

**Full Council (on behalf of Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee)**

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>11 August 2020</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Report - External Organisations</b>

**a) Cuttle Brook Management Committee (Cllr Jones)**

The team have resumed socially distanced work parties. Nothing else to report.

**b) Friends of Elms Park (Cllr Champken-Woods)**

We are looking at an exciting development with The Sealed Knot for early next year and Thame Concert Band later in 2021.

**c) Thame Carnival Committee (Cllr Emery)**

Nothing to report for Carnival. No meetings have been organised due to Covid-19 restrictions.

**d) Thame Football Partnership (TFP) (Cllr Dyer)**

Generally positive news. The financial year to end June has returned a profit despite the impact of the pandemic, and financial / cash flow projections for the coming months do not give any cause for concern. The club / bar have re-opened on Saturday evenings, the existing Astroturf pitch is back in use for local community groups and junior coaching, with all necessary health and safety precautions, is being gradually reintroduced from 8 August. Thame United have a programme of pre-season games also commencing from 8 August and are hopeful that competitive league games will return from mid-September, albeit initially without paying customers.

Progress continues towards installation of the new 3G pitch. The final planning condition and legal hurdles are close to resolution and a contractor has been selected, with work scheduled to begin in October and, subject to weather, completed by mid-February.

**e) Twinning Association (Cllr Francis)**

Twinning has been completely disrupted by the virus.  
 First AGM meeting held on zoom, well attended.  
 Cancellation of May and September reciprocal visits.  
 No expectation of recommencement until 2021  
 Funding in place to restart programme in 2021  
 Special meeting for VJ Day to be held on zoom 15th August.

**f) Thame Good Neighbour Scheme (Cllr Midwinter)**

Nothing to add to the last report from the Good Neighbours Scheme.

**g) Thame Town Cricket Club (Cllr Champken-Woods)**

Update from TTCC: "The cricket is going well, in the first weekend of the return to league cricket all four men's teams won their matches and the women's team also won their sunday friendly. The following weekend was a wash out but this weekend all four men's teams won again and the women have a friendly match today.

The bar has been open on a Saturday between 1-9pm and when matches have been played and we have welcomed many newcomers to the club who are passing by or who have never been to the club previously. Lots of positive feedback about the ground and the club which is nice to hear. We are keeping to strict guidance on COVID risk minimisation with sanitizer, signing in sheet and a one way system with no loitering inside the bar which is working well. *(I can vouch for this as I attended the first Saturday and all was well. NCW)*

However, we are still having an issue with youths travelling to the ground and car park from other villages in cars and using it as a place to congregate, deal drugs, drink alcohol, litter and act in an antisocial manner.

I was disappointed to hear that the Church and Barns Centre are against putting up temporary pop up bollards to secure the car park after dark and as such the town council has decided not to proceed with this initiative.

The main Car Park which is in the cricket club demise and the focal point for cars trespassing is the responsibility of the club under the lease as per below point 4.4.6 (iii) and we would ask politely that the The Town Council review the decision in line with the commitment we have below.

I think it is reasonable and just that we act accordingly to prevent trespassing and pop up bollards are an easy fix to prevent cars entering after hours. The code for the bollards can be given to those legitimate users to gain access to the car park as necessary.

The after-hours anti-social behaviour will continue at the club without some additional forms of intervention. I look forward to hearing from you on this point following your meeting. Lease details below.

4.4.6 As far as possible to prevent

- (i) the creation of any new footpath over the property
- (ii) anyone acquiring any other indefeasible right over any part of the property
- (iii) any trespass on the property and to inform the Landlord of any persistent trespassing.”

**h) Chinnor RFC (Cllr Bretherton)**

The club finished 4th in Division 1 in 2020. 3rd won their league, other teams reached finals which were then cancelled. Finances were hit hard and are still strained but they are coping.

They have a new Director of Rugby and plan to field a full complement of teams in 2020/21 including a women's team but are uncertain when the season will start - waiting for RFU. The first team will consist of mainly local players and so there is uncertainty how the season will play out. There will need to be alterations to the changing rooms to accommodate the women's team and so to allow this the proposal is to move their gym out of the main bldg. into an industrial type building next door.

Club has restructured to become more community oriented with the Men in Sheds initiative progressing.

**i) Music in the Park (Cllr Jones)**

Plans are going ahead for 2021 which will be the 10th concert. The organisers are actively looking for more volunteers to replace those who (sadly) felt they needed to step down from the committee.

**j) Thame Sinaia Friendship Association (Cllr Bretherton)**

All meetings are currently held via Zoom which enables members from Sinaia to join in. No plans for visits to Sinaia or Thame for this year.

**k) Thame Museum Trust (Cllrs Cowell & Emery)**

Following the recent Trustee Meeting on the 3rd of August, the update is as follows:

- Opening of the Museum is scheduled to start in September, initially only Wednesday and Saturday. A one way system has been put in place with social distancing measures.
- AGM; Charities Commission require this to have taken place by the end of September. Trustees are currently determining how this can be accomplished, and which aspects must be included. There is uncertainty as to possibility of having Trustee elections taking place. The Trust is contacting the Charities Commission for advice. Two trustees will be standing down.
- A new accounting process is now in place and the museum has moved to SAGE accounting software.
- 2019 /20 Accounts are awaiting review and approval by an independent financial advisor.
- The trust continues to work with Barclays to complete the financial conversation to a CICO
- The trust is continuing to put in place a development plan for 2021 to 2024, this plan is structured around 3 key aims and objectives: Enabling / Access / Collections. This is required for the re accreditation of the Museum in 2021.
- The recent award of £25K due to Covid 19 has been broken down as follows, £5K used to refurbish the offices to provide additional working space and purchase new advertising materials. £5K will go into general funds for running costs whilst there has been no income. The remaining £15K will be placed in reserve for future capital projects.
- Roof repairs have been delayed due to Covid 19, it is hoped that in conjunction with the council this can be moved forward and repairs completed before the onset of the winter.

**l) Thame Town Music Festival (Cllr Wyse)**

Nothing to report.

**m) Thame Shed (Cllr Wyse)**

The Rugby Club has agreed to grant a ten year lease on an area within the Dutch Barn for the Thame Shed to be built.

**n) Thame Sports Club (Cllr Jones)**

The new clubhouse is almost finished – mainly internal fixtures and fittings left to be done plus some external landscaping and fencing.