

**COLDEN COMMON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29th JUNE 2016 AT 7.30PM. IN THE
COLDEN COMMON COMMUNITY CENTRE, COLDEN COMMON**

Present Cllr Pam Glasspool (Chair) Cllr Jean Bligdon
Cllr Richard Izard (at item 7/16)
Cllr Ann Brown

Apologies Cllr Maggie Hill Cllr Steve Badham
Ricky Swain (CCCC) Cllr Izard (prior meeting)

In attendance Debbie Harding (Clerk) Steve Hewlett (Groundsman)
Jenny Gray (CCYCC) (Woodpeckers) Adrian Kelly (CC Shed)
Wayne French (CCYFC) Barbara Kelly (footpaths)
Teresa (FC Common)
Dave Hadfield (CCFC)

REC01/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

REC02/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Stevenson declared a non prejudicial interest as a member of Colden Common Tennis Club.

REC03/16 TO ELECT A CHAIR FOR THE COMMITTEE AND RECEIVE THEIR DECLARATION OF OFFICE

Cllr Glasspool was proposed as Chair of the Committee by Cllr Jill Stevenson seconded by Cllr Brown and carried. Cllr Glasspool signed her declaration of office.

REC04/16 TO ELECT A VICE-CHAIR FOR THE COMMITTEE AND RECEIVE THEIR DECLARATION OF OFFICE

In his absence, but with his prior agreement to accept if nominated, Cllr Badham was proposed as Vice chair of the Committee by Cllr Glasspool seconded by Cllr Ann Brown and carried.

Cllr Badham to sign his declaration at the next meeting.

Cllr
Badham

REC05/16 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 16TH MARCH 2016

It was resolved that the previously circulated minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting on the 16th March 2016 were an accurate record of the meeting, proposed by Cllr Jill Stevenson, seconded by Cllr Brown and carried.

REC06/16 UPDATE ON MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING AND OTHER MATTERS

The tree surveys have been received and the Clerk is getting quotations for the work.

The tree work for the TPO tree work in St Vigor Way (near numbers 16/17) has been ordered.

The sick Oak Tree in Bluebell Wood has been pollarded.

Cllr Cook is lasing with land owner in order to get permission to replace the kissing gates on footpaths 8 and 5.

A new secure box which houses the electrics on the skateboard park has been installed.

A map of all dual litter/dog waste bins has been delivered to every house in the village with the latest newsletter.

CCYFC have now requested that the pitch sizes at CCP remain the same as the 2015-16 season. They do not wish smaller pitches to be marked in blue paint inside the current pitches. Another adult pitch at CCP is not feasible.

The cricket net installation has commenced at Boyes Lane but has ceased due to adverse weather. Stuart Canvas intend to recommence next week.

The new mower was purchased and is already well used.

The retaining wall between the patio and the Bowls Green has cracked and some of the paving is moving. Remedies are being investigated.

REC07/16 TO RECEIVE ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, CARETAKERS AND WARDENS. TO RECEIVE ANY COMMENTS OR POINTS FROM USERS ON ANY MATTERS ON THE AGENDA PRIOR TO THE COMMITTEE MAKING ANY DECISIONS.

Steve Hewlett reported that pitch one had undergone renovations and the grass was growing very well.

The wild flowers seed at Colden Common was a great success with the whole hole area covered in flowers.

The in-house redecoration of changing room 1 is complete

Rob Veck, Colden Common Tennis Club – The Club is now registered as a Community Amateur Sports Club. The Tennis Club is concerned about delays agreeing the lease as it is required for the LTA and Parish Hall Trust Grant applications. The LTA grant submission is a 60/40 split for grant/loan. The Tennis Club request that the Parish Council commence communication with Orchard Close over the tennis club refurbishment works.

The tennis club will encourage members to join before the courts are open but the 12-month membership will not commence until the courts are refurbished.

The club has a meeting with Gary to settle the coaching programme and contract. The club has a further meeting with the LTA to discuss their preferred membership model.

Jenny Gray - Woodpeckers

A further 10 bags of rubbish was collected by the Scouts and Brownies during a litter pick. Keep Britain Tidy intend to run another clean up in March 2017.

The recent rainfall has resulted in the algae in Church Lane dissipating.

The Environment agency have agreed to remove some of the fish in the pond as the numbers are too many and affecting the bio-diversity.

Cllr Glasspool expressed her thanks to Woodpeckers who have offered to help with the weeding of the sensory garden.

Adrian Kelly - The Colden Common shed – The Committee have decided to apply for planning permission for a building in the grounds of the Church rooms. The Church Rooms Trustees have offered a 25-year lease on the piece of ground. The trustees will allow shed users to use the Church Rooms toilets and office.

The cost of the shed is expected to cost £6,000k (8 metres x 11 metres). The shed needs to raise money for the costs of the Planning application. The shed has applied for charitable status.

Cllr Izard arrived at this item 20.03pm.

