Churchill Gardens Community Association
Wednesday 30th September 2026

Attendance
Committee: Adam, Becky, Abby, Julie, Shell, Nick, Sune, Cath, Jack
Apologies: Patrick, Tea
New Members: New faces and members were welcomed at the meeting.

1. Financial Update
Adam provided an update on the association's finances.

a. Current balance: £1,355.60
b. The majority of the current balance is made up of the recent grant secured through an application made by Becky.
c. The grant can be used towards running costs and community events.
d. The association will need to provide a report within 12 months detailing how the grant funding has been used.
e. Approximately £259 remains from the WiF grant.
f. The association's financial year runs from July to June.

2. New Website
Adam has developed a new website for the association.
The website will:

a. Clearly explain what CGCA does within the community.
b. Allow people to join the association and be added to the mailing list.
c. Allow people to make donations online.
d. Provide a central place to share news, events and community updates.
e. Make it easier for the committee to communicate upcoming activities and opportunities.

Action: Committee members to send a photograph of themselves to Adam for inclusion on the website.

3. Playground Development Update
Abi and Nick provided an update on the playground redevelopment.

a. The committee has been lobbying the council for funding for approximately **2–3 years**, making the commencement of the project a significant milestone for the community.
b. Sutcliffe is due to begin **Phase One works on 12th October**.
c. Installation is currently expected to be completed by **early November**, weather permitting.
d. The finalised Phase One drawing was shared, showing the area included within the first phase.
e. Sutcliffe will also carry out pathway works to ensure the new equipment is fully accessible.
f. Nick presented the confirmed playground equipment that has been ordered.

Action: Joy Café will display information showing the equipment that is being installed as part of Phase One.

4. B&Q Painting & Planting Day

- A B&Q community painting is taking place on **1st October in the playground**.
- The work will focus on repainting the swing area.

5. MUGA Design Update & Community Feedback

Sune provided an update on the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA).

a. Arts University Bournemouth (AUB) has developed designs for the MUGA and has offered to support the painting of the chosen design.
b. The court surface will need to be fully treated/painted as part of the project.
c. The basketball backboards require repainting.
d. Basketball nets also need to be replaced.
e. A replacement net is also required for the football goal.
f. There is currently no confirmed funding for the project, but the committee has a design goal to work towards while funding opportunities are explored.

AUB Design Ideas

g. A suggestion was made to use some of the colourful shapes developed by AUB along the pathways and on the smaller concrete area next to the table tennis table.
h. The AUB students could potentially be asked to develop additional designs incorporating games and activities into these areas.

Community Consultation

i. Becky suggested gathering further feedback from park users before proceeding with the current simple-line design, which is currently the preferred option.
j. The committee agreed that wider community input would be valuable before a final design is selected.

Action: Sune and Nick to liase and continue to get feedback from the court users before a final decision is presented.

6. Café Tender Update & Q&A

Becky provided an update on the café tender process.

a. **Minstead Trust** has been successful in the café tender process.
b. They are expected to receive the keys in **December**, with a planned opening date of **4th January**.
c. **14th/15th December** is expected to be Joy Café's final day of operation.
d. The Grow Zone is included within the tender.
e. Minstead Trust has significant experience managing large gardens and allotments and is keen to work with the community to restore and develop the Grow Zone.
f. There will be an opportunity for current café staff to transfer to the new café operator.
g. Minstead Trust has expressed a strong interest in working collaboratively with CGCA and the wider community.
h. The café is expected to operate **seven days a week**.

7. Fly-Tipping & Bin Issues

The ongoing issues around fly-tipping and bin provision were discussed.

- The issue will be placed at the beginning of the agenda for the next general meeting to ensure sufficient time is given to finding solutions.
- Nick noted that the council appears to be taking greater notice of the concerns raised by the community.
- **Pride in Place** was identified as a potential source of funding for improvements.

Action: Becky suggested arranging a separate pre-meeting before the next monthly meeting, ideally with Patrick and relevant council representatives who have the ability to make changes to bin provision and related issues.

8. Social Media

The committee did not have time to discuss the need to develop and coordinate social media content more effectively.

Action: A separate social media catch-up will be arranged for committee members who have an interest in creating and managing content which can then be presented at a future main committee meeting.

9. Next Steps

a. Gather further community feedback on the MUGA design.
b. Explore funding opportunities for the MUGA improvements.
c. Support the transition from Joy Café to Minstead Trust.
d. Arrange a meeting with relevant council representatives regarding fly-tipping and bin provision.

e. Arrange a separate social media planning session. Also spend time on community event and fundraising ideas.
f. Continue developing and promoting the new CGCA website.

10. Next Meeting - .

a. Update on bins and fly tipping
b. Social media
c. Events and fundraising ideas