

**COLDEN COMMON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2018 AT 7.30PM. IN THE
BERT STRATTON LOUNGE
COLDEN COMMON COMMUNITY CENTRE, COLDEN COMMON**

Present Cllr Pam Glasspool (Chair) Cllr Ron Hancock
Cllr Richard Izard Cllr John Boyes
Cllr Maggie Hill Cllr Steve Badham

Apologies

In attendance Debbie Harding (Clerk)
6 members of the public
Sophie Thorogood (Clerk)

REC APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
40/18

Dave Cann from 9th Winchester Scouts sent his apologies, due to a prior commitment.

REC TO RECEIVE ANY COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY
41/18 OR NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS, IN RELATION TO ANY ITEMS
ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Hancock declared an interest in item 52/18 as he lives in Birch Close which is one of the areas being considered for replacement knee rail fencing.

REC TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
42/18 RECREATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 12TH SEPTEMBER 2018

*It was resolved to accept the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting, proposed by Cllr Glasspool, seconded by Cllr Boyes and carried.
Cllr's Hill and Badham abstained.*

REC UPDATE ON MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING AND OTHER
43/18 MATTERS
(FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The Clerk sent out an update prior to the meeting as follows

The Boiler service at CCP has been booked in as it requires a Gas safety certificate

The Clerk has contacted Corrigenda to advise over any service required to the hot water tanks at CCP

Mid Hants fire protection are booked in to complete emergency lighting, service fire equipment and pat testing at the Recreation ground, Colden Common Park and the office.

The parts required to repair the Rota bounce on the Green is still an ongoing matter with Playdale.

New batteries and pads will be sent free of charge for the defibrillator at CCP.

The vehicle access from the car park to the Green has been re-laid and the gate is being bespoke made and will be installed asap.

CCYFC have ordered new goals for CCP and they will use them both on pitch 2 for different age groups.

The car park at CCP has been scraped back and flattened to remove the pot holes.

Work has been completed on the Poplar tree in North Pond

Hedge cutting commences in Feb with C&D trees.

REC 44/18 *The meeting to adjourn for public participation which takes place in agenda item*

The chairman adjourned the meeting to hear from members of the public.

REC 45/18 TO RECEIVE ANY COMMENTS, UPDATES AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, SPORTS CLUBS, CARETAKERS AND WARDENS. (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

TO RECEIVE ANY COMMENTS OR POINTS FROM USERS ON ANY MATTERS ON THE AGENDA PRIOR TO THE COMMITTEE MAKING ANY DECISIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS BELOW

Colden Common Cricket Club

Geoff reported that the arrangement is working well with the license and from the cricket clubs' point of view they would like to continue the arrangement for 2019-2020. From the Parish Council point of view the license agreement is working well and a separate meeting will be held to discuss the license for 2019. The Club has completed the last cut of the season and will be checking the square monthly over the winter. The green will require pre-season scarifying with lawn fertiliser and sand.

It was agreed to leave the cricket nets down and review after the winter.

Bowls Club

The current membership is the same as last year. The license is working well but the club still needs more members. The pump on the green is still an issue.

The Club's plumber believes that the pump impellers are on their way out. The cost of a new pump is £950 plus Vat with labour costs at £300 plus VAT.

The pump is fed by 6 domestic header water tanks which are in the loft. The sprinklers operate one quarter of the green at a time which gives the header tanks time to refill.

Tennis Club

The Tennis Club are still pursuing a club house with the preferred location in the picnic area. The covenant holder is still considering release of the covenant but has indicated a large payment to be paid in order to consider this. Therefore, it is felt that the only option is to pursue using the current pavilion as a club house and the club are keen to know the Parish Councils plans for the building.

Colden Common Shed

The shed is $\frac{3}{4}$ way of building the new premises at the Church Rooms.

The shed is still using the pavilion on Main Road as the operation shed. New members re still very welcome. The AGM is this week and they will be introducing social membership.

The aim is to be finished with the Pavilion shed in March and April.

REC *Public participation to come to an end*

46/18

Public participation ended.

REC TO CONSIDER THE HIRE OF COLDEN COMMON PARK ON **47/18 SATURDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2019 FOR THE 9TH WINCHESTER SCOUTS FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

It was noted that the date of the fireworks would be later this year, as the 2nd is the last weekend of school holidays and it will be difficult to find volunteers. Cllr Glasspool started discussions stating she is to support the request but is still concerned over horse welfare and the attendance numbers.

Kisatorari stables have contacted the Parish Council to ask for different music, and feedback that the grand finale upset all the horses with so many bangs and different firework noises in quick succession. This was very distressing for them and us trying to manage the situation.

They have asked that the Parish Council forward this feedback to the Scouts and they have requested for consideration for silent fireworks.

Dave Cann confirmed to the Clerk that the final numbers were 2470. Cllr Glasspool has heard from another source that the attendance number were over 2700.

The fire was rather large and did cause a lot of damage, however, the clear up was immaculate, including the nails and debris from the fire. Green Smile renovated the area within the week at the Scouts expense.

The Parish Council has received no direct complaints about parking, although some comments were made on social media.

It was resolved in additional to the conditions applied in 2018, the firewood for the bonfire must not be delivered prior to the date of the event for 2019. Furthermore, the emphasis on restricted numbers to be made again, perhaps suggest a pre-bought ticket only event proposed by Cllr Izard and carried. Cllr Glasspool abstained.

REC 48/18 TO REVIEW THE REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF THE TRIM TRAIL AT COLDEN COMMON PARK AND RESOLVE TO REMOVE ALL OR PART OF THE EQUIPMENT OR REPLACE

As per the previously distributed paper Macks Fitness use the pull up bars and dip bars at Colden Common Park with PT clients on a weekly basis.

