

# **COLDEN COMMON PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 24 June AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE  
PAVILION, MAIN ROAD, COLDEN COMMON

Present: Cllr M King (In the Chair)  
Cllr J Anstey  
Cllr M Hill  
Cllr R Iazard  
Cllr Bligdon

In attendance: Mr K Best (Clerk to the Council)  
Two members of the public

**REC 27/13      APOLOGIES:**  
There were no apologies for absence

**REC 28/13      MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**  
The minutes of the meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on 25 March 2013, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed with the inclusion of Cllr Bligdon in those present.

**Proposed by Cllr Hill and seconded by Cllr Bligdon and carried unanimously.**

**PC 29/13      QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

The following points were raised by a member of the public:

- a) The footpath through the woods at the rear of Skintle Green needs tidying up.
- b) A resident living in Whitebeam Close has "vandalised" trees at the rear of his property on the footpath from North Pond to St Vigor Way and left the debris on the footpath. It was agreed to ask the PCSO to investigate and speak to the resident. The GTO will inspect and arrange to clear the area and replant.
- c) The memorial seat that was recently relocated to the woods in Vears Lane needs a proper base.

The chairman of Colden Common Football Club raised the poor condition of the pavilion on the Recreation Ground and the need for urgent repairs and refurbishment. CCFC are prepared to carry out some of the work if the Parish Council will pay for the materials. The Clerk recommended that Cllr King, the GTO and a representative of CCFC meet to draw up a schedule of the works required. As the pavilion is on the land owned by Recreation Ground Charity, the Parish Council, in its capacity managing agent, will draw up a report and, subject to confirmation from the External Auditors that the current operational arrangements between the Parish Council and the Charity are acceptable, present that report to a meeting of the Charity who will then apply to the Parish Council for a grant to cover the cost of the work.

**Proposed by Cllr Hill, seconded by Cllr Anstey and approved unanimously.**

**REC 30/13      UPDATE ON MINUTES, CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS**

Cllr Iazard, who had to leave for another meeting, reported on the developments regarding the provision fencing at the side of the Community Centre. The Parish Council had previously refused to grant permission to the Community Association to erect a fence enclosing an area from the western fire door in the Gloucester Hall to the newly installed storage unit that which would obstruct the footpath. Cllr Iazard upon discovering a fence was being erected had halted work but after discussions with the toddlers play group using the Gloucester Hall had reached a compromise agreement whereby the fence was re-aligned to avoid obstructing the footpath.

Richard Pond has carried out several repairs to both the water cylinders and showers at Colden Common Park pavilion over the past 18 months. On the latest call out to investigate a leak to Cylinder number 2 and a problem with the showers in Dressing Room 3, he has reported back that

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the boiler is in imminent danger of failing completely and that the thermostatic shower mixer valve has already failed resulting in no hot water in this dressing room.  
As the problems require immediate attention it was agreed to accept the quotes from Hot and Cold Technical to replace the cylinder and Shower valve as a matter of urgency.  
**Proposed by Cllr Hill, seconded by Cllr Bligdon and approved unanimously.**

**REC31/13      REPORT OF THE GROUNDS TECHNICAL OFFICER**

No report.

**REC 32/13      REPORT OF THE RECREATION BOOKING CLERK**

No Report.

**REC 33/13      REPORT OF FOOTPATHS WARDEN**

No report

**REC 34/13      REPORT OF THE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE**

A large Ash Tree has a lot of branches overhanging the footpath. The GTO will inspect and obtain a quote for any tree work required.

**REC 35/13      REPORT ON THE WOODPECKERS ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP**

No report

**REC 36/13      PLAY EQUIPMENT**

No further progress at this point in the provision of replacement equipment in the play area on the Recreation Ground. The cost is likely to be approximately £15,000.  
The Playground Inspection Report will be considered at a later meeting.

**REC 37/13      SKATE PARK**

The new Skate Park equipment has been installed and is in use. Two cracks have been identified in ramps and these have been reported to the installers who are ordering replacement parts.

**REC 38/13      COLDEN COMMON PARK**

The storage container has been delivered and shelving is being installed.  
There is still an issue with play group equipment being left in the corridor.

**REC 39/13      OPEN SPACES**

The footpath from New Road needs clearing and further complaints about dog fouling around the village have been received.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Recreation & Amenities Committee will be on 11 September at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

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