



**Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee.
Held at Michael King Pavilion, Recreation ground,
Main Road, Colden Common, SO21 1RR
Monday, 6th February 2023 at 7.00pm**

Present: Cllr Richard Izard
Cllr John Boyes
Cllr Hazel Crosthwaite
Cllr Jacqui Hadley (Chair)
Cllr Maggie Hill
Cllr Shaun Byrne
Cllr Brian O'Neill

Apologies: Sophie Thorogood (Assistant Clerk)
Amanda James
Kirstie Loveridge

In attendance Debbie Harding (Clerk)
Derek Conway
Mark Vidler

REC35/22 To receive any apologies for absence.
Apologies were noted as above.

REC36/22 To receive any declarations of interest related to subsequent agenda items

Cllr Richard Izard declared he is Vice-President of the Cricket Club.

REC37/22 To resolve to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the 14th November 2022

The minutes of the Recreation Meeting held on 14th November 2022 having been circulated, were considered.

Two typographic errors were amended.

It was resolved that subject to the typographical changes noted, the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting, proposed by Cllr Jacqui Hadley seconded by Cllr Hill and carried.

Cllr's Shaun Byrne and Brian O'Neill abstained.

REC38/22 To receive an update from the Clerk

Illegal encampment works – Recreation Ground

The meeting with the contractor which was scheduled for today has been postponed. The Clerk has applied to the Parish Hall Trust for funding for this project.

Tree Works

All the tree works contained in the Tree survey have been completed.

Further Ash Trees in North Pond and Church Pond are being monitored.

11 large trees have been ordered from Hilliers for planting. They should be delivered in February. Approx 150 whips have been planted in the village.

The 18 metre Oak on St Vigor Way has been felled.

Hedges

Only 1 hedge is waiting to be cut which is the hedge near the play area at the Recreation Ground. After consultation with the neighbours, it will be reduced to 2 metres high mid-February.

Bowls Club

The Clerk has ordered the replacement of two of the sprinkler heads. The Clerk has advised the Bowls Club to apply to the Parish Hall Trust for funds to replace the remaining heads.

Wren Construction has met with Cllr Hadley and Boyes to look at the Bowls Terrace and Recreation Ground car park. No quote has been received to date. The Clerk has chased them. No provision has been made in the 2023-24 budget.

Grant applications

A Cil application has been submitted for £100K for the Colden Common Park Play area. A decision should be announced in July 2023.

The process to adopt the Kiln Lane footpath as a right of way is in progress.

Green Smile have begun clearance of areas of Parish Council land in the village, in Whitebeam, Valley Close and Ash Close.

REC39/22 To receive any comments, updates, and questions from members of the public, sports clubs, caretakers and wardens (to include the impact of covid-19 for information only)

The Tennis Club have returned the lease for the Social Room.

Mark Vidler Treasurer of CCTC was in attendance to give a brief update on the Club. Membership has been increasing slowly despite no specific advertising or marketing campaign. The club has 159 separate families registered which are mostly local which is 457 registered members, of which not all of them are active. The Club has held fees at the same cost as last year. The pricing strategy is to be a cost-effective community club raising funds to cover costs and maintenance.

Currently the cost of using the floodlights is included in the membership. Depending on the electricity cost of the new lighting, the club may need to charge a supplement for use of the floodlights. The Clerk advised that the council is currently on a contract for electricity at a low cost per unit, and the cost per unit is expected to double on renewal.

The Club has plans in place to clean the courts and repaint them. This will cost in the region of £8,000.

The club would like to put up a sign on the outside of the social room. The Clerk asked to see a proof before it is ordered.

Winchester City Council may ask the club to use the room for the Elections which will be held on the 4th May 2023.

Derek Conway of the Bowls Club was in attendance. At the end of last season, the club had 50 members of which 14 were new members.

The Clerk has placed an order for two of the sprinkler heads which are not working effectively to be replaced. The sprinkler heads are over 20 years old. The club have decided to not apply to the Parish Hall Trust for funds to replace all the sprinkler heads as they wish to reserve a grant application for the provision of a new club room.

The Clerk confirmed that no budget is available for any other sprinklers to be replaced.

REC40/22 To receive a summary of the responses from the Play area questionnaire.

To resolve to progress the refurbishment of Colden Common Park Play area.

(Pump track responses to be considered under item REC41/22)

A summary of the play area questionnaire was circulated prior to the meeting.

The following was resolved.

- The Clerk to update the play area strategy for review at the next meeting. The update to include a 2023 planned refurbishment of Colden Common Park and provision be made to develop play equipment on the Triangle in following years.
- The Clerk to visit Oliver's Battery and Upham play areas as these play area were popular with residents.
- After visits to Upham and Oliver's Battery play areas the Clerk to prepare a scope for contractors to design and quote for a new play area at Colden Common Park.
- At the next meeting a discussion to take place on budget, timescales, and scope for development of play equipment at the Triangle.

REC41/22 Consider the summary of responses from the play area questionnaire.

Receive two designs for a pump track.

Discuss risks, opportunities, and funding for the installation of a pump track at Colden Common Park

Resolve if the Council wishes to proceed with this project and agree the next steps.

It was resolved that Councillors are broadly in favour of the installation of a pump track. The Clerk to visit the two local tracks, speak to the Councils who installed them and conduct some further research for the next meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Hazel Crosthwaite, seconded by Cllr John Boyes and carried.

REC42/22 To discuss the Michael King Pavilion project and plans for the opening.

The electrical certificate has been received from the contractor, but it states it is for a domestic installation. The project manager is querying whether this is acceptable.

REC43/22 To update on illegal encampment works at the recreation ground.

The contractor cancelled the meeting today, Cllr Boyes to reschedule the meeting.

REC44/22 To discuss the Community Association plans for Common have a go and discuss the Kings Coronation weekend.

It was agreed to have the official opening of the Michael King Pavilion during Common have a go on the 24th June 2023 at 12 noon.

The Clerk to ask the Mayor to officially open the pavilion and dedicate the name.

Regarding the Kings Coronation, it was agreed to ask if the village would like a village event for the Coronation and if so, would they be willing to volunteer on an organising Committee.

It was felt that a bring your own picnic after school could be an option to explore. The Clerk to design a survey asking for views on a community event for further consideration.

REC45/22 Councillors' information and question time

No matters were raised.

REC46/22 Agenda items for the next meeting, Wednesday, 5th June 2023

- Pedestrian Access to the Recreation Ground
- The Triangle play area.
- Sensory garden