



The alarm at Colden Common Park alarm is still in an error state.

The footpath works are complete with the exception of the kissing gates on either end of the meadow on footpath 12. A section of footpath 12 and footpath 501 is being monitored by HCC rights of way. The Clerk to ask the HCC project manager how the area will be rectified if it does not settle down as hoped. Clerk

The invoice for the Parish Council contribution of £35,000 is due shortly. On receipt of this invoice the Clerk can submit a claim to WCC for £25,000 for the grant monies towards the £35,000 paid.

The contractor has completed the resurfacing of the part of Vears Lane within its title deed. The section of Vears Lane between St Vigor Way and Bramblewood has been resurfaced at the cost of the householders.

The hedge works have all been completed.

No date has been confirmed yet for the Environment Agency to move the fish bench.

The new bowling green pump is being inspected for issue of an electrical safety certificate on Wednesday. It will then be tested, prior to being drained down until the Spring. The Clerk will attend the testing.

WCC have cut back the foliage on the Church Lane Roundabout.

Donated trees have been planted in locations around the village. WCC have approx 40 trees which have been donated by Idverde which are available free of charge to the Parish Council. The Clerk is liaising with Idverde.

The Clerk has ordered the playarea wet pour cleaning from Vitaplay.

The fixed electrical installation report for the Car Park and the Skateboard board has been commissioned.

**REC57/19 THE MEETING TO ADJOURN FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WHICH TAKES PLACE IN AGENDA ITEM**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

**REC58/19 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***

The club has 2 nominations in the Winchester Sports Award which are being held this coming Thursday. The nominations are for the Under 9's and tennis coach Jamie King is nominated.

Plans are in place for the Great British Tennis Weekend which is on the agenda this evening. In a change to previous years, the Tennis Club will not be selling Alcohol. The club is planning to hold a race night for November to raise funds.

**Geoff Edwards**

**Colden Common, Otterbourne and Sporting Wessex Cricket Club**

The Club are waiting for some dry weather to put the wheels on the site screens  
The Club are still looking at Sunday fixtures. The Saturday fixture list will follow.  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> of May will be the first game which will be a friendly.  
2 Local people have asked to join the team

**REC59/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TO COME TO AN END**

Public participation came to an end

**REC60/19 TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST FOR COLDEN COMMON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TO HOLD COMMON HAVE A GO ON THE RECREATION GROUND ON 20TH JUNE 2020**

*It was resolved to approve the use of either The Green or the Recreation Ground for the Community Association to hold Common have a go. Proposed Cllr Richard Izard, seconded by Cllr Pam Glasspool and carried with all in favour.*

**REC61/19 TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST FROM COLDEN COMMON TENNIS CLUB TO HOLD THE GREAT BRITISH TENNIS WEEKEND ON THE RECREATION GROUND ON 17TH MAY 2020. TO INCLUDE A TEMPORARY LICENCE TO SELL ALCOHOL, A BBQ AND SOME CHARGEABLE ATTRACTIONS.**

The Tennis Club confirmed that they will not be selling alcohol this year.

*It was resolved to approve the request for the use of the Recreation Ground for the Great British Tennis weekend, proposed by Cllr Pam Glasspool, seconded by Cllr John Boyes and carried.*

**REC62/19 TO CONSIDER THE QUOTATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE WOODEN WEAVE POLES IN THE TODDLER AREA ON THE GREEN AND THE ADDITION OF ANOTHER SMALL PIECE OF PLAY EQUIPMENT.**

**TO APPROVE A SUPPLIER AND RECOMMEND IT FOR APPROVAL AS PART OF THE PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/21 TO COMMENCE ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2020.**

*The 3 quotations for replacement weave pencils in the toddler area on The Green were considered. It was resolved to delegate to the Clerk the order of replacement wooden pencils from company 2 at the cost of £4,436.00 plus VAT. Proposed by Cllr Maggie Hill, seconded by Cllr Phil Seedwell and carried.*

The 26 pencils are red, blue, yellow, green, orange and purple and the clerk to clarify that the surface which is dug up to remove the rotten pencils will be relayed with wet pour so that the maze effect remains.

It was decided at this time to not order an additional piece of equipment in this area, due to budget restrictions.

**REC63/19 TO RECEIVE AND COMMENT ON A SUGGESTED FORWARD PLAN FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL OWNED OPEN SPACE.**

The 5-year strategic plan from Wheatley Parish Council was distributed prior to the meeting. A strategic plan would be extremely useful, particularly in respect of management of the recreation areas.

It was agreed that this would be a significant piece of work for the Council and that it is best managed by a Parish Council working party. The matter to be placed on the next Full Parish Council meeting.

**REC64/19 TO PRIORITISE THE LIST OF PROJECTS FOR 2020 AND MAKE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL**

*It was resolved that the following items be put forward for approval for the Recreation Committee project budget for the financial year 20-21, proposed by Cllr Richard Izard, seconded by Cllr Rob Veck and carried.*

Fencing Colden Common Park play area	£14,000.00
Replacement wooden pencils for The Green Toddler park	£5,000.00
Skateboard park lighting	£7,000.00
Recreation ground pavilion consultancy	£6,000.00
Noticeboard at Colden Common Park	£1,000.00
New Road to Rec Footpath	£7,000.00
CCP Car park improvements	£15,000.00
Outdoor gym equipment	£11,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£66,000.00</b>

Except for the weave pencils in the toddler area of the Green, all projects require research and final approval by the Committee.

