

Minutes of Recreation Ground and Open Spaces Meeting
held at Langham Community Centre 6:30pm Monday 13th September 2021

Present: Cllr Emms (Chair), Cllr Brockman, Bob Schofield, John Palmer.
1 member of the public
Clerk Carol Harbach

20/140 Welcome and Apologies for absence

Cllr Emms welcomed Mr. John Palmer to the committee and then welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Parish Council (PC)

20/141 Declaration of Members Interests

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

20/142 Agree minutes from the last Recreation Ground meeting held 19th July 2021.

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

20/143 Matters arising from these meetings.

Chairman's board Cllr Brockman – ongoing
Official opening of pre-school flooring plague – ongoing
Weeds at USAAF site – Scouts were asked but not heard back.
Flypast Cllr Brockman – updated the committee the PC should be informed in January.
ongoing
Woodland trust for trees – later on agenda

20/144 Public Open Forum (maximum 10 minutes)

Questions to be noted and answered at the next meeting.
No questions were raised.

20/145 Working group and village survey update

The results have been analysed and have been put into 5 groups.
1 are the major items which are complex and take time to complete
2 are the smaller opportunities which will be the quicker/easier to action items
3 Items that are for the LCC (Shop/Community centre)
4 Items that are outside the council's remit
5 Items that were not considered sensible, feasible, realistic or were out of scope.

These are now being looked at in more detail and there will be an item in next months newsletter to inform the village of the results.

There will also be a meeting for the villagers to attend to share the results.

There is a volunteer meeting on the 23rd September. This is not to share results but talk to the volunteers about how they might help in the future.

The PC are meeting with CBC on Wednesday and hopefully some of the items in the survey will be picked up after that.

20/146

Play area update

Wicksteed have been back to the play area and finished filling in the gaps around the repaired areas. Cllr Brockman went to the site when they were present and asked about the gaps in the matting around the swings but this was not in the original quote. Cllr Brockman is following this up with Wicksteed. **Action Cllr Brockman.**

Cllr Brockman, Cllr Emms and John Palmer have been working on revamping the play area at the Recreation Ground. There has been one quote back and they are still waiting for two more to come in.

The group are looking at one big centre piece and a selection of equipment to go around this. Some of the current equipment will be reused, and some new equipment will be purchased including some that can be used by disabled children. There will also be more seating in this area. The fencing around the play area will also be replaced with a new metal fence.

20/147

Bonfire

Cllr Mansel-Thomas and John Palmer have been in contact with a fireworks company and have been told that the Saturday the 5th November is already booked but the company can supply the fireworks if needed **Action John Palmer/Cllr Emms**

The bonfire itself will be revamped and will not be the same as the past years but will still have many similar items. The biggest problem that held the event going ahead before was the amount of cash that was taken on the night and the limit that was covered by the insurance company. This would be resolved by taking bookings on line and payments taken by “chip and pin” cards on the night. We shall approach other fireworks companies to see if they supply and set off the fireworks on Saturday 5th November. If not, we must use the firm who can supply and appoint someone competent, qualified and insured to set off the fireworks.

20/148

Village sign update and quotes

Cllr Brockman has obtained quotes for this but the choice still needs to be made by the committee as they felt they did not have enough information to make this decision today. **Agenda item for the next meeting.**

20/149

Terms and conditions for contracts – update

Cllr Emms has spoken to Dr. Rudge regarding the Tennis Club contracts.

Langham Lodgers will be offered a new contract from 1st September to the end of May 2022 and we will keep at the price of £27 per game.

Reed Hall football team was discussed and the Clerk was requested to contact them to see how many games were likely to be played on a Sunday if a contract was offered to them so the price can then be agreed. **Action Clerk**

20/150

Dog show

There was a request to hire the recreation field next June (2022) for a kennel club dog show. The email with all the details was circulated to the committee on the 24/6/21.

They would also like to hire the community centre and they have been informed to book that directly with the Community Centre. They would be on site from 8am to 6pm, and there would be approx. 200 -300 people on site with a similar number of dogs and 200 cars which they would like to park around the field dependant on the weather. It may be possible to use the car park at The Oaks for this event. The cost of the field was discussed and an approximate figure of £350 was mentioned if there were likely to be 300 people. Final cost to be agreed at the next

meeting. The Scouts will be contacted to see if they would like to supervise the car parking if this event was to go ahead. **Action Clerk to contact The Oaks re parking and the show hirers.**

20/151 Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations

This will be led by the Recreation Ground committee and Cllr Brockman, Bob Schofield, Charlotte Parker and Paul Armstrong as the LCC representative, will work on the event.

This will also be part of the discussion for volunteers at the meeting on the 23rd September. **Agenda item for the next meeting.**

20/152 Woodland & Biodiversity Project – Plant request update

Cllr Brockman has received requests for 500 trees to date and the cut-off date for requests is the 16th October. Any more requests are to go to Cllr Brockman directly and they are due to be delivered in November for collection by residents. To be confirmed.

20/153 ID badges for councillors

Cllr Brockman has purchased ID badges for the council and will be bringing them to the next meeting for distribution.

20/154 Works at “The Shepherd” corner

Bob Schofield has a quote for the slabs that are to be placed at The Shepherd corner Mike Rich will be asked to complete this work as part of his usual contractor hours.

20/155 Beacon preservation stain

This has been completed by Mike Rich.

20/156 Tennis Court

The multicourt was a subject that was raised in the survey and will be discussed at the meeting with CBC next Wednesday. **Ongoing.**

20/157 Letter from resident regarding trees at millennium garden

A letter was received from a resident regarding the height of one of the trees in the millennium garden. Cllr Emms will be contacting someone for a quote on this work and will bring this to the next meeting. **Action Cllr Emms**

Other suggested expenditure was suggested to make this area neater and tidier which would be in the region of £100 - £150. This was agreed by the committee and the Clerk was requested to contact Mrs. Dawson to thank her and the other volunteers for their work, and to also ask the volunteers to start this work in this area.

Mike Rich has also been asked to re-vamp the bench in this area.

Action Clerk

Cllr Emms stated that a new white line marker had been purchased and also some new keys for the five bar gate at the end of the field.

20/158 **Items for the next Agenda**

Any items to be given to the clerk.

20/159 **Time and date of next meeting**

Monday 3rd October 6:30pm Community Centre.

Meeting finished 8:30 pm.

Signed

CLlr Emms

date