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| **Greening Chiddingly Meeting**  **Tuesday, 26 September 2023**  **Village Shop, Muddles Green**  **Notes** |

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| **Attendees** |  |  |
| David Nash (Chair) | Mark Valleley (Secretary) | Peter Gunner |
| Mike Goss | Tina Letanka | Noel Hardy |
| Winnow Hardy | Sue McHale |  |
| **Apologies** | | |
| Sheryl Rennison (Treasurer) | Cat Wood-Evans | Sally Ashby |
| Helen Denning | Gail Giles |  |

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| **Item** | **Action** |
| 1. **Notes of previous meeting** |  |
| * 1. Actions carried forward from last meeting were reviewed.      1. **Sheryl to submit text** for ‘Think about where you invest’ page for website. Ongoing.      2. **Sally to write text** for Future Farming section of Website. Ongoing. | **SR**  **SA** |
| 1. **Finalising logo design** |  |
| * 1. Callista Giles had developed 9 design ideas for the Greening Chiddingly logo using colouring competition entries as inspiration.   2. These had been circulated to all group members and the design with a single flower, bee and tree had been identified as the preferred design. Some enhancements to this had been identified, including making the background colour a slightly less dark blue to improve the contrast with the icons. The need for a lined edge to the tree was also identified. The size of the flower could also be adjusted.   3. Callista had now produced two versions of the preferred design, which had been ciriculated with the agenda for the meeting. These two designs were tabled and discussed. Following discussion, the consensus was that design with bigger flower was the one that should be adopted. Dave to contact Callista to ask her to put Greening Chiddingly Text next to logo for use on website and other promotional material. | **DN** |

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| 1. **Application for Parish Council Grant 2024/25** |  |
| * 1. Draft application for Parish Council Grant circulated with the agenda and tabled at the meeting. The draft application was for a grant totalling £460. This would be used to help support a range of events in 2024/25 including the Tour De Chiddingly, Green Weekend, Future Farming Initiative and another school colouring competition. The application was agreed and acopy of it is included in Annex 1.   2. Mark to submit a copy of the Partish Council Grant Application before the 30 September deadline. | **MV** |
| 1. **Budget update** |  |
| * 1. Item deferred to next meeting a Sheryl unable to make the meeting | **SR** |
| **5. Planning activities for the coming year** |  |
| 5.1 Discussion about potential events for 2024/25. Key points raised included:   * Seed swap considered to be very successful. Tina and Sue agreed to try and source leftover seeds from Thorpe Nursery and Staverton Nursery. * Tour de Chiddingly should be rerun in 2024 but with 6-mile family route and extended longer route following feedback. Mark identified that the 13-mile route could be extended to 19 miles without crossing a major road. * On Green Weekend – it was agreed that the Jumble Trail had not worked as well this year with fewer stall holders. View that lots of people had now got rid of their stuff, plus there was competition from other ‘table sales’. Should this element of green weekend now be paused? * Eco Open Houses in the village had worked well, particularly the walking tour to take visitors to venues. * Could Green Weekend be refocussed on activities in Farley’s Yard ( shop car park), building on Helen’s Eco Craft Stall and the Travelling Futures Road show. Could other similar activities be identified? * Suggestions included inviting Big Nose & Beardy cider making company (possibly as part of a ‘Meet the [Local] Producers’ focus, Sussex Wildlife Trust, and High Weald AONB. * Futher discussion on potential activities for Green weekend event at October meeting   5.2 Tina agreed to repeat production of the Calendar of events being held by other organisations in 2024/25. Mark to email Tina current version. | **TL& SM**  **ALL**  **TL/MV** |

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| **6. A.O.B.** |  |
| * 1. **Date and time of next meeting**: **MEETING DATE CHANGED** to 19.30, Tuesday 24 October 2023 – Village Shop, Muddles Green. |  |