It was agreed that quotes be obtained for the fencing at Colden Common Park for an alternative product such as post and rail fencing. The Clerk to contact New Forest Fencing Company for a quotation.

A specification for works to the Car Park at Colden Common Park, Boyes Lane needs to be produced and further quotes obtained.

A grant of approx. £9k is required to be able to fully fund the outdoor gym equipment project. As per the resolution at the Full Parish Council meeting on 4th March 2019, the equipment should be installed on The Green. If funding cannot be obtained by the Parish Council, the Committee will consider asking the Recreation Charity if the equipment can be installed on Recreation Ground Charity land and funded through the Charity by grant applications.

**REC65/19 TO DISCUSS THE RECENT MEETING WITH THE HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT TRUST / WOODLAND TRUST REGARDING FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF PARISH COUNCIL OWNED WOODLANDS AND POSSIBLE FUTURE OWNERSHIP OF STRATTON COPSE.**

**TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO PARISH COUNCIL**

A paper outlining the recent meetings with the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Trust and Winchester City Council was circulated prior to the meeting. It is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

This matter to be on the agenda for the Full Parish meeting on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020.

**REC66/19 TO CONSIDER THE QUOTATIONS FOR TREE SURVEYS AND RESOLVE TO AWARD THE CONTRACT**

Quotes had not been received at the time of meeting and this matter was deferred.

**REC67/19 TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.**

To consider a request from Colden Common, Otterbourne and Sporting Wessex Cricket Club regarding storing and using site screens at Colden Common Park.

To review pitch fees  
Recreation Ground car park resurfacing

*Agenda item FPC 65/19*

<b>AGENDA TITLE</b>	<b>To discuss the recent meeting with the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Trust / Woodland Trust regarding future management of Parish Council owned woodlands and possible future ownership of Stratton Copse/Chalk Dell.</b> <b>To make recommendations to Parish Council.</b>
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**PURPOSE**

**To update the Committee on the recent meeting with WCC regarding Stratton Copse and Chalk Dell and the recent site visit to the woodland accompanied by Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust**

**1.0 Introduction**

An additional Full Parish Council meeting was called on the 13<sup>th</sup> November to resolve whether the Parish Council would accept the transfer of Stratton Copse and Chalk Dell Copse. It was unanimously agreed that on the terms offered (8 years of 1 mobile phone mast revenue) the Parish Council would not consider taking ownership of this woodland.

## **2.0 Winchester City Council**

Winchester City Council subsequently wrote to express concern over the Parish Council decision and give their opinion that the income being offered was acceptable in their view. They also confirmed that Taylor Wimpey will now transfer the ownership of land and therefore income of both mobile phone masts. The second mast income, however, has been reduced to £1,000 per year due to a change in access rights. This means the income now offered is £6,000 per annum for the remaining lease (approx. 8 years). There is no guarantee that the leases will be extended after this time.

Winchester City Council has consulted its own Ecologist and feel that the income offered is enough to manage a woodland of this size. Some confusion on whether the great crested newt monitoring is the responsibility of the Parish Council or of the developer is yet to be clarified. This monitoring is due at year 1,3,5 and 10.

Cllr's Glasspool, Boyes, Izard, Loughran and the Clerk attended a meeting at Winchester City Council offices to discuss the views of the Ecologist. The meeting concluded that the Parish Council would await the outcome of a meeting with the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust then formally write to Winchester City Council to confirm that the income being offered was insufficient, referring back to the legal text in the S106 document which refers to an agreement being reached on mobile phone mast revenue or commuted sums BEFORE development commences.

## **3.0 Meeting on site with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Woodland Trust**

All Councillors were invited to attend a site meeting with John Durnell, Director of Estates and Conservation Delivery, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Trust (HIWWT) and Debbie Whitfield who heads up the consultancy business.

Cllr's Loughran, Izard, Boyes, Glasspool and the Clerk attended. They were immediately concerned about drainage pipes and the quality of that water discharging into a ditch on the boundary. The Clerk will follow this matter up with Winchester City Council as a separate issue.

John's Durnell's observations on site were as follows: -

The site is not big enough for HIWWT Trustee's to consider taking on ownership.

Ash dieback is a serious consideration. Given the public access and site boundaries, HIWWT would seriously consider removing ALL the Ash trees, regardless of them showing signs of Ash dieback or not. This is the stance HIWWT are taking on their own sites where there is public access. It would be prudent to ask that this work is completed prior to the woodland being handed over or a separate commuted sum negotiated to cover the work.

In John Durnell's opinion, in ordinary circumstances, £6,000 income a year could be considered adequate to manage a woodland of this size. However, this sum is inadequate to fund a replacement boardwalk. The boardwalk material despite having a 30-year warranty is untested and therefore the Parish Council should fully consider this risk.

In addition to woodland management works, the Council will need to consider additional costs in regard to litter picking, monitoring of the site and parish office administration.

HIWWT do offer a consultation service and would be willing to write management plans for existing and any new woodlands. They can also quote to implement the plan. All monies go back into the Trust's accounts.

A conversation took place on the communication of Ash dieback and the future impact on our village in respect of tree felling and replanting. John Durnell offered to attend a parish assembly to explain and help communicate.