

COLDEN COMMON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE
MONDAY, 2nd DECEMBER 2019 AT 7.30PM IN THE
PARISH OFFICE, COLDEN COMMON COMMUNITY CENTRE,
COLDEN COMMON

Present Cllr Philip Seedwell Cllr Steve Badham
 Cllr Joanna Battle Cllr John Boyes

Apologies As detailed below
In attendance Debbie Harding (Clerk)
 Sophie Thorogood (Asst Clerk)
 Derek Conway, CC Bowls Club
 Amanda James, CC Tennis Club
 Geoff Edwards, CC Otterbourne and Sporting Wessex Cricket Club

REC40/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Izard, Hill, Izard and Seedwell gave their apologies. Cllr Glasspool advised the Clerk she may be late due to prior engagement.

REC41/19 TO RECEIVE ANY COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS, IN RELATION TO ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No declarations were made.

REC42/19 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 7th OCTOBER 2019

The previous circulated minutes of the meeting held on the 7th October 2019 were confirmed and accepted as a true record of the meeting, proposed by Cllr Pam Glasspool, seconded by Cllr Maggie Hill and carried.

REC43/19 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM ANY ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING OR OTHER GENERAL UPDATES FOR INFORMATION ONLY

1 Salix Bybylonica pendula (willow) is outstanding to be ordered and planted on the open space on Church Lane

A solution to the rotting coloured pegs in the toddler area of the Green is still outstanding. The draft recreation committee budget for 20-21 make provision for a new piece of equipment.

The Asst Clerk has a proof for signs which state no golf at Colden Common Park to be installed. The location and fixings are being resolved and order should be made shortly.

The Colden Common Park alarm is in error state again. It may have come to the end of its life.

Footpath works are progressing nicely. Contractors are very efficient and good at communicating. Work on Footpath 11 starts tomorrow.

The Scouts Bonfire and Fireworks event went well with no complaints received directly to the Parish Office nor seen on social media. The clean up by the Scouts Team was excellent and the fire area has already been repaired by Green Smile and paid for by the Scouts.

The Container has not yet been installed. It is hoped the "piles" will be installed next week. 9th Winchester will inform the Clerk of the delivery date of the container. The Firework event equipment is currently being stored in the Bowls shed under agreement with the Bowls Club and the Parish Council.

The License agreement has not yet been signed and returned.

Work has started in refurbishing the Recreation ground playarea. The fencing is almost finished, the wet pour repairs were being completed today. The hard standing for the old rockers was removed Friday. As expected, this has caused some slight damage to the grass, but not to the pitches.

The Clerk is still chasing the contractor for a start date to the repairs to the section of Vears Lane that the Parish Council owns. The householders have been written to today to let them know of the Council's plans.

The hedge contract was awarded as per the resolution at the last meeting and the work will start the 1st week in January. The Clerk will publish this information on the information system.

The Environment agency will move the fish bench, but no date has been confirmed yet.

The lights outside the Recreation ground pavilion have been upgraded due to winter election. Winchester City Council will be paying for this in addition to the hire charge. The cost of the improved lighting is £197 plus VAT.

Winchester City Council will be providing a salt bin in case it is icy on election day.

REC44/19 THE MEETING TO ADJOURN FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WHICH TAKES PLACE IN AGENDA ITEM

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

REC45/19 TO RECEIVE ANY COMMENTS, UPDATES AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, SPORTS CLUBS, CARETAKERS AND WARDENS. (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Amanda James, Colden Common Tennis Club

Footpath lights down to Tennis Club.

Website changed – change on the Colden Common Parish Council website

<http://www.cctennisclub.co.uk/>

Derek Conway, Colden Common Bowls Club.

Derek is attending for agenda item 48, seems to be getting more members and 61 at the quiz night.

Geoff Edwards

Colden Common, Otterbourne and Sporting Wessex Cricket Club

The Club has had its presentation night and AGM. The officers of the club are the same officers as last year.

Wheels have been fabricated for the cricket club site screens

The Club will have a 1st and 2nd team next year. The third team have formed their own club elsewhere.

Club members have some interest in some Sunday games.

The Club would like to request that the boundary comes in by 5 yards.

The Club has some interest in purchasing a cover for the cricket square; this matter will be on a future agenda for the Committee to consider.

The Club will continue to hold BBQ's after matches and will notify the Council if they apply for licenses if they wish to sell alcohol.

Colden Common Shed.

The shed has now vacated the garage area of the Recreation ground pavilion. The shed attended the Winter market and sold goods to the value of £240. The Shed have been given a space at the Winchester Winter market on the 16th and 22nd December.

