



**Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee.
Held at Colden Common Community Centre, St Vigor Way, SO21 1UU on
Monday, 14th November 2022 at 7.00pm**

Present: Cllr Richard Izard
Cllr John Boyes
Cllr Hazel Crosthwaite
Cllr Jacqui Hadley (Chair)
Cllr Maggie Hill
Cllr John Pearce

Apologies: Cllr Brian O'Neill
Cllr Shaun Byrne
Sophie Thorogood (Assistant Clerk)
Cllr Mick Pothecary
Amanda James

In attendance Debbie Harding (Clerk)

REC22/22 To receive any apologies for absence.
Apologies were noted as above.

REC23/22 To receive any declarations of interest related to subsequent agenda items

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

**REC24/22 To resolve to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of the
Recreation Committee held on the 10th October 2022**

The minutes of the Recreation Meeting held on 10th October 2022 having been circulated, were considered.

It was resolved that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting, proposed by Cllr John Boyes, seconded by Cllr Hazel Crosthwaite and carried.

REC25/22 To receive an update from the Clerk

The memorial bench has been installed at Colden Common Park

The defibrillators have both been updated and are back in the cabinets.

The rising bollards are working well, with the exception of auto dialling to the next person if the office mobile does not answer.

A large 18metre high oak tree (1-metre-wide trunk) has chicken of the woods fungus and after specialist testing has been recommended to be felled on safety grounds. It is located on the Parish Council land at the Church Lane end of St Vigor Way (between Alder Close and Hawthorn Close) An TPO application has been submitted.

The car park signs for Colden Common Park have been ordered and will be installed shortly.

Colden Common Bowls Club have asked for a further meeting to discuss financial implications of the use of the Neil Smith Suite for their club house. The Clerk has asked for more detail on what their requirements will be.

The Recreation pavilion decking is almost completed the barrier has arrived. The Contractor has asked the project manager to release more funds for material on site. The Clerk has ordered cups, saucers, cutlery, and cleaning materials for delivery. Core Design has set out the dedication to Mike King which will be framed inside the building.

REC26/22 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 confirmed they will sign the lease for the Social Room.

REC27/22 To discuss the impact of Football matches on the Recreation ground in relation to car traffic and parking

The Club has sent out information on the limited parking prior to the matches, asking visitors to car share where possible and arrive and leave promptly to reduce cross over between matches. The impact of cars in the surrounding areas has been better in the last few weeks, and it was noted that someone was directing traffic in the car park last weekend which helped. It was agreed to thank the Club for their efforts and continue to monitor the situation.

REC28/22 To review the charges for room, hire and pitch bookings from 1st April 2023

The Clerk presented a comparison of Colden Common football pitch hire rates and a list of the room hire rates for hire of the Neil Smith Suite.

It was noted that junior pitch charges for CCYFC do not include use of the changing facilities or use of the Neil Smith Suite.

Councillors unanimously agreed that they want to be able to keep rates as low as possible but recognise the increasing caretaking costs and energy bills. The rates have not been increased since 2019.

It was resolved to not raise the prices for football pitch bookings, from 1st April 2023, but ask that the clubs continue to do all they can to support keeping our caretaker costs down as much as possible, for example not entering the pavilion in muddy boots and sweeping up after use.

It was resolved that the hourly room hire rate for the Neil Smith Suite stay at £20 per hour.

It was resolved that the current regular hirer for the Neil Smith Suite has the room hire hourly rate increased to £15.00 per hour.

It was resolved to delegate to the Clerk an increased hourly rate for 9th Winchester Scouts.

Proposed by Cllr Jacqui Hadley, seconded by Cllr John Boyes and carried.

REC28/22 To review a draft strategy for play area replacement in the village and to discuss the risk and opportunities for the installation of a pump track

A draft plan for play area replacement in the village and the estimated budgets was discussed at the meeting.

The Clerk has recently sent out a survey to residents to gain some feedback on the play area locations most frequently used, favourite play equipment and initial feedback on the possibility of provision of a pump track at Colden Common Park.

It was agreed that the Clerk would gain feedback from the Clerk at Swanmore and a site visit to their new track on a Saturday morning would be a good idea. Once another quote/design has been received, further consultation with the village could take place, together with a review of benefits and risks before a final decision by full Council could be taken if recommended to proceed. Funding of £65,000 has been secured.

The draft plan for replacement of play areas will be reviewed at the next meeting once more replies to the recent survey have been received. The draft plan recommends that the triangle play equipment is not replaced when it reaches the end of its life, and this requires more debate, discussion and consultation as currently no financial provision has been made for any of the equipment to be replaced.

The Clerk will apply for CIL funding for replacement of the equipment at Colden Common Park as per the draft plan and replacement of the swing in 2023-24 using reserves.

REC29/22 To review the draft budget for the financial year 2023-24

The Clerk presented the draft recreation budget for the financial year 2023-24. It was agreed to increase the budgeted income for football pitches and a grant from the Recreation Charity by £500.00 each.

It was agreed to make a provision for a new installation of a dog bin at Stratton Copse and budget for its emptying. It was discussed whether the dog bin on the Recreation ground could be relocated, as dual use mixed bins are provided x 4, one of which is in the same location as the dog bin.

It was noted that it may be appropriate to move noticeboards to the Planning Committee budget. The Clerk reported that it is no longer possible to obtain a Perspex repair kit on these boards and that perhaps it would be wise to replace one notice board every year starting with the board outside the Community Centre. This board is the designated "governance notice board" and currently the notices cannot be read.

It was noted that the pop-up heads on the sprinkler system need replacing. They are more than £500 each and it should be budgeted to replace two a year or find funding.

Replacement of the swing at Colden Common Park should be included in the budget, funded through reserves.

Cllr's Hadley and Boyes are concerned over the terrace area outside the Bowls end of the Pavilion. It was noted that this terrace was re-laid in 2013 at a cost of £7,800. The Clerk to invite Wren Construction to come along and provide a quote for further discussion.

REC30/22 To update on illegal encampment works at the recreation ground

The contract has been awarded, and it was agreed to plan for the works in Late February. The mounds can be seeded with wildflowers, the same seed as the wildflowers on Church Lane.

REC32/22 To discuss Pedestrian access to the Recreation ground from Main Road

The Clerk to contact R&D surfacing to obtain a quote to improve the pedestrian entrance from Main Road and look at remedial repairs to the car park, particularly around the concrete entrance.

REC33/22 Councillors' information and question time

No matters were raised.