

**COLDEN COMMON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE  
HELD ON MONDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2017 AT 7.30PM. IN THE  
COLDEN COMMON COMMUNITY CENTRE, COLDEN COMMON**

<b>Present</b>	Cllr Pam Glasspool (Chair) Cllr Ann Brown Cllr Jill Stevenson Cllr Maggie Hill	Cllr Jean Bligdon Cllr Steve Badham Cllr Patrick Hunter Cllr Richard Izard
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<b>Apologies</b>	Cllr Hill Barry Pitman (CC Bowls Club)	Cllr Hunter
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<b>In attendance</b>	Debbie Harding (Clerk) Sophie Thorogood (Asst Clerk) Colin Blake (CCYFC) Geoff Edwards (CCOCC) Teresa and Rob (FC Common) Dave Hadfield (CCFC)	Steve Hewlett (Groundsman) Matt Anstey (Asst Groundsman) Adrian Kelly (CC Shed) Barbara Kelly (footpaths) Rob Veck (CCTC) Ken Brady (CCFC)
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Congratulations to Tennis Club on project of the Year.

**REC37/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

**REC38/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Brown and Badham declared on interest in item 51/16 as dog owners.

**REC39/16 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**

*It was resolved that the minutes of the Recreation meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 be approved an accurate record of the meeting, proposed by Cllr Ann Brown and seconded by Cllr Badham and carried. Cllr Izard abstained.*

**REC40/16 UPDATE ON MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING AND OTHER MATTERS (for information only)**

The Clerk gave an update as follows:-

**Skateboard Park**

The electrical work is still outstanding.  
The graffiti has been removed.

**Tree Work**

Extensive tree works have taken place in and around The Green and the Community Centre.

A TPO application has been submitted for tree work required in Bluebell Wood.

A dead willow on Church Lane has been pollarded.

### **Kissing gates**

The kissing gates on footpaths 8 and 5 have been replaced with thanks by Winchester Ramblers

### **Colden Common Park**

The alarm system has been updated and when triggered rings the Clerks Mobile, the Clerk personal phone and then the Grounds and Facilities Manager.

The main front door lock has been changed for security and new keys have been issued.

The Neil Smith Suite and corridor has been decorated.

The damaged gate at Colden Common Park has been replaced and the invoice sent to the person who damaged it. The Council is waiting for payment or notification of an insurance claim.

### **Tractor/Van**

The van broke down last Wednesday and was fixed late Friday afternoon. The tractor 4-wheel drive is being repaired and the clutch. With both out of order, the groundstuffs planned work has been hampered.

### **Noticeboards**

The perspex in the noticeboard outside the school has been replaced at a cost of £100. The other boards to surveyed and replaced as required.

### **The Green**

The wet pour on the toddler area of the Green has been replaced.

### **Office**

Conversations are ongoing in relation to the provision of an office for the Parish Council in the Community Centre, so at this stage, the feasibility of moving to the Green Room at Colden Common Park is postponed.

### **Recreation Charity**

The Recreation Charity has applied for free rates for the pavilion.

### **New football Coaching**

Reinard Schmulian wishes to start girls /Boys football training every Saturday between 12pm and 4pm with effect from Sat 4th March.

It's for girls and boys. Years R/1, years 2&3 and a session for 4-6 year olds.

Currently we do not charge for training. Reinard will need a key for the toilets.

**REC41/16 TO NOTE AN ENQUIRY INTO THE FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING A 3G/4G PITCH AT BOYES LANE.**

The Parish Council has been approached by a member of the public interested in discussing a 3g/4g pitch at the Recreation ground or Boyes Lane.

Floodlights on both sites would not be suitable. The Planning consent on Boyes Lane states no floodlighting and its proximately, adjacent to he South Downs National Park would prevent a successful application. The Charity constitution states the Recreation ground charity land must remain open space for ever, so a fenced 3g/4g pitch would not be appropriate. Regretfully, it was felt that a 3g/4g pitch would not be feasible.

**REC43/16 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**

**Steve Hewlett – Grounds and Facilities Manager -**

Steve welcomed Matt to the team. Matt recently completed a spraying course and has already sprayed around the seating area on the Green. Hedge trimmers have been repaired. The wet pour at Boyes Lane has been cleaned and is a time-consuming job. Risk assessments are being completed weekly. Football is back at Boyes Lane after the wet weather, the Recreation ground is still unplayable. The tractor is being serviced, so the pitches cannot be rolled.

