

**Minutes of Recreation Ground and Open Spaces Meeting
held at Langham Community Centre 6:30pm Monday 8th December 2021**

Present: Cllr Emms (Chair), Cllr Brockman, Cllr Palmer. Bob Schofield
Cllr Bottwood, Cllr Armstrong visiting Cllr.
0 member of the public
Clerk Carol Harbach

20/196 Welcome and Apologies for absence

Cllr Emms welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Parish Council (PC)
No apologies.

20/197 Declaration of Members Interests

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

**20/198 Agree Minutes from the last Recreation Ground meeting held 8th November
2021**

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

20/199 Matters arising from these meetings.

Village sign refurbishment now complete except for its refitting. Bolts ordered and
awaited.

Langham Lodgers have signed the contract for the year. This will be forward to Cllr
Emms for him to sign. Ongoing.

Tubs have been purchased and will be varnished by Bob Schofield - ongoing
Mrs. Ellis does not want to continue with the village tubs and Mrs. Dawson would
just like to carry on with the Millennium garden.

Cllr Brockman has offered to water the tubs at the memorial site in the future and
other residents will be contacted regarding watering the new tubs at Pub corner.

20/200 Public Open Forum (maximum 10 minutes)

Questions to be noted and answered at the next meeting.

No members of the public present.

Cllr Armstrong gave a reported back from the Jubilee committee
meeting. After a discussion with the committee an amount of up to £3,000 will be
included in the draft 2022 budget to cover expenses for this event.

The Pétanque court request from the Jubilee committee was discussed, and as this is
sited where the new multi court will be placed, it was thought it was a
waste of money to resurrect the current court as it will be subsequently dug up .Also
it has been buried underneath the bonfire site for many years. It was felt that the
money would be better spent on a temporary Pétanque area for the Jubilee
celebrations.

If the Jubilee committee continue with this request it will need to be discussed again
at the LPC for the new meeting.

Cllr Armstrong left the meeting at this point.

20/201 Budget figures for forthcoming year and precept information

This was discussed in detail and item by item draft budget sheets were discussed
and agreed. These figures will be updated by the Clerk then sent to the Finance
committee for agreement. These will then be taken to the full council in readiness
for the next council meeting on the 3rd January for agreement.

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New Play area quotes

Further agreement on the plans have yet to be finalised and final quotes obtained. These are currently in hand and will be passed on when they have been completed. A pop-in session was held on 4th December for the village to review the current position. This was very poorly attended so the council has no opinions or ideas from the village. In view of this a repeat event is to be held on 22nd January. If this is event is similarly unsupported, the council will need to proceed on a best endeavours basis.

The request to the full council was for £50,000 for capital funding and the other amounts will be covered by match funding from grants. The project may be paid in instalments over a number of years due to restricted finances available to the council.

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Items for the next Agenda

In January 2022 date to be confirmed

- Bonfire update
- Queen Jubilee Celebration update
- Play area quotes and agreement

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Time and date of next meeting

To be confirmed.

Chairman closed meeting at 8:40pm

Signed

Cllr Emms

Date