

Chiddingly Parish Council

Community Land Trust: Following a well attended public meeting in the Village Hall on 23rd November, the Chiddingly Community Land Trust Steering Group was formed on 28th November with Mike Goss as Chairman, Sue Skan as Secretary and Eugene Cassidy as Treasurer and around a dozen members. We will be publishing contact details later. In December we met with Tom Warder from Action in Rural Sussex, who you may remember from the public meeting, and now have a plan of action.

As the Community Land Trust is separate from the Parish Council from next month its reports will appear separately from the Parish Council report.

Superfast (or Fibre) Broadband: I hear that fibre broadband is now available to subscribers in Whitesmith. If you live in the Whitesmith area just contact your Internet Service Provider and ask them about the services they can offer. Despite what some BT Openreach engineers have been telling people fibre broadband is available from suppliers other than BT Broadband.

I know there are still some areas of the Parish not covered by fibre. In order to try to gain a picture of what the situation is now like I ask that if you cannot get fibre broadband or if you know of anyone who can't get it could you please let me know (chairman@chiddingly.gov.uk). If you let me have the telephone number and the post code where fibre broadband is not available then the Parish Council can take it up with East Sussex Broadband.

Glebe Field: Following the withdrawal of the plan for a skate park on the Glebe Field, the Trustees of the Millennium Sculpture Garden have come forward with a plan to establish a community orchard on the Glebe Field to surround the Sculpture Garden. They have approached Brighton Permaculture Trust for advice. There are potentially some rare varieties stock that could be used within the orchard. They are also seeking advice on whether the ground would need to be drained. At present there are a few ideas being considered; a mixture of varieties to produce a cider mixture, or an open month where parishioners are invited to collect fruit, or another idea where people could sponsor a tree. The Parish Council generally approved the suggestion and asked them to come back to the December meeting with a more detailed proposal for consideration.

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And should you want to email the whole council you can use council@chiddingly.gov.uk

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Talk To Us: If you have any questions or comments please ask any councillor or the clerk. You will find a councillor in the village shop on the third Saturday of the month 10-11am, or at the Saturday Morning Market in the Village Hall on the first Saturday of the month 10-12noon . You may also find a councillor or three on most Friday evenings in the Six Bells around 7pm.