Half of Ivy on the trees on the green has been severed.

Football sockets have been ordered and are all now in place. We have purchased a bollard to concrete in next to the footpath on the recreation to stop the litter collection truck driving on the grass.

**CCYFC** – At the last meeting CCYFC spoke about a running a summer tournament. The pitches will need to recover but the grounds staff feel that the proposed date of Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June could be accommodated. CCYFC and Steve to discuss outside of the meeting.

**Colden Common and Otterbourne Cricket Club** – Geoff Edwards is the new Chairman with Ricky Swain as Vice-Chair. The merger was required as both clubs which were dwindling. The long-term plan is to expand again into 3 teams, building a bigger strong club. Otterbourne has the kit for expansion into a Colts team as and when required.

**CCTC** – The club's business plan is to have 116 members, 80 advanced members and basic membership.

Currently the club has 54 members over the winter period. 24 advanced members and 30 basic members. £2680 income has been received so far in membership, sponsorship for £200 and coaching fees.

Rob Veck gave some details of the planned events for 2017. The Tennis Club has a meeting with WCC to run through the events in more details and liaising with LTA

### **The Colden Common Shed**

The shed has sketched out a lease agreement with church for 25 years and 6 months. Sharing a solicitor. Membership is slowing growing.

**FC Common** – FC common would like the Council to look at new goals. FC Common to provide a specification for the Parish Clerk.

**CCFC** – The Club thanked Steve for his efforts. The flooding issue at Main Road is known and results sadly in games called off.

**CCFC** spoke about the meeting to look at possibly developing the pavilion.

Cllr Izard has spoken to WCC about the damaged caused to the Recreation ground by the refuse lorry and will follow this matter up.

### **REC44/16 TO REVIEW AND RESOLVE THE PITCH AND PAVILION HIRE RATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2017-18**

A list of the current fees and information on neighbouring facilities was circulated prior to the meeting.

The rules for vat exemption on pitch hire are quite stringent, and the Clerk is researching further the rules around matches being called off and the implications. It was noted that charging VAT on pitches could potentially see the pitch hire rates increasing by 20%

***It was resolved to increase the pitch hire rates by 2%, proposed by Cllr Glasspool and carried.***

***A list of the revised pitch fees from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 are attached to these minutes.***

### **REC45/16 TO CONSIDER THE RECENT REFURBISHMENT OF THE CRICKET NETS AND DISCUSS CONCERNS RAISED BY THE HAMPSHIRE PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION**

The Hampshire Playing Fields Association (who contributed towards the nets) have inspected the nets. They are concerned that the nets are short. The HPFA had expected them to be much longer - especially down the middle between the two bays. HPFA commented that they had seen bowlers trip and twist their ankles on balls coming across from the other net when in their delivery stride which has led to

some nasty injuries.

The HPFA also noted the grass matting seemed to be a little loose in places which can lead to wrinkles forming, which over time creates "puddling" of water on top of the matting. These puddles can eventually lead to the matting rotting. The HPFA were also surprised to find parts of the sub-surface appeared to be moving beneath my feet and as the sub-surface is gravel not concrete.

The HPFA will arrange for the Hampshire pitch/net adviser to come and inspect the installation. The Clerk has requested that the Parish Council and the Cricket club can also be in attendance.

**REC46/16 TO NOTE THE AVAILABILITY FOR CRICKET PITCHES DURING THE 2017 SEASON AND DISCUSS A POLICY FOR PITCH HIRE IN THE EVENT OF MATCHES CANCELLED OR ABANDONED.**

Otterbourne and Colden Common Cricket clubs first team have requested to play at Colden Common Park for the 2017-18 season. This is a total of 9 fixtures for the whole season.

Twyford Cricket Club (Colts) would like the cricket pitch at Boyes Lane for a regular Friday evening for an U15 colts match, (May 5th - end of July) and would like the nets' to be 'bookable' for a Sunday morning training.

Compton and Chandlers Ford CC are interested in playing at Colden Common Park when Otterbourne and Colden Common are playing away.

It was resolved that if the game is abandoned after the match as started then a charge would still stand, if it as cancelled before the start no charge would be made. Abandoned games should be notified within 24 hours to avoid a charge.

**REC47/16 TO CONSIDER THE QUOTATIONS RECEIVED FOR A REPLACEMENT GROUNDS MAINTENANCE VAN AND CONSIDER MAKING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL.**

The paper circulated prior to the meeting was discussed.

A discussion took place on the merits of an electric vehicles, which was discounted as not viable due to the low mileage.

