

COLDEN COMMON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 27th JANUARY 2014 AT 7.30PM. IN THE
RECREATION GROUND PAVILION, MAIN ROAD, COLDEN COMMON

Present Cllr Richard Izard
Cllr Mike King (Chair)
Cllr Patrick Hunter

Cllr Maggie Hill
Cllr Ron Hancock
Cllr Steve Badham

Apologies Cllr Viv Stevens
Brian Reeder (footpath warden)

In attendance Debbie Harding (Clerk)
9 members of the public

Steve Hewlett (Asst GTO)
Roger Atkinson (GTO)

RE63/13 APOLOGIES

We received and listed as above.

REC64/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

REC65/13 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON
THE 30TH OCTOBER 2013

REC65/13/1 - The previously circulated meeting minutes of the 30TH October were taken as read proposed by Cllr Steve Badham, seconded by Cllr Mike King and carried.

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REC66/13 UPDATE ON MINUTES

The Clerk gave an verbal update as follows:-

That a covenant does exist on the land behind Yew Tree Cottage and the Clerk has a copy.

The Clerk has received another subsidence claim for a house in Hazel Close. The Clerk is trying to source the s106 agreements for the St Vigor development for a written confirmation of all the land transferred to the Council and the responsibilities.

Clerk

The wooden edging which separates St Vigor Way and the caravan park is rotting away and ownership needs to be established.

Clerk

REC67/13 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A discussion in the ownership of the trees and hedging along Ash Close as discussed. The Clerk will work with Derek Brunger and Ernie Warren to try and establish ownership.

A member of the public asked why the Parish Council allows the Scouts to charge for entry to Colden Common for the fireworks but will not allow the Community centre to charge for the Classic car event and dog show. The Clerk responded that day time events which charge would prevent use of the play area, dog walkers and parishioners wishing to use the area for sports. In the evening, closure of the park does not restrict public access to quite an extent. This matter is on the agenda for a Full Parish Council meeting.

A member of the public asked why the Committee was discussing charities matter despite the audit opinion advising immediate action. The Clerk responded that she was surprised that this question was raised as the member of the public was aware the process in place to rectify this matter to the auditors satisfaction.

Oak Tree Close. Tree have been planted by HCC to prevent parking on the grass area. A car has been parked on this area. Cllr IZARD explained that the Council are aware of issues with insufficient parking in Oak tree Close and this has been causing tension. A resident of Oak tree is parking on the verge between the trees as she needs to be able to get her car out in an emergency due to her job.

Cllr
Izard

REC68/13 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE IN RELATION TO COLDEN COMMON FOOTBALL CLUB TO INCLUDE THEIR PITCH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COMING YEAR AND RELATED NON-FINANCIAL ACTIONS

Ian Steele spoke about CCFC's pitch requirements. To comply with the requirements for step 7 football the first team will transfer to Boyes Lane to play (although the pavilion facilities are yet to be inspected and approved for step 7 football). The veterans may move to the Recreation ground to make way for the first team.

Alan Fountain, CCYFC secretary asked for clarification on the impact to CCYFC due to the agreement regarding the facilities of Boyes Lane. It was agreed it will not negatively impact CCYFC. However, Wayne French and Dave Hadfield agreed to meet up.

CCFC/
CCYFC

The Groundsman asked who is responsible for calling off Step 7 matches and it was clarified that that is still the groundsman decision. It was agreed that if the Groundsman decides that a pitch is not fit to play – all matches are not fit to play.

CCFC's Season starts in the second Saturday in August. The club will need to manage a possible clash with the cricket season at Boyes Lane which does not end until the end of August.

The GTO expressed concern over the aeration of the surface this year.

CCYFC raised a concern over the slippery surface to the containers due to the large amount of rain. The Clerk authorised the GTO to install an area of scalping's by the entrance. GTO

REC70/13 TO RECEIVE REPORTS

GTO

The GTO has finished the Hedge cutting in the village.
The GTO has been working with Richard Pond at Bluebell Wood

Pavilion

A ridge tile on the pavilion has cracked and blown off in the poor weather. The GTO and Assistant GTO will undertake the relevant repairs. GTO

REC69/13 COLDEN COMMON BOWLS CLUB

Cllr Izard declared an interest as a member of the Bowls Club
The Clerk circulated a paper a copy of which is attached to these minutes

Cllr Badham proposed that it is recommended to the Parish Council as follows:-

- ***Remove the maintenance charge for Bowling Club***
- ***Charge a hire rate per season of £1,500. I believe this will not be subject to VAT.***
 - ***For this charge a clear specification / schedule of maintenance works which the Bowling club will be required to undertake.***
 - ***Club to refund the cost of mower servicing***
 - ***The PC will continue to pay the £800 for top dressing etc and utility costs.***
- ***Charge 5 hours per week at £10 an hour for the Green to be cut on a Mon, Wed & Fri from April 20th to Sept (26 weeks) Total cost £1,300.***

Seconded by Cllr Mike King and carried.

REC71/13 TO AGREE ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Report To Recreation and Amenities Committee
Date Monday 27th January 2014
By Clerk
Title of report Bowls Club agreement
Agenda Item PC69/13



**Colden Common
Parish Council**

Recommendation:-

Draft agreement and charging structure for 2014-2015 season.

Background information

We currently have no signed user agreement for the bowls club.

The current verbal agreement is that the Bowls Club maintain the bowling green (except for applying chemicals) and charge us the sum of £3964 for this service.

The Parish Council charge £4800 for use of the bowling green and the green room.

This leaves a balance of £864.

The cost of providing the winter renovation top dressing, seed etc for the Bowls Green totals £789.04. The Parish also pays the water and electricity bills, although the cost specifically for the Bowls Club cannot be established as it is part of the entire bill for Boyes Lane.

Effectively this means that the net contribution towards the Parish Council is £75.00, before paying any utility bills or maintenance of the sprinkler system

The Bowls club provide public liability insurance for members and pay for the servicing of the mower which is used to cut the green.

The Club I believe has 80 members which pay £75 per season, which is income of £6K.

Moving forward

The Clerk has had initial discussions with Barry Pitman regarding the agreement for 2014-2015. Three options are put forward by the club for consideration

- 1) Leave the arrangement as is
 - This is not possible as any contract of this value should be competitively tendered for to comply with our financial regulations
- 2) Bowls Club lease the green and Green room completely under a lease/license agreement
- 3) The Bowls Club continues to complete the maintenance, but the Parish Council cuts the Bowling 3 times a week and charge the Bowls Club accordingly.

Option 3 is the Bowls Club preferred option.

Roger believes that 5 hours a week would cover cutting the Bowling Green and feels that this could be slotted in to the work load for 2014-2015. In 2012-2013 we had this arrangement (when Karl worked for the PC) and we charged at cost. However, a cost price does not reflect the cost of NI, Pension, holiday pay etc. Although we would have to pay these costs anyhow, by completing this work we are taking 5 hours of work away from other tasks being completed in the village.

Proposal for discussion.

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