Wayne French - CCYFC – CCYFC would like to comment on 3 items on the agenda. The availability of parking at the Recreation ground on match days is limited. This causes teams to resort to parking on the side roads. CCYFC do what they can on to encourage to car sharing.

CCYFC note the potential conflict of use of the adult pitch on the Recreation ground. CCYFC have always tried to work together and will continue to do the same for the 2016/17 season.

CCYFC would like to move Saturday morning at Fleming Park to Colden Common Park. This training is for 5 – 8 year olds and will take place on the Mini pitch at Colden Common Park.

CCYFC now has 17 teams from under 8's to under 18's. The Club has a massive membership. The Club has advertised via the school and Common Have a Go, but in response to a question, do not have the information on how many children

registered come from the village.

A discussion took place on the use of the pitch at the Recreation ground. FC Common are unable to change their kick off time to alleviate a clash as it is prescribed in the league

CCYFC also don't believe that a change in kick off time is an option; it is believed it is outside the rules of the league.

David Hadfield, CCFC – CCFC are requesting to recommence training at Main Road. Despite being relegated the first time in the Clubs history, CCFC have been advised that they must remain at Boyes Lane to satisfy the leagues requirement for clubhouse facilities. Dave Hadfield thanked the grounds staff for their support.

CCFC will be paying friendlies at Main Road whilst the cricket season is still using the boundary at Colden Common Park. CCFC do have storage issues and this discussion will continue with Steve outside the meeting.

The Clerk to research a plastic storage facility behind the pavilion at Main Road to store stakes, rope, flags etc.

Clerk/
Steve

The goal posts will need to be stored behind the pavilion and the ground staff will be working with teams to facilitate this.

Clerk/
Steve

Teresa, FC Common – FC Common also ask for training at Main Road on a Sunday between 11.00am and 12.30pm from 17th July.

FC Common will be playing friendliest in August.

Although it is claimed that residents complain about language and noise. FC Common would like it noted that last year they played with a clean sheet and no yellow cards and the team do not tolerate foul language.

For training FC Common would like access to the goal posts and pavilion for toilets and refreshments only (no showers)

REC08/16 TO NOTE THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THE CLOSURE OF LITTLE WIZARDS PRE-SCHOOL

Little Wizards will cease trading at the end of July 2016. The rental from Little Wizards over the years has been in excess of £56k and this income has been used to reinvest in Colden Common Park over the years in projects such as the playground refurbishment, relaying of the footpath, bowling green terrace and apron.

It is forecasted that the shortfall of income in the 2016-17 budget will be approx. £8k.

It was resolved to note Little Wizards closure on the information service and advertise the availability of hiring of the Neil Smith Suite for training days and meetings.

REC09/16 TO CONSIDER THE USE OF THE RECREATION GROUND CAR PARK BY RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO LOCAL BUSINESS AND RECOMMEND ANY ACTIONS TO REDUCE LONG STAY BLOCKING OF SPACES FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council in its capacity of managers of the Recreation Ground Charity has been concerned about the level of parking in the Recreation ground car park by those who are not using the Recreation ground facilities. Over the years the spaces use by those not using the facilities have increased to unacceptable levels, particularly with the car park being used for long term storage of off road vehicles and car owners which are using the car park for purpose of car sharing

The Clerk has been looking an options to manage to situation and have made initial contact with a company called Parking Eye. Parking Eye manage locally the Bridge Hotel Car Park and Whitely shopping centre. Parking Eye install equipment to read car registrations on entry and exit and issue fines where car owners over stay the Parish Council pre-agreed “free use” time limit.

The Parish Council is aware that some local residents along Main Road use the car park for residential parking. The Council is aware that to stop residential parking would mean exacerbating the parking issues along roads such a New Road and this will be a consideration.

An initial meeting will take place with Parking Eye to conduct further research. If the Council feels that’s handing over the car park to the management of Parking Eye or any other solution, Recreation grounds users, residents and business will be consulted.

Cllr Stevenson offered to conduct some research on other parking management companies and Cllr Izard will speak to Winchester City Council on parking solutions they may be able to offer.

Cllr
Stevenson
Cllr Izard

Any decision will be formally considered by both the Full Parish and the Recreation ground charity.

REC10/16 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE REQUESTS FOR USE OF THE FOOTBALL PITCHES FOR THE 16-17 SEASON, AND REVIEW THE REQUESTS FOR THE ADULT PITCH ON A SUNDAY AT THE RECREATION GROUND (CCYFC AND FC COMMON) AND DECIDE WHICH TEAM TO BE GIVEN PRIORITY USE.

A discussion took place on the requirement of CCYFC and FC Common for the adult pitch on Main Road on Sundays.

Common Sports disbanded for a season and reformed as FC Common for the 2015-16 season. When they returned last season CCYFC has already reserved the pitch on a Sunday, but FC Common was offered its use if CCYFC did not require it.

