those nominated would receive a certificate signed by the Mayor. Members agreed the design for the certificates and they also agreed the certificates should be framed.

The Clerk was asked to create a poster for the event which could then go out on social media. It was agreed to serve tea, coffee and biscuits as the audience arrived.

L44 25/26 Nature Recovery from the Ground Up

The Clerk said following the attendance of Cllr Unwin, Mr Ian Mason and herself at two Nature Recovery from the Ground Up meetings they had now been asked if they wished to go ahead with a Community Nature Recovery Plan.

Using a suggestion from Cllr Unwin, the Clerk explained that it was felt the best idea for Chatteris would be to devise a plan for the land at Wenny 'Meadow' which was being left as public open space. It was a substantial area of land featuring a number of mature trees and other plants and it was unlikely any of the Councils would take over the maintenance of the land so it would be necessary to have a plan in place to maintain and develop the area.

Members agreed the recovery plan should focus on that area of green space, where it should be possible to develop a community orchard, wildlife area, etc. It would be necessary to check on the ownership of the land first as the developers had yet to begin work even though planning permission had been granted.

L45 25/26 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that if a meeting was needed in May it would be on the 12th May.