

DRAFT **Notes of**
Recreation Ground Committee meeting
At Langham Community Centre 7:30pm 9th January 2024

Cllr Thorpe, Cllr Armstrong, Bob Schofield
Carol Harbach Clerk
Apologies from Cllr Ogawa

This meeting was not quorate so was cancelled.

The committee members that were present had a general chat and any decisions that are needed will be taken to the LPC meeting on Wednesday 10th January for agreement.

The date published for review of minutes should be for the minutes for the meeting on 25th October will be amended before signature.

Matter's arising from the last meeting.

Poster for hedge for LCC requested was undertaken - discharged
Keys container – the key is still in our provision - discharged
Quoting for remedial work for play area ongoing
Opening ceremony moved to another date ongoing
Chains for goals discussed and will be ordered - discharged
Cricket at Langham - discharged
S106 money if cricket does not go ahead and the re use of the monies in recreation ground matters. ongoing
Container repair ongoing
Tickets re fireworks night ongoing.

Rubbish collection at play area – new contract has been received and this is £ 1,458.60 for the forth coming year for collections of two bin bags per week. It was discussed as to whether weekly collections were needed in the winter months. It was discussed further and there may be a new litterbin in the car park put in by LCC. It was decided to monitor the current bins by asking the contractor to have a look at the bins when he is completing the playground check for 1 month. Cllr Thorpe will ask the contractor.

Parish Council key access update

To elevate the problem of keys it was thought to have combination locks on all gates on the field. There is a container key held by the Parish Council so it can be accessed.

Bonfire event update

The bonfire event went well and the money is now in and expenses have been paid. Finance sheet nearly completed and there is approximately £4.7k profit at moment. There will be a debrief meeting arranged with the firework suppliers to discuss the evening in more detail.

Opening Event for play area new date

The official opening of the play area was discussed and agreed at the last meeting to be

around Easter. Any repairs that are needed will be completed by the target date agreed. Enovert will be contacted when a date is agreed by the council. The target date was possibly suggested as 20th April 2024 if the remedial work undertaken is completed.

Roll away goals

The roll away goals purchase has been agreed by the Finance committee but there is a request from the committee to confirm that the wheels that are required are the 360-degree wheels and not the 3-way wheels before the invoice is paid and the order processed. The security chains for these also need to be agreed.

The committee would recommend to put to the council the goals with 360-degree wheels be ordered. These will be put up by either the contractor and a resident or the football team will be asked. The chains will need to be purchased before this occurs.

Football update

Ground work needs to be completed on the fields - aeration and possibly rolling. Grass cuttings need to be picked up and aeration of the field is to be part of the quotes and an increase of cuts to 18 cuts instead of 13.

The marking of the pitch needs to be looked at as it needs to be improved. Quote for locks will be looked into and the ones to purchase will be forwarded to the clerk.

The football contracts need to be renewed for the forth coming year which ends at the end of June 2024.

Skip for bonfire/container clearance

The skip has been previously delayed due to the weather and it was agreed to have a larger skip to remove the old tents and other unwanted items from the container. Once the weather improves the date for the clearance and delivery of the skip will be agreed and will be circulated to the council.

Repair of Play area items

The swings for the younger children need to be repaired and some of the other older equipment need remedial works completed on them. A quote has been received from Wicksteed for these works and is at a cost of £534.74 to repair of the swing and rocket seats.

This was discussed and quotes will need to be updated and the repairs completed. There is still some money left in this year's budget of £500 under the rabbit fencing code which will be allocated to this if agreed by council.

MUGA

This can now go ahead as the cricket plans has been shelved.

This will be looked at again and quotes updated.

There are more complexities to this such as equipment and storage of things and access for this equipment to be used.

The surface needs to be looked at and the tennis side of this was discussed further.

Tennis contract

This needs to be reviewed and produced before the MUGA project is started.
This contract needs to be completed first.

Cricket update

After the striking report that was undertaken, it has come to light that the nets that the company recommend for safety cannot be found or do not exist. Due to this the project has now been shelved and the MUGA project can now go ahead.

Container quote

Bob Schofield was asked to obtain a quote for the repair to the container.
It was discussed and thought it may well be better to replace the container that is currently there due to its condition. Quotes for this will be obtained and an amount has provisionally been put in the fourth coming year budget to cover this.

Items for the next agenda

Marquees

Date of next meeting Mon 5th Feb 7:30pm

Chairman closure of meeting

Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm