

**Langham Parish Council**  
**Recreation Ground Meeting Minutes**  
**Langham Community Centre**  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 7:30pm**

**Attendees:** Cllr Thorpe, Cllr Ogawa, Cllr Armstrong, Bob Schofield  
**Present:** Carol Harbach Clerk

**22/182 Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Thorpe welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**22/183 Declaration of Members Interests**

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

**22/184 Agree Minutes from the last Recreation Ground meeting 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

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

**22/185 Matter's arising from the last meeting.**

Invoice for The Oaks regarding the ingredients for Afternoon tea at the Coronation event; Still waiting for response from The Oaks school and this has been chased.

The rest of the matters arising are on the agenda

**22/186 Public Open Forum (maximum 10 minutes)**

Questions to be noted and answered at the next meeting.

No public present

**22/187 Parish Council key access**

Recreation Ground Barrier access – the suggestion was to consider an access via a combination lock rather than keys.

The keys from Kompan are being chased as they have not come back yet.

This was discussed further and it was suggested that there was a key box placed on the pavilion for access for the football hirers and the bar lock was going to be replaced with a combination lock that can be changed periodically. A protocol procedure will be produced and shared with hirers or for a function with the combination lock to open and close the bar gate to the overflow car park, which will be changed after the event. Action Cllr Thorpe and Cllr Armstrong.

Vote to change the lock from keys to combination lock for the barrier. For 4 against 0. Vote carried. Lock will be changed to a combination lock.

Bar gate near the shop key will stay the same.

Double gates at the end of the field – these will stay the same with the same keys. The first code was agreed at the meeting and will be sent to hirers. The proposal for the pavilion to have a key safe on it for storage with a key inside for access for football teams was discussed. This will be looked into and reviewed and brought back to the next meeting.

**22/188 Bonfire event update**

Fish and chip van have been spoken to re coming to the event. They have been emailed and we are waiting for them to get back to us. There will be a bonfire event meeting to cover things in more detail shortly. JackRabbit have just replied regarding the beer and this will be looked at later. Next bonfire meeting is Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 7:30pm.

**22/189 Opening Event for play area**

This will be rolled over and Wicksteed will be coming sometime in August. The bench near the adult equipment is damaged and needs to be repaired. This was discussed and Brewers will be contacted for a costing to repair this, this was agreed. This event is likely to be around September. Action Bob Scofield

**22/190 Roll away goals**

The football hirers have asked to have these, and provision for goals has already been made within the S106 project requests. There needs to be security considered for these and this was discussed further. These are likely to be locked together when not in use and the wheels are removed so they cannot be removed from site. Vote for this to go ahead to propose at the next finance meeting and the parish meeting for approval to use the S106 money project for this. This was agreed by all. After discussions regarding insurance and security it was agreed to take this forward.

**22/191 Recreation Ground Notices**

These are back on the gate. Bob Schofield was thanked for organising this.

**22/192 BBQ on field**

Cllr Ogawa brought up about a having a BBQ on the patio area for a joint event with the occupants who are staying at the hotel, after a football get together at the weekend. This was thought to be under the LCC remit and Cllr Ogawa will be contacting them regarding this. Action Cllr Ogawa.

**22/193 Pre-School Expansion of play area update**

Nothing has come back to the council at the moment.

**22/194 New compactor bin in play area**

At the moment the PC is currently putting the bags in the LCC bin and they are charging the PC £2.50 per bag monthly. This was discussed further as

these bins still needs to be emptied. This was proposed to go ahead with this and taken to the Finance and full council, this was voted on and all agreed.

**22/195**

**Items for the next agenda**

Next Recreation Ground Meeting September Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm

Any new items please let the Clerk know.

**22/181**

**Chairman closure of meeting.**

The meeting was closed at 9:00pm

Signed .....

Cllr Thorpe

Date .....