

Minutes of Recreation Ground and Open Spaces Meeting
held at Langham Community Centre 6:30pm Monday 19th July 2021

Present: Cllr Emms (Chair), Cllr Brockman, Cllr Ellis
1 member of the public
Clerk Carol Harbach

20/123 Welcome and Apologies for absence

Cllr Emms welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Parish Council (PC)
Bob Schofield sent his apologies.

20/124 Declaration of Members Interests

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

20/125 Agree minutes from the last Recreation Ground meeting held 17th June 2021.

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

20/126 Matters arising from these meetings.

Chairman board at Community Centre – **Ongoing Cllr Brockman**
Reed Hall contract – later on agenda.
Fireworks hirer at LCC – event was cancelled. **Completed and discharged.**
Quotes for bonfire clearance – Cllr Brockman later on agenda
Wicksteed update later on agenda.
Shepherds corner refurbishment – later on agenda.
Cllr Emms to contact Dr Rudge re Tennis Club email and S106 money. Later on agenda.
Essex Forest Initiative – Clerk registered interest later on agenda.

20/127 Public Open Forum (maximum 10 minutes)

Questions to be noted and answered at the next meeting.

No questions raised.

20/128 Date for official opening of Pre-School flooring plaque

A date for an official opening of the Pre-School flooring plaque was agreed to take place provisionally on a date convenient for both the Chairman of the PC and Cllr Emms. Possible date to be confirmed as 3.8.21. Cllr Armstrong will be invited to take pictures for the website **Action Cllr Emms**

20/129 Play area

Various discussions have taken place between the committee and a visit to the play area has taken place. There are 4 companies that will be requested to provide quotes. These are Creative Play, Costcutters uk, Wicksteed and Playdale. Playdale have offered a consultation meeting on the 22nd July to discuss options that are available. Cllr Emms and John Palmer will meet with them and bring back the ideas to the next committee meeting for discussion.

20/130

Bonfire

After a feasibility study and discussions around this it was thought that, as it is not possible to book any fireworks for this year to make this a priority for next year. This would give the committee more time to organise the event properly and book the fireworks in plenty of time for next year.

The current clearing of the bonfire was discussed and Dan Bowman will be asked if he would give the PC a quote at the same time as to when he starts the ditch work to complete this.

20/131

The Shepherd corner refurbishment update

The committee would like to place a T shape paved area in front of the noticeboard and towards the path. Mike Rich has been requested to get rid of the ivy that was attached to the fence and is currently working on this. Bob Schofield is obtaining quotes for this paving and he will be contacted regarding this and the information passed on to the committee.

20/132

Terms and conditions for contracts – Tennis Club/Football Club

Football Club – Cllr Emms has been working with Mrs. Armstrong regarding combining the contract between the LCC and the PC for football club hire and charges rather than have two different contracts.

Tennis Club – Cllr Ellis and Cllr Emms are due to meet Dr Rudge to discuss the new contract next week. **Action Cllr Emms**

20/133

Contractors worksheets and job list

Cllr Emms is due to meet Mike Rich next week to discuss works that are required to be completed by the PC over the next month. These include clearing overgrown foliage around the VAS sign. Also, although it has been reported that the trees at St Margaret's Cross need to be trimmed by Highways, it was thought to ask Mike Rich just to clear the lower branches to clear the path and the HGV sign so it is easier to read.

There are also a lot of weeds at the USAAF memorial and Cllr Ellis is to ask the scouts if this is something they can complete for the village. **Action Cllr Ellis**

Events for next year's Queen's Platinum celebrations were mentioned and briefly discussed. Lighting of the beacon was discussed and this event will be on a future agenda for more discussion. Cllr Brockman was asked to contact the RAF again to see if Langham can be part of the fly over on the day. **Action Cllr Brockman**

20/134

Quotes for works update – village sign

Cllr Brockman has obtained some quotes for this. Bob Schofield will be asked about his quote again. This item can then be moved on and this will be an item on the agenda for the next meeting.

20/135

Working group and village survey update

This was mentioned at the last LPC meeting and further analysis still needs to take place and will be followed up by Maureen Shouksmith and John Palmer. When this has taken place the information will be taken back to the council and village via the website, LPC facebook page and the newsletter. There may also be a meeting offered in the CC for people to attend.

20/136 Woodland & Biodiversity Project Plant request form for – Parish Council

The forms for this need to be completed and the village residents need to be asked what, if any trees they would like. Cllr Brockman is going to follow this up and complete the form so it can be returned for the delivery of the trees which is usually in November. **Action Cllr Brockman**

20/137 Wicksteed update

Wicksteed have informed the Clerk that work for the repairs will take place on the 9th August 2021. The quote to replace the current surface area outside the “pod” in a wetpour solution has come back at £3,648.88. The replacement surface will be discussed further, after the consultation has taken place with the play ground company that is visiting.

20/138 Items for the next Agenda

Queens celebrations next year.
Langham Lodgers and other contracts.
Play area update
Village sign update

20/139 Time and date of next meeting

Monday 13th September 6:30pm Community Centre.

Meeting finished 8:10pm.

Signed

Cllr Emms

date