

DRAFT
Recreation Ground Committee meeting
At Langham Community Centre 7:30pm 5th February 2024

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

23/212 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Cllr Thorpe welcomed everyone to the meeting.
No apologies for absence.

23/213 Declaration of Members Interests

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

23/214 Agree Minutes from the last Recreation Ground meeting 25th September 2023. Meeting of 9th January 2024 not quorate.

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.

23/215 Matter's arising from the last meeting.

Shrubs for cabinet. Going to Gigaclear to find out intentions regarding the form needed and have been contacted and will be chased again. Ongoing.
Poster for hedge for LCC requested was undertaken - discharged
Keys for container – the key is still in our provision - discharged
Quoting for remedial work for play area order been placed - discharged
Opening ceremony for play area – date confirmed discharged.
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
Finances for the fireworks night ongoing. Outstanding amounts are being chased. These figures were agreed to be published and to publish these on the website. All agreed. Action Cllr Armstrong.

23/216 Public Open Forum (maximum 10 minutes)

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

23/217 Pitch Maintenance

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. The contractor had monitored this and the bins were not very full. Clerk to obtain a requote from CCC for fortnightly collections between Dec to end of Feb weekly collections for rest of year.

It was thought that the pitch needs to be aeriated and quotes will be obtained for this work. LCC were considering a waste bin in the car park. This will be followed up. Cllr Thorpe will contact Carol Lloyd.

Quotes will be obtained from Pinnacles, Moser Groundcare, and Vertas. The specification was discussed to have the grass cutting collection between April to June and no grass collection for the rest of the contract. This was discussed further as to what will happen to the grass cuttings collected. Check with suppliers when quoted.

Specification will be

There would be 18 cuts per year.

Cutting rota as above.

Possible Ad hoc cut and not collect and Ad hoc cuts collected are to also be considered. Clerk will produce the specification and will circulate to the council before going to suppliers.

The current goals were discussed and will need to be removed now that the mobile goals have arrived. This will be investigated further and reported back at the next meeting.

23/218

Bonfire event update

The bonfire event went well and the money is now in and expenses have been paid. The Finance sheet is 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. The figures will be published in the public domain.

23/219

Opening Event for play area new date

The official opening of the play area was discussed and agreed at the last meeting. Any repairs that are needed will be completed by the target date agreed. Enover will be contacted when a date is agreed by the council so they can attend. The target date was agreed as Saturday 20th April 2024. An ice cream van and possibly a sweet stall may be contacted for the event. Goody bags for the event will be provided from Kompan. Cllr Ogawa to follow up with the ice cream van and report at next meeting.

23/220

Roll away goals

These have been purchased and paid for. They need to be constructed before use and the village contractor has offered to complete this. These were purchased from S106 money and the Clerk has contacted CCC for the reimbursement. Chains for the goals were discussed we will need 2 sets to secure these. The chains were agreed and will be sent to the Clerk to be ordered at £13.99 each. All agreed.

- 23/221** **Football update**
There was still 1 invoice that was outstanding but this has been received this month, generally the pitch has had less use the past few months due to Christmas and poor weather conditions.
There are also two or three residents who play for the teams that use the field.
- 23/222** **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.
Ongoing.
There are salt bags still unused at the LCC, and they have contacted the clerk to see if these can be moved. As the bins around the village are full and the LCC do not want any more it was discussed and agreed to offer these to the village residents. The contractor will be asked to fill up the salt bin near the LCC barrier near the field, then these will be advertised to residents for any remaining bags. All agreed.
- 23/223** **Marquees**
These have been put on the next budget and can be purchased. These need to be researched and purchased. Cllr Armstrong/Ogawa to source and bring back to the committee Ongoing.
- 23/224** **Repair of Play area items update**
These have been requested and we are waiting for a date from the suppliers as to when the contractors will come and replace the 2 items. The supplier has agreed this will be soon and before the open day event. Ground at the gate entrances into the play area will be monitored. Ongoing.
- 23/225** **MUGA**
This can now go ahead as the cricket plans has been shelved.
This will be looked at again and quotes updated. It was thought to use a working group to move this forward and to have a project manager on this. It was thought to have 3 to 4 people on this group and to have someone to complete this on our behalf.
There are more complexities to this such as equipment and storage and access for this equipment to be used. Ongoing.
- 23/226** **Tennis contract**
This needs to be renewed with the Tennis Club and the old contract had been circulate to the committee before tonight's meeting.
The surface needs to be looked at and the tennis side of this surface was discussed further.
A new contact will need to be discussed with the Tennis club to move this forward. This will be ongoing and on next agenda.

23/227 **Cricket update**
This has now been shelved. The committee will now be looking at the MUGA

23/228 **Container quote**
A cost of a new container was looked into and is Ongoing Bob Schofield will obtain a quote for this.

23/229 **Items for the next agenda**
Please let the Clerk know of any additional items than above.
Next meeting Monday 11th March 7:30pm

23/230 **Chairman closure of meeting**
Chairman closed the meeting at 9:00pm

Signed

Date

Cllr Thorpe