

Langham Parish Council
Recreation Ground and Open Spaces
Meeting
19th April 2023 7pm Langham Community Centre

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

Attendees: Carol Harbach Clerk
0 Members of the public

22/134 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Cllr Thorpe welcomed everyone to the meeting.

22/135 Declaration of Members Interests

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

22/136 Agree Minutes from the last Recreation Ground meeting 29th March 2023.

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

22/137 Matter's arising from the last meeting.

Monument – still ongoing

Football bookings have been chased- ongoing

Tree preservation officer – still unable to get hold of ongoing

Telephone box – contractors have been chased again

Hall for the coronation event has kindly been given free of charge by the Trustees of Langham Community Centre for the day.

Rest of items on this agenda

Tennis benches are being put together but some parts are missing and are going to be turning up soon.

22/138 Public Open Forum (maximum 10 minutes)

Questions to be noted and answered at the next meeting.

No public present

22/139 Summer village event – Kings Coronation event

Advertising has gone up.

Menu for the afternoon tea has come out and about 70 tickets have gone.

The menu was read out and there is a visit planned before the event to look what the school have made and are going to prepare for the event.

Funds may be asked for the ingredients up to £300. It was thought there would be sufficient money in the budget to cover this.

Public Liability Insurance will be followed up and the risk assessment is ongoing.

The welcome packs competition has been started by the children at the Primary School and will run until the end of April. Cllr Ogawa will follow this up.

The singer on the evening and will be on a smaller truck.

PAT testing will be followed up by the clerk for the marquee hire.

Brewers will be reminded regarding the beacon lighting.

Marquees will be put up on the Friday, volunteers will be asked to help on that afternoon.

22/140

Bonfire event update

The next Bonfire event is booked for Sunday 5th November 2023.

Last year's bonfire is now closed off and the spreadsheet will be recirculated to the committee. The Shop and the Scouts will be £100 each.

Last year's spreadsheet will be looked at for the budgeting for the forthcoming year.

Beeline have contacted the clerk regarding the hiring of the field for 6 days in August. The hiring of the field was discussed and it was felt this would be too big for the field. Vote for not to go through with this Proposed Cllr Ogawa seconded Cllr Armstrong all agreed. Clerk to contact them.

Cllr Ogawa will chase the invoice from Beeline for the coronation event.

22/141

Opening Event for play area

This was likely to take place around the same time as the 50year celebration of the Recreation Ground.

Turf costs and landscaping would be looked at in the future for the play area to cover the bare patches where the seeding has taken place and this will be discussed further with the site manager. Hopefully the PC will have the accreditation safety certificate for the area soon. The committee want to open this area as soon as possible. There will be locks and chains purchased to lock this area up until it is safe to do so. It was thought to have combination locks so keys etc do not need to be found when these gates need to be opened.

Cllr Thorpe will send round the report to all of the committee members that has been received from Kompan.

Signage will be looked into and purchased, this will be checked with site manager. Cllr Thorpe will follow this up.

Summary;

Locks will be purchased, site visited with manager, turf costs will be looked into safety certificate received then we can open this to the public.

Grass cutting in the play area to be completed. Clerk will follow this up.

22/142

Benches for play area

This was discussed and the different sizes of benches were discussed.

Bases would be needed for these benches with tables.

There were discussions regarding benches inside and outside the play area.

The site manager will be met on site to discuss things further regarding frames for the safety edging.

Space for the benches will be looked at by the

committee to see what can be purchased. These will be looked at for size and costs with various scenarios. Ongoing

- 22/143 MUGA Responses**
With the meeting that took place with Essex Cricket they need to survey the ground again with another soil test, then there is a technical evaluation which needs to take place and this will indicate what the maximum distance is that the ball can be hit, and if extra fencing will be required. The quotes for the MUGA looked need to be looked at again depending what comes out of the survey. The technical survey needs to be completed before the soil survey takes place. There are currently 3 people signed up for the All-Star cricket sessions which starts on the 12th May. Ongoing
- 22/144 Signage at Recreation Ground**
Covered above.
- 22/145 Gate locks/chains play area/recreation ground**
Covered above.
- 22/146 Cricket update**
Covered above.
- 22/147 Pre-School Expansion of play area**
There has been a request from the pre-school to extend the area by an area of a metre on two sides - north and west boundary. A map was given out to the committee of the area being discussed. This will need to be explained further as to what and why this is being considered, as there may be an access issue.
It is possible to get an emergency vehicle past the cabin on to the field if all the pots tables etc are moved. A site meeting would be needed to discuss this further.
All of this would need to be documented formally if agreed to.
- 22/148 Items for the next agenda**
Above anything else please let the clerk know.
Date of next meeting 17th May for 7:30pm
- 22/149 Chairman closure of meeting.**
Chairman closed the meeting at 8:43pm

Signed

Cllr Thorpe

Dated