

Minutes of the meeting of **Cainscross Parish Council's Recreation Committee** held on Monday 12 November 2018, commencing at 7.30pm in the Parish Council Office, 39 Westward Road, Cainscross.

Present: Councillors Jenny Miles  
Carlos Novoth  
Ron Smith (Vice-Chair)  
Clive White

In Attendance : Clerk Jeni Marshall  
Senior Groundsman Paul Underwood

Also Present: Councillors David Dale  
Ros Scott-Hodgetts

Apologies: Councillors Eileen Berry (Chair)  
Peter Berry  
Adrian Cross

Absent Councillor Graham Barton

**R114/18** To receive apologies  
Apologies were received as above.

**R115/18** To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee  
The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, held on 15 October 2018 were approved as a correct record and duly signed.

**R116/18** To receive any declarations of interest  
Councillor Miles declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 8 (minute number R121/18)

**R117/18** To receive any representations from members of the public  
None.

**R118/18** To receive the Groundsman's maintenance/management report  
The Groundsman reported that the space net has once again been vandalised and is becoming unsafe. Members considered the budget and agreed to take some money from general reserves to get it repaired. It was further agreed that if the space net suffered any further vandalism following the repairs, it will be removed permanently. He also reported that beer cans are starting to appear in the play area at the QEII Field which usually indicates an increase in anti-social

behaviour. The Clerk will ask the Neighbourhood Warden and PCSO to carry out some extra patrols.

**R119/18**      To consider responses from local residents near the QEII Field and discuss further actions

Following the Clerk's letter to local residents asking for help to identify issues at the field, members considered responses from four residents. The responses covered issues at the field but no residents had offered to collate any information. Councillor Novoth agreed to write to residents again, explaining why this exercise is important and assuring residents that any information collated will be held in the strictest confidence. Councillor Novoth also offered to deliver letters in Frome Gardens.

**R120/18**      To receive an update on the Pavilion Construction

The Clerk reported that the asbestos is being safely removed by an approved contractor and that the building will start to be demolished next week. She further reported that a solid mass has been found in the main pipe and after investigation it appears tree roots have penetrated the pipeline. The contractors are getting quotations for the works although this will not hold up the general build timetable.

**R121/18**      To receive an update on the acquisition of Elm Road Playing Field

The Clerk reported that Stroud District Council are now advertising disposal of the field and the deadline for the consultation is 23 November 2018. Stroud District council will be in touch following this date to further the handover.

**R122/18**      To report on a meeting with Stroud District Council regarding the tree contract and the Green Flag Award

The Clerk met with three officers of Stroud District Council. They advised regarding their tree contract and explained the Parish Mapping on-line service. Councillor Novoth informed members that the Stroud District Council's Tree Contract had been through the procurement process with safety and cost of paramount importance. Councillor Scott-Hodgetts felt that the Clerk should still seek three quotations. It was resolved to obtain two further quotations for a health and safety assessment on the trees at Victory Park, Hamwell Leaze and the QEII Field.

The Clerk also enquired about the Green Flag Award and one of the officers recommended that the QEII Field may be the best choice due to its ecology and community involvement amongst other things. Members agreed to look at the aims of Green Flag in further detail.

**R123/18**

To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of the committee

The next meeting of the Recreation Committee will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.30pm.

Signed

Dated

**Actions**

R118/18	Order Space-Net repairs	Clerk
R118/18	Contact PCSO and Neighbourhood Warden	Clerk
R119/18	Write to residents of Frome Gardens	Clr. Novoth/Clerk
R122/18	Seek quotations for tree works	Clerk