

Langham Parish Council
Recreation Grounds and Open Spaces Meeting
Langham Community Centre 7:30pm 1st March 2023

Attendees: Cllr Thorpe, Cllr Ogawa, Cllr Armstrong, Bob Schofield

Present: Carol Harbach Clerk
0 Members of the public.

22/102 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Cllr Thorpe welcomed everyone to the meeting.

22/103 Declaration of Members Interests

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

22/104 Agree Minutes from the last Recreation Ground meeting 30th January 2023
These had been circulated to councillors previously.
Proposed Cllr Armstrong seconded Cllr Ogawa agreed by all.

22/104 Matter's arising from the last meeting.

All items raised are on this agenda.
Monument has not been completed and will be completed soon. Cllr Thorpe will contract the village contractor to follow up.
Bonfire event – paella lady still to pay for site fee.
Green container will need to be cleared whist skip on site.

22/105 Public Open Forum (maximum 10 minutes)

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

22/106 Summer village event – Kings Coronation event

Cllr Ogawa reported that a meeting has been held between herself, Charlotte Parker and Ginny Moss. This will be the group for the Coronation Event. The running order is going to be from Saturday 2pm - afternoon tea, with The Oaks boys running and hosting the event, there will be tickets for this to help see the numbers being catered for but these will be free of charge and available through shop, face book and social media. The 40s singing group will complete three sets in 3 hours from 2 to 5pm during the afternoon tea. There will be a singer at the evening event. There will be a prosecco, gin and cocktail van on site from 2pm. The food trucks will arrive in the afternoon and be available from 6pm onwards. There will be Pizza, Fish and Chips, Thai food, Wok and Roll, Gourmet burgers and a crepe van. There will also be a coffee man for the evening and JackRabbit beer and Prettyfields wine available. The bar will not be run by the PC but will be supplied by the horseboxes and beer tent. The Scouts will be completing some events during the day and the Langham Ladies will be having a cake competition and this which will be held in the new cabin and after being judged will serve the cake

free of charge at the afternoon tea. The fairground rides are still being looked into. Charlotte Palmer is following this up.

The school will be asked to get involved with bunting etc to decorate marquees and they have been asked if they would like to design the new logo for the new local welcome packs, these will be on display to be judged on the day. The LCC Trustees will be asked if there will be a charge to hire the hall as they did not charge for the Jubilee event.

Toilets are still waiting to be confirmed. The Beacon has been offered to be lit free of charge by Brewers and will be followed up by Bob Schofield, if this is to be booked it is likely to be lit approx. 9:00pm.

Advertising flyer – this is to be placed in the April edition of the newsletter for the coming event. This will be circulated to the committee before it goes out to be checked so everything is on the flyer.

Marquees will be a central feature and there will be an early check on them to make sure that they are ok to use. This will be completed during April.

Two residents will be asked to help sort these out ready for the event.

Charlotte Parker will be following this up. Marquees will be put up on Friday evening. Soft drinks will be sold by the shop. After a discussion it was decided that the horseboxes will be dropped due to the cost involved and JackRabbit will pick up the sales of wine etc. Two toilets will be hired for the event as well as using the main hall and toilets of the LCC. There will be a truck outside as per Jubilee event supplied by Schofield's which will be used in the evening for the singer. Marquees will be checked on the 18th or 19th April for a dry run of the marquees to make sure that these are ok to use. It was noted that the insulation needs to be cleared from container.

22/107

Football bookings

Nets were discussed. It was recommended that a £27 per hire charge be made for the hire of the football field. Proposed Bob Schofield seconded Cllr Armstrong. Clerk to inform the football clubs that have already contacted LPC re hiring the pitch.

22/108

Fun Run September

As this is being run between the PTA at the local school and Boxted runners there were questions on whether the field is being used just for the runs or for stalls as well. Cllr Ogawa will find out the answers before charges will be put forward.

22/109

Update on Play area

There was a problem on where the gates were going to be placed and this has been followed up, corrected and the work is now progressing. Cllr Thorpe is following this up and keeping in touch with the site manager on a regular basis. Trees will be trimmed in this area and quotes have been obtained. Enovert will be having a plaque on the equipment to say they had made a donation.

- 22/110 Discussion around 50th Anniversary of play area/play area opening**
The Recreation Ground was opened in June 1973 and when the installation of the new equipment is completed it will be official opened and this will hopefully take place around June as an opening date for a formal opening of the play area.
- 22/111 Open space maintenance and contractors for next year**
The quotes had been circulated to all of the committee and it was discussed and agreed that Pinnacles will be offered the contract this year. Proposed Bob Schofield seconded Cllr Ogawa all agreed.
- 22/112 MUGA Responses**
7 responses have come in after the Government Tender went live and these will be consolidated and the results and information will be circulated by Cllr Thorpe. The statement requirements were explained again by Cllr Thorpe which were given to the suppliers and were on the on the contract site. These will be considered when looking as to who to offer the contract to.
- 22/113 Cricket All Stars update**
The Essex Cricket teams representative will be going into the schools to set up recruitment and information for this club after Easter. This will also be advertised on Facebook and the social media site.
- 22/114 Tree preservation orders**
It needs to be decided which trees are owned by the Parish Council and the clerk will talk to Colchester City Council (CCC) tree preservation officer to see what information is already held on this. Any information will be forwarded on by the Clerk to Cllr Thorpe.
- 22/115 Tree trimming Rec Ground**
The Tree trimming quote has been obtained and will be looked at. The silver birch tree at the end of the field will also be looked at as it constricts any flag flying at the moment. Vote was taken to agree the tree guard quote that had been circulated. Proposed Cllr Thorpe seconded Cllr Armstrong. Bob Schofield was thanked for obtaining the quotes.
- 22/116 Phone box repair.**
The quote was discussed and it was agreed to go ahead with as it was a H&S issue. Clerk to check budget and if sufficient to go ahead with the work. This had been circulated to all the councillors prior to this meeting and it was then to go ahead when budget confirmed. Proposed Bob Schofield seconded Cllr Ogawa. The vote was 3 to 1 to agree to go ahead with this work.

- 22/117** **Items for the next agenda**
Above items and any new items to be given to the to the clerk

- 22/118** **Time and date of next meeting**
Wednesday 7:30pm 29th March 2023

- 22/119** **Closure of meeting**
Meeting closed 7:45pm

Signed

Cllr Thorpe

Date