***It was resolved to recommend to the Full Parish Council to order the Ford Van (without silver paint), proposed by Cllr Glasspool, seconded by Cllr Badham and carried.***

**REC48/16 TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK ON THE MEETING BETWEEN CCFC AND COLDEN COMMON PARISH COUNCIL ON THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE RECREATION GROUND PAVILION AND AGREE FURTHER ACTIONS**

The Parish Council has not real appetite to develop the pavilion. It was felt that it was important to receive feedback from the Community on the wishes of Colden Common residents for future use.

The matter will be raised at the Annual Parish Assembly.

Clerk

**REC49/16 TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK FROM THE INITIAL CONSULTATION ON POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION OF A SCHEME SUCH AS PARKING EYE ON THE RECREATION CAR PARK AND AGREE ANY FURTHER RESEARCH ON THIS MATTER.**

The Clerk received very few comments on the consultation about the future management of the Recreation car park. Those received are summarised below.

*A member of the public felt that parking eye is disproportionate to the perceived issue.*

*The car park plays a useful dual role, taking the strain off the surrounding roads, providing useful short term parking for a variety of local needs, and rec parking. It was suggested that anyone driving to the recreation ground would likely choose Boyes Lane instead as a more peaceful destination. The majority of visitors to the Main Road Recreation Ground, in my opinion, would likely be on foot?*

*Could signage or flyers placed on offending vehicles be a more appropriate response.*

*Residents of Main Road who on occasion need to park outside my drive, I much prefer to park in the car park than clog up New Road. The residents of New Road I'm sure would agree.*

*By introducing this system, you will just be moving the problem from a full car park, which they are designed for, to the streets surrounding the Recreation Ground.*

*The streets are full at times without putting another 10 to 15 cars on them. The comment was made that the football players have to park on New Road when the RG is full. Surely this is a better option to have the cars on New Road for around three hours than all day? My concern is you will end up with an empty car park and congested streets.*

*Local businesses have clients who park in the RG. What time constraints are you going to put on these people. I feel this could cause damage to the local business.*

*Will local residents be allowed to park in the recreation ground?*

*What about their visitors? If they are not all this will do is push the problems*

To other areas.

*With regard to parking in Colden Common, there was recently a new car Park built for residents in order that they do not park on a road. So it Seems strange you would be enforcing parking restrictions to push cars onto the roads.*

*Who is actually parking in the car park? Has a survey been done?*

*Have other solutions been looked at to improve parking at the RG. Larger car park. Marked bays. My worry is the only people who this will have any adverse effect on will be the residents of Colden Common.*

**REC50/16 TO NOTE THE CCCA EVENT "COMMON HAVE A GO" ON THE GREEN ON SATURDAY 20TH MAY 2017**

*It was resolved to make no charge for the CCCA event "Common have a go" on the green on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017.*

**REC51/16 TO NOTE TWYFORD PARISH COUNCILS RECENT DECISION TO PLACE A BYELAW TO PREVENT DOG WALKERS USING PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AT NORTHFIELDS TO COMBAT DOG FOULING AND DISCUSS THE MERITS OF A SIMILAR DECISION IN COLDEN COMMON**

The problem of dog fouling was discussed. It was agreed to ask Cllr Izard in his capacity of District Councillor to arrange a meeting with the WCC dog warden to discuss the merits of any additional byelaws or restrictions (such as dogs on leads) with them.

The matter to be placed on the next Recreation Committee meeting once discussion with WCC have taken place and further research completed.

**REC52/16 TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.**

Dog fouling  
Cricket nets

<b>Pitch Hire comparison rates</b>	<b>Colden Common</b>
<b>Year</b>	2017-18
<b>FOOTBALL</b>	
Senior Football Pitch	£ 66.30
Outside Clubs	£ 71.40
Youth Team (under 16's) – using senior Pitch	£ 35.70
Outside Youth	£ 40.80
Junior Pitch	£ 27.54
Junior Pitch outside teams	£ 32.64
<b>CRICKET - Weekend</b>	
Seniors	£ 81.60
Seniors Outside clubs	£ 86.70
Juniors	£ 32.64
Juniors Outside Clubs	£ 37.74
<b>CRICKET - Midweek Evenings</b>	
Seniors	£ 56.10
Seniors Outside clubs	£ 61.20
Juniors	£ 30.60
Juniors Outside Clubs	£ 35.70

Training

No  
Charge

Fitness Groups

Neil Smith Suite

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