This arrangement however has caused some issues and FC Common have asked for priority for the 2016-17 season. CCYFC have requested to continue their arrangement of using the pitch on the Recreation ground on a Sunday morning at 10.00am. The only other adult pitch at Boyes Lane is already in use at this time by CCYFC.

Both Vanessa and I would like the Committee to make a decision on who has priority on booking this pitch and what priority means. Leagues only publish their fixtures a month in advance but it always changes after just 2 weeks because cup games that are issued disrupt the rest of the fixtures.

It was resolved that CCYFC have priority over the pitch but if not booked one month in advance, FC Common can book dates they require.

REC11/16 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM CCFC TO TRAIN BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6.30 TO 9.30PM ON THE RECREATION GROUND ON TUESDAY AND THURSDAYS DURING JULY AND AUGUST ONLY AND POLICY FOR TRAINING IN GENERAL.

It was unanimously agreed to support football training on the Recreation ground for FC Common between 11.00am to 12.30pm on a Sunday morning from 17th July till September and for CCFC on Tuesdays and Thursday between 6.30 and 9.30 for July and August, providing no music is used. Proposed by Cllr Izard, seconded by Cllr Brown and carried.

REC12/16 TO RECEIVE A QUOTATION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE BOWLS CLUB WATERING SYSTEM PUMP, UPDATE ON THE EXPENSE BUDGET FOR THE BOWLS GREEN AND CONSIDER HOW IT WILL BE FINANCED.

The pump to the Bowls Green is failing and requires replacement at a approx. cost of £2.000k. The agreement between the Parish Council and the Bowls Club allows for a maximum expenditure for the financial year of £7,500. Clerk

It was resolve that the Clerk is to write to the Bowls Club to highlight that for the end of year close down any expenditure in excess of £7,500 will be required to be paid by the Bowls Club, proposed by Cllr Glasspool and carried.

REC14/16 TO CONSIDER THE CONDITION OF THE GAS BBQ AND FUTURE REPLACEMENT.

It was resolved that the Parish Council would dispose of the BBQ and not replace it. This is to reduce any risk / liability which we may have due to hiring it out. The Scouts to be offered the equipment free of charge, proposed by Cllr Ann Brown, seconded by Cllr Stevenson and carried.

REC15/16 TO DISCUSS THE STORAGE OF THE CRICKET SQUARE COVERS

Colden Common Cricket Club purchased cricket covers without consultation with the Parish Council. Until recently they have been stored on the site of the old cricket practice nets. As the nets are under refurbishment, they have had to be moved. If they remain in the same place they cause the grass to die. A safe and suitable place for their storage does not exist. They are very heavy and recently have to be moved off the practice nets with the tractor. The Parish Council do not have the resources to move them on and off the square and the Cricket Club have only used them once in the season. We have no suitable storage area at Colden Common Park and the Committee therefore does not support their use and storage at the Park.

The Recreation Committee resolved to request that the Cricket Club remove the covers from the Park as soon as possible. If they are not moved by the end of July, the Parish Council will take steps to remove and dispose of them, proposed by Jill Stevenson, seconded by Cllr Glasspool and carried.

REC16/16 TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE OPENING OF THE CRICKET PRACTICE NETS ORGANISED BY COLDEN COMMON CRICKET CLUB

The Clerk outlines the Club plans for the opening of the 9th July. Both the Clerk and the Chair have other commitments on the 9th July and asked that other members of the committee support the event.

REC17/16 TO NOTE JURY SERVICE FOR THE GROUNDS AND FACILITIES MANAGER W/C 17TH OCTOBER AND THE ASSISTANT GROUNDSMAN W/C 21ST NOVEMBER 2016

The jury service dates for both members of the ground staff were noted.

REC18/16 TO AGREE MATTERS FOR THE NEXT MEETING, 2ND NOVEMBER 2016

No matters were raised

Appendices

Pitch requirements for the 2016-17 season is attached

Football Season 2016/2017

Saturday	CCP - Adult Pitch One	CCP – Under 14’s Pitch Two	CCP – Under 14’s Pitch Three	Recreation Ground Main Road Adult	Recreation Ground Main Road Rec 9v9
AM	CCYFC 10AM Under 16’s Rangers				
PM	CCFC (Vets)			CCFC – 1 st Team Or reserves	

Sunday	CCP - Adult Pitch One	CCP – Under 14’s Pitch Two	CCP – Under 14’s Pitch Three	Rec Adult	Rec 9v9
AM	CCYFC (10am) U15 Rangers	CCYFC Under 14’s (10am)		CCYFC (Under 18’s) Rangers 10am OR Commonsports (10.30)	CCYFC (under 12’s) 10am U12 Rovers 10am U12 Royals 12
PM	CCYFC (Noon) Under 16’s Rovers	CCYFC Under 14’s Rovers (noon)	CCYFC Under 13’s Rovers (noon)		

Training

CCYFC have 3 teams training at Boyes Lane on Saturdays - they are under 11 Rovers, under 13 Rover & under 18 Ranger from 10:00 to 12:30