

Langham Parish Council
Recreation Grounds and Open Spaces Minutes
Langham Community Centre 7:30pm 29th March 2023

Attendees: Cllr Thorpe, Cllr Ogawa, Cllr Armstrong

Present: Carol Harbach Clerk
0 Members of the public.

22/120 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Cllr Thorpe welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Apologies from Bob Schofield.

22/121 Declaration of Members Interests

None raised. Any declarations may be brought up if they occur through the meeting.

22/122 Agree Minutes from the last Recreation Ground meeting 1st March 2023.

These had been circulated to councillors previously and were agreed to be a true and accurate account.
Proposed by Cllr Ogawa seconded Cllr Armstrong All agreed.

22/123 Matter's arising from the last meeting.

Monument – ongoing
Tennis Benches have arrived and will be put together soon.
Bonfire event Paella lady – debt to be written off
Container still needs to be emptied. Ongoing
Football bookings – one club has now dissolved. The contracts were sent to the other two clubs who made enquiries but nothing has come back to date.
Tree preservation order – clerk having trouble contacting Colchester City Council (CCC) officer. Will continue to chase. Ongoing
Phone Box – contractors have been chased to complete the work Ongoing
Tree trimming – one tree was taken down due to it being a H&S issue.
Completed and discharged
The rest are agenda items.

22/124 Public Open Forum (maximum 10 minutes)

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

22/125 Summer village event – Kings Coronation event

Wok and Roll are now not coming due to a double booking.
The Horsebox bar still need to confirm. This will be checked.
A meeting of Langham Community Centre trustees is being held tomorrow to clarify whether the hall will need to be paid for on the coronation event.
Funfair rides will also be here – these will be a bouncy castle and jeep ride.
Ice cream van man is booked.
25 advertisement boards are currently being made and sponsored by Palmers.

Cllr Ogawa and Charlotte Parker are going to visit the Oaks regarding the afternoon tea food for the day.

Cllr Ogawa is going into the primary school to advertise the competition for the children to design the logo for the Welcome Home packs which will be judged at the event.

The flyer for the event is ready to go in the parish magazine including thanks and acknowledgment for various groups and to the Parish Council as they have funded the event.

22/126

Bonfire event update

Close off last year's event after debtor added to spreadsheet.

Dynamic fireworks need to be checked that they have been ordered.

Cllr Ogawa will follow this up.

This event will be on the next Recreation Ground committee agenda.

22/127

Update on Play area

Outstanding item was the matting material around the equipment and is now completed.

There has been a safety inspection completed on the site.

All the new equipment and flooring have been inspected and the Wicksteed equipment was going to be checked by the inspector and the PC are waiting for the reply.

A completion and safety certificate for the new equipment is complete but the other certificate is ongoing depending when inspection is completed. Any snagging if needed will be picked up and completed. Cllr Thorpe will be having a meeting at site with the site manager to pick anything up that needs finishing off.

A formal opening will be arranged around June time which is the anniversary of the Recreation Ground being opened.

22/128

MUGA Responses

This is going slowly at the moment and there is now a standard view of what Sport England suggest is used and what is needed on a MUGA court. This will be read individually by the Recreation Ground Committee before looking in more details as to what is needed or wanted by the parish council, and how that relates to the quotes obtained.

Resurfacing of the tennis courts was mentioned and this would be part of the S106 projects.

22/129

Play area picnic benches

Although these were still wanted, these will need to be ordered and this will need to be checked with the Chairman as to what was previously discussed as the current Chair was not in place at that time.

22/130

Next Kompan invoice request and grant request

The next two invoices are due for the payment of the play area and will be requested from Kompan now the work is complete. Clerk will contact Enovert and CCC S106 officer for the monies due to complete the payments.

22/131 Cricket update
All Star cricket are due to go into the Primary School to promote cricket to the children after Easter this is just before the start of the club.
The update of the children attending is not yet known but has been asked for. This will be followed up.
There is an update meeting booked for next month with Essex Cricket.

22/132 Footpaths - general
This is going to be brought up at the next council meeting.
The man from Harper Adams will be invited to the annual meeting for comments on behalf of Rix.

22/133 Items for the next agenda and date of next meeting
See above.
Any other items to be given to the clerk
Wednesday 19th April 7:30pm

22/133 Chairman closure of meeting
Chairman closed the meeting at 9:25pm

Signed

Cllr Thorpe

Dated