REC46/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TO COME TO AN END

Public participation came to an end

REC47/19 TO APPROVE A PANEL AND POST SIGN (1500 X 1000MM) FOR COLDEN COMMON TENNIS CLUB LEFT OF THE ENTRANCE GATE

It was resolved to approve the sign for Colden Common Tennis Club, proposed by Cllr Steve Badham, seconded by Cllr John Boyes and carried.

REC48/19 TO RECEIVE A QUOTATION FROM QUALITY IRRIGATION FOR A REPLACE BOWLS PUMP AND SPRINKLER HEADS AND CONSIDER SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO PLACE AN ORDER.

The quotation to replace the pump only has been received by Parish Council from Quality Irrigation Wessex Limited. In addition to the pump replacement they recommend that the sprinklers also be replaced. The Council has £2,500 in this year's budget which will cover the replacement of the pump only.

It was resolved to suspend standing orders and accept the quotation from Quality Irrigation Wessex Limited to replace the bowls at the cost of £3,055 plus VAT with a contribution of £500 toward the work from the Bowls Club. Proposed by Cllr Badham, seconded by Cllr Glasspool and carried.

The replacement of the sprinklers may need to be completed which was a separate quote of £5285.64 plus VAT. This will be reviewed after the pump is replaced. The Bowls Club believe that should the sprinklers require to be replaced, 4 should be enough, as opposed to the quoted 8.

REC49/19 TO APPROVE THE 2020 LICENSES FOR THE BOWLS CLUB AND THE CRICKET CLUB

The 2020 licenses for the Colden Common Bowls Clubs and Colden Common, Otterbourne and Sporting Wessex Cricket Club were circulated prior to the meeting and signed by the club Chairman.

It was resolved to delegate authority to the Clerk to sign these leases on behalf of the Parish Council, proposed by Cllr John Boyes, seconded by Cllr Pam Glasspool and carried.

REC50/19 TO CONSIDER WORKING WITH WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL TO PLANT THE ROUNDABOUT AT CHURCH LANE WITH WILDFLOWERS

Following an interest from the Recreation Committee to plant wildflowers in the village, the Clerk approach Winchester City Council to see if they would in principle plant wildflowers on the Church Lane roundabout which is very neglected and overgrown.

The Clerk spoke with Coral Rogers who said that Winchester City Council were wildflower planting in 2020 but have already chosen locations in Stanmore for next year. Winchester City Council may offer a wildflower planting service at cost, and the Clerk is awaiting feedback from them.

REC51/19 TO REVIEW THE YEAR END POSITION AND DRAFT BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR FOR THE RECREATION COMMITTEE FOR 2020-21

The Year-end Recreation Committee budget is forecasted to end as follows

INCOME

Income	£11,200	applied for £11k for outdoor gym equipment which is contained in the forecast and £25K grant from WCC
Project Income	£36,000	
Total Income	£47,200	

EXPENDITURE

The Year-end Recreation Committee budget is forecasted to end as follows

Expenditure	£ 95,052	
Exp Projects	£ 74,339	Dependant on purchasing outdoor gym equipment by grant and budgeted project funds (9k) still available
Total Exp	£169,391	

If a grant cannot be obtained to help fund the outdoor gym equipment (9K available, total cost approx. £18K), then the project will not go ahead this year and the Recreation Committee needs to consider whether to roll forward to 20-21.

Year-end Recreation expenditure accounts for 63% of all expenditure in 2019-20 and 90% of the precept.

The draft budget for 20-21 leaves income flat with this year with a reduction in expenditure year on year of £5,000.

Projects however need discussion and competing projects to consider are listed overleaf for discussion and recommendation to the Full Parish Council when finalising the Councils budget.

Currently the projects budget is as follows: -

Fencing Colden Common park	14,000
New piece of equipment Green Toddler park	12,000
1 new piece equipment Triangle play area	25,000
Bowls pump sprinklers	5,000
Skateboard park lighting	10,000
Recreation ground pavilion consultancy	5,000
Footpath to the Recreation ground	1,000
New noticeboard at Colden Common Park	1,000
Total	73,000

If all these projects were to be recommend to the Parish Council, this means a recreation budgeted expenditure of £163,000 for the year and reduce reserves by £57K year on year. All CIL funding would be spent.

In addition, the list above the Recreation Committee wishes to add the Colden Common Park Car Park as this in in a poor state of repair. The Clerk to obtain a quotation for the car park resurfacing and add this to the list.

The Committee to discuss and debate the competing projects, prioritise them and make a recommendation to the Finance Committee and Full Parish Council as part of the budgeting process.