WCC recommend removal of all the equipment due to rotting, the annual report produced from an alternative RPII inspector suggests monitoring and not immediate removal.

The balance beam inside the copse does need removing.

It was resolved to seek another RPII qualified play inspector's opinion on the equipment and refer this matter back to the next Committee meeting for decision.

Proposed by Cllr Glasspool, seconded by Cllr Boyes and carried.

It was noted that if the decision is to replace like for like, consideration should be given to its location in the village and should the equipment be with outdoor gym equipment.

Thanks were given to Mack's Fitness who offered advice, demonstrations on use and possible sponsorship of any new equipment.

REC 49/18 TO CONSIDER RESEARCHING OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT, ITS PREFERRED LOCATION IN THE VILLAGE AND RESOLVED ANY ACTIONS RELATING TO OBTAINING QUOTES AND

CONSIDERATION IN THE 2019-20 BUDGET. TO CONSIDER A QUESTIONNAIRE TO RESIDENTS TO ASSESS SUPPORT AND PREFERRED LOCATION.

A discussion took place on the merit of adult outdoor gym equipment and the various locations it could be installed. The Clerk to design a questionnaire to seek views from the village and the matter be brought back to the next meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Glasspool, Hill and carried.

REC 50/18 TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST FROM COLDEN COMMON BOWLS CLUB FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TOWARDS THE REPLACEMENT OF THE BOWLS GREEN PUMP AND RESOLVE WHETHER THIS IS A BUDGET ITEM OR GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2019-20.

The final agreement of a solution to the green watering system to be discussed at the next meeting, after receiving a written report from the plumber and any other research required by Committee members.

It was resolved to add an £2500 into the budget for maintenance of the bowls green pump. Proposed by Cllr Badham, seconded by Cllr Boyes and carried.

REC 51/18 TO CONSIDER THE RECREATION COMMITTEE BUDGET MONITORING STATEMENT AND AGREE A PRIORITY LIST OF ADDITIONAL WORKS IN THE VILLAGE FUNDED BY VIRED SUMS WITHIN THE RECREATION BUDGET.

The Clerk reviewed the Recreation Committee budget monitoring statement as follows:-

Income down on budget by £7,455 overall.

Income from football clubs, is down by £1,641 on budget and the pavilion lettings by £764. The major reduction in income to budget is the Bowls club £5,500 and cricket club £1,300. This is due to a change in the way that the licenses are set up. The loss of the Bowls revenue reduces the liability of the maintenance which decreased by £6,500.

The Recreation Charity grant is forecasted to be £4,000 this year. This is an increase on budgeted income level of £1800, which reduces the income shortfall to £7,455 instead of £9,255.

The level of expenditure incurred by the Council (excluding Green Smile) is higher than the £4,000 granted by the charity to the Parish Council to contribute towards costs of maintenance of the Recreation land.

Expenditure

We are currently forecasting that with all essential forecasted costs we will make a saving to budget (excluding projects) of £23,283. Taking in consideration a flex in budgeted expenditure due to the savings from Bowls club maintenance this realistically should reduce to £16,783. This saving is mainly driven from reduction in direct salaries (annual budget of £46K) versus the Green Smile Contract £31K and equipment maintenance costs savings of £6K. Total costs for directly employed staff and equipment were budgeted at £52k an annum, versus a *minimum* contract value of £31K plus additional costs such as hedge cutting, play area inspections, handyman etc.

So, based on this budget monitoring statement, the Committee have approx. £16K to spend on additional works in the village.

A list of proposed works to be commissioned by the Recreation Committee using virement of funds within its own budget are as follows. This list is not exhaustive.

- 1) Coppice Hazels (St Vigor Way)
- 2) Bluebell Wood – Clear Scrub, remove tipped grass cuttings
- 3) Clear Scrub at North Pond – Any tree works other than deadwood require a TPO application. Suggested work includes
 - a. Open up pathways
 - b. Remove Ivy
 - c. Remove deadwood
 - d. Remove Ivy and understory from major trees
- 4) Church Pond – Hire of shredder for coppicing wood at Church Pond (subject to current Tpo application) Purchased of Siltex.
- 5) Find septic tank at CCP by clearing out area between the car park and the field
- 6) Clear bonfire area at CCP and reseed
- 7) Coppicing at CCP
- 8) Purchasing and planting trees
- 9) Remove Trim Trial (subject to earlier resolution)

- 10) Lift crowns at Hazel Close

- 11) New footpath noticeboards x 2

- 12) New bench for the Triangle

- 13) Soil and turf the worn areas under the play equipment on the Triangle, the walkway from the Skateboard park to Central Park, and the gate into the play area on the Recreation.

It was resolved to delegate to Parish Clerk the authority to spend any surplus within the Recreation Committee budget to complete works in the Parish open spaces, proposed by Cllr Glasspool and carried.

REC 52/18 TO CONSIDER THE CONDITION OF THE KNEE RAIL FENCING AROUND THE OPEN SPACES IN THE VILLAGE AND RESOLVE WHETHER TO TAKE ANY ACTION.

It was resolved to obtain quotes for replacement fencing in Birch Close and Whitebeam and delegate authority to the Parish Clerk to order replacement fencing after majority agreement of the Committee by e-mail, proposed by Cllr Glasspool, seconded by John Boyes and carried

REC 53/18 **TO CONSIDER HOW THE COMMITTEE WISHES TO MANAGE THE RECREATION COMMITTEES BUDGET LINES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2019-20**

It was agreed that as per the Clerk's recommendation, that the budget lines for next years budget be streamlined.

REC 54/18 **TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.**

Bowls Club water pump
Outdoor gym equipment
Trim Trail at Colden Common Park