

Minutes of Recreation Ground and Open Spaces Meeting
held at Langham Community Centre 6:30pm Monday 11th October 2021

Present: Cllr Emms (Chair), Cllr Brockman, Cllr Palmer.
0 member of the public
Clerk Carol Harbach

20/159 Welcome and Apologies for absence

Cllr Emms welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Parish Council (PC)
Apologies from Bob Schofield.

20/160 Declaration of Members Interests

Any declarations of interest will be brought up and declared as they arise on the agenda.

20/161 Agree Minutes from the last Recreation Ground meeting held 13th September 2021.

These were agreed to be true and accurate.
Proposed Cllr Brockman and seconded Cllr Palmer.
All agreed.

20/162 Matters arising from these meetings.

Chairman's board – ongoing.
Official opening of pre-school flooring plague – ongoing **Action Cllr Emms.**
Play area – later on agenda.
Bonfire – later on agenda.
Village sign – later on agenda.
Dog show – Clerk has contacted The Oaks regarding Parking but this has now been cancelled completed and discharged.
Reed Hall Football team – The clerk contacted them and is waiting for details back. Ongoing.
Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations – later on agenda.
Millennium garden – later on agenda

20/163 Public Open Forum (maximum 10 minutes)

Questions to be noted and answered at the next meeting.
No members of the public present.

20/164 Working group and village survey update

Nothing new has arisen since the last meeting and the volunteers who are involved with the Queens Jubilee celebrations are following up contacts for the event. A village briefing is being compiled by Cllr Emms to go on to the website. **Action Cllr Emms**

20/165 Volunteer meeting update

The meeting took place and it was only the usual volunteers in the village that came forward to help. The volunteer leads (as above) will work with Cllr Brockman, Cllr Armstrong and Bob Schofield to organise this event. A draft poster has been produced but will be updated when more information is available.

- 20/166 Bonfire update**
Cllr Palmer is going to take the lead with this and will gather a working group to help with this event which will include Bob Schofield. **Action Cllr Palmer**
- 20/167 Village sign update and quotes**
The quotes were discussed and looked at and it was decided to go with the Signwriter quote of £880. The sign would need to be taken down and replaced, and this will be completed by Alan Cadman and the cost for this would be £100. The money for this will be taken out of the noticeboard budget as a new noticeboard was replaced last year and the PC still has a spare board to use if needed. Proposed Cllr Brockman seconded Cllr Palmer. All agreed.
Action Cllr Brockman to contact Alan Cadman and the Signwriter company.
- 20/168 Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations**
Already discussed earlier and is an ongoing item for the agenda.
- 20/169 New Play area quotes**
A multifunctional piece of play equipment, resurfacing and new fencing have been quoted for by 3 companies. One quote has been received, one was wrong and has been sent back for re-quoting and one just quoted for resurfacing and the fencing.
The committee will be speaking to three more companies to get in more quotes as quickly as possible to get this project moving. All quotes will be circulated and discussed again at the next meeting. Once the decision is made then it can be taken to the full council. The Clerk reminded the committee that the budget and precept figures need to be agreed soon as this would be a very big item in those discussions, the quotes would need to be obtained very quickly. **Action all the committee to obtain quotes and action for the next agenda.**
- 20/170 Committee members reports**
Cllr Palmer – no report but will be working on the bonfire group
Cllr Brockman – has been involved in the Jubilee celebrations and will be working on this in the future.
Cllr Emms – Noting to report apart from already discussed.
- 20/171 Dog Show**
The event organiser has informed the Clerk that they are going back to the original venue that they used to use. They did offer to put the councils details on their website as a possible venue for smaller shows in the area. **Action Clerk to contact organiser to agree details can be added to website.**
- 20/172 Terms and conditions for contracts**
The Clerk had contact Reed Hall Football team but they have not come back to the PC regarding hire.
Langham Lodger will be sent a contract for this years football field hire.
Action Cllr Emms.
Tennis Club Cllr Emms is following this up with the club. **Action Cllr Emms**

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Shepherd's Corner

Slabs in front of the noticeboard have been agreed and Bob Schofield has obtain the quote for this. Mike Rich has agreed to carry out the work to complete this and work will start soon. **Action Bob Schofield**

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Millennium garden – tree quotes

The Clerk has been in touch with Mrs. Dawson and thanked her for her work, and the other volunteers work in this area. Mrs. Dawson will be looking in to purchasing new plants for this area and the group will be working on the garden soon.

There have been three quotes for lateral trimming and crown lifting of the Ash tree in the garden. These were discussed and the committee agreed to go with Countryside Tree and Garden supplies. Proposed Cllr Emms and seconded Cllr Palmer. All agreed.

Clerk to contact the company to go ahead with the work and inform the other companies that they were unsuccessful.

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Remembrance "Unknown Tommy"

Clerk was requested to order the two usual wreaths for Remembrance Sunday. **Action Clerk**

The committee would like to purchase an "Unknown Tommy" for the village which is an outline of a soldier and would be a continuous reminder of the sacrifices made by people in past. It was discussed and the USAAF site was mentioned for placing of this statue. After looking at the site it appears it would not fit as there is a gate that needs access into a field. Another suggested site was near the flag pole on the recreation ground.

Cllr Emms to contact the rest of the council regarding this and hopefully this will be in position before Remembrance Sunday. This would come out of the monument budget.

Action Cllr Emms contact the council and Clerk to place the order.

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Items for the next Agenda

Start to obtain quotes for works to feed into the precept/budget information for Finance committee ready for December LPC meeting,

Cllr Emms to check the insurance as it currently stands is currently sufficient to obtain quotes for next years budget for the above.

Proposed budget information for Finance Committee

Bonfire update

Queens Jubilee celebrations update

New playarea quote

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Time and date of next meeting

Monday 8th November 2021 to be confirmed 6:30pm

Meeting finished at 8:30pm

Signed

Cllr Emms

Date