**CHIDDINGLY PARISH COUNCIL**

**2024-2025 (Financial Year)**

**Application for Grant for Voluntary Organisations**

**Local Government Act 1972, Section 137/142**

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| 1. | Name of organisation | Greening Chiddingly |
| 2. | Name, address and status of applicant | David Nash (Chair, Greening Chiddingly)  The Oast House  Gun Hill  Heathfield TN21 0JU |
| 3. | Telephone number and email address of applicant | Tel: 01825 872829  Email: info@greeningchiddingly.org |
| 4. | Is the organisation a registered charity? | No |
| 5. | For what purpose or project is the grant requested? | For a programme of environment-related activities to benefit the wider parish – please see attached sheet for further details. |
| 6. | Amount of grant requested. | £460.00 |
| 7. | What will be the total cost of the above project? | £755.00 |
| 8. | If the total cost of the project is more than the grant, how will the residue be financed? | Money rolled forward from 2023 events (£70), plus small donations to take part in events (c.£225). |
| 9. | Have you applied for a grant for the same project to another organisation?  If so, which organisation and how much? | No |
| 10. | Who will benefit from the project? | All Parishioners of Chiddingly |
| 11. | Approximately how many of those who will benefit are residents of Chiddingly Parish? | All |
| 12. | If your grant application is successful, please confirm who the cheque should be made payable to, and the full address of where it should be sent to. | Cheque payable to ‘Greening Chiddingly’, address as above. |

You may use a separate sheet of paper to submit any other information, which you feel will support this application.

Signed Date 27 September 2023

**Application for Grant for Voluntary Organisations**

**Greening Chiddingly**

**1. Background**

Greening Chiddingly is a not-for-profit, non-party-political voluntary organisation working to create a sustainable, low-carbon future for Chiddingly Parish (see [www.greeningchiddingly.org](http://www.greeningchiddingly.org)). Established in December 2021, our aim is to engage the whole community in tackling climate change and ecological breakdown, and act locally so that together we can make a real difference. Our vision is to make ours one of the greenest, healthiest and most sustainable communities in the region.

Over the course of 2023, the group has engaged in four main activities:

**(i) Green Weekend** (July). This event included two components – a **Jumble Trail** around the village, promoting the reuse of unwanted items, and five **Eco Open Houses**, where residents who had made environmental improvements opened up their homes. The hub for the event was Farley’s car park, with stalls, the **Travelling Future Roadshow** and an **Eco-craft demonstration** stall.

**(ii) Tour de Chiddingly community cycle event** (September). This event was designed to promote cycling as a primary transport mode for local journeys, and included two circular routes starting from the Six Bells. Thirty riders took part, with an age-range from 5 to 81, following either a six- or thirteen-mile route.

**(iii) Colouring competition with Chiddingly School to help design a group logo**. The children were given a simple brief: to "create a logo inspired by our local environment that gets people thinking about climate change". The competition was judged by local artist Tony Mills. Winners in the three year-groups received a Bug Hotel. A local graphic designer used the designs as inspiration for the final logo, which will be used on our website and a group banner.

**(iv) Future Farming initiative**. Group members have worked with 20-25 local landowners and smallholders to develop applications for the Sussex Lund Fund for biodiversity enhancements on their land (hedgerow- and tree-planting, leaky dams) and a community arts-based project.

These activities were not without cost. Website hosting cost £95 per annum, plus £50 for a dedicated email address. Advertising/signage for the Green Weekend and Tour de Chiddingly totalled £130. Annual membership of Cycling UK (with linked public liability insurance) cost £90. The colouring competition, logo design and banner printing cost £380. We were in receipt of a Parish Council grant of £400 for 2023/24 and had £230 surplus from 2023 activities. A total of £215 was raised from the Jumble Trail, Tour de Chiddingly, and two seed swaps. The surplus will be rolled over to support events in 2024-25.

**2. Planned activities for 2024-25**

We intend to maintain and enhance the website, re-run the Tour de Chiddingly, and continue to build the Future Farming initiative. This will include working with the school to develop a Sussex Lund Fund application for eco-improvements, and providing match-funding for associated educational resources. We will rerun the Green Weekend, refocussing this around eco-activities in Farley’s car park and a speaker event. We will organise a seed swap and second colouring competition to design a poster for one of our events. In the spirit of the group, we will reuse materials (e.g. poster boards/signage) as much as possible.

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| **Activity** | **Forecast cost (£)** | **Forecast income (£)** |
| 1. Maintenance of website (annual hosting £100) | £100.00 | - |
| 2. Email address | £60.00 | - |
| 3. Tour de Chiddingly 2024 (membership of Cycling UK £90; printing/advertising £40) | £130.00 | £75.00 |
| 4. Green Weekend 2024 (printing/advertising £100) | £100.00 | £50.00 |
| 5. Themed speaker event (venue hire £100; speaker expenses £75) | £175.00 | £50.00 |
| 6. Seed Swap (printing/advertising £40) | £40.00 | £50.00 |
| 7. Future Farming initiative | £100.00 | - |
| 8. School Outreach Competition 2024 (prizes £50) | £50.00 | - |
| Income carried forward from 2023 events |  | £70.00 |
| Total | **£755.00** | **£295.00** |

**Parish Council Grant requested £460.00**