

Minutes of the meeting of **Cainscross Parish Council's Recreation Committee** held on Monday 11 February 2019, commencing at 7.30pm in the Parish Council Office, 39 Westward Road, Cainscross.

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

In Attendance : Clerk Jeni Marshall
Senior Groundsman Paul Underwood

Apologies: Adrian Cross

Absent: Graham Barton

R1/19 To receive apologies
Apologies were noted as above.

R2/19 To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee
The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, held on 12 November 2018 were approved as a correct record and duly signed.

R3/19 To receive any declarations of interest
None.

R4/19 To receive any representations from members of the public
None.

R5/19 To receive the Clerk's report
The Clerk reported that a new fence has been erected between Victory Park and the Car Park. There is now no access directly from the car park to the park. To create a proper access would involve moving the disabled car parking space and dropping the curb which is not financially viable at present. The fence has also been replaced between the Car Park and Victory Park Bowls Club.
She further reported that due to negotiations by Stroud District Council, Tree Maintenance are the best value for money to carry out tree surveys in Victory Park, Hamwell Leaze and the QEII Field. Tree Maintenance has previously mapped trees in Victory Park also making some cost savings. Members agreed that the Clerk place the order for works to be carried out in the new financial year.

Finally, she reported that the Pavilion is well under way. There have been a few issues which are now resolved and cost savings are continuing to be identified although some issues that have also been identified will mitigate any savings.

Councillor Novoth informed members that letters have been delivered to residents of Frome Gardens as mentioned in the actions from the last Recreation meeting.

R6/19

To receive the Groundsman's maintenance/management report

The Groundsman reported that he has put in some new posts to support the fence at Cashes Green Allotments. Councillor Berry reported that some of the fence near to her house is also down. The Groundsman will take a look at this and repair if necessary.

He further reported that the path edging at Hamwell Leaze is breaking away and will need replacing in due course. The Clerk suggested that a Parish Walk-a-bout is arranged for the spring to identify any issues and this was agreed.

The park is very muddy in places due to the building works and the Groundsman has purchased some additional bark to help with this. Finally, he reported graffiti on the large Pavilion. He has tried all methods to remove this but he has not managed to clean it off completely. It was resolved to re-paint the walls facing the pitch in the spring.

Members discussed the general state of the large pavilion and agreed that there are still issues with the cleanliness and care of the Pavilion by the teams. It was resolved to invite both the football and rugby team representatives to a Recreation meeting to discuss the issues.

R7/19

To consider a request from Sunflower Suicide Support for a small piece of land to use as a memorial garden

After due discussion, members agreed this is an excellent charity and resolved to offer Sunflower Suicide Support the chance to put a raised bed at Cashes Green Allotments. If this is not suitable an alternative area could be created at Hamwell Leaze.

R8/19

To receive an update regarding Cashes Green Allotment allocations, consider ownership of the vehicular access gate and the purchase of a lockable post box.

Following a report by the Assistant Clerk, members resolved to confirm ownership of the entrance gates. They further approved the purchase of weed suppressant, a mail box for communications and

security keys and padlocks. It was further resolved that the keys would be issued to allotment holders with a refundable £10 deposit on surrender of their plot.

Councillor Novoth asked members to consider the potential to take over the ownership of the allotment building. He felt that the ownership was causing issues and should be incorporated in to the site as opposed to being a separate gated entity. He suggested contacting the Planning department at Stroud District Council to seek their views about alterations to the building should it suffer excessive vandalism before speaking to Applewood to seek their opinions. Members suggested that if a transfer of ownership was agreed between Applewood and the Parish Council, Applewood could use the building free of charge although they would still need to book.

R9/19

To confirm the continuing agreement with Stroud Valleys Project regarding the QEII Field

The Clerk informed members that Stroud Valleys Project are keen to continue their work and that they have been successful in recruiting community volunteers. Members resolved that Stroud Valleys Project continue their work for a further year.

R10/19

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

The next meeting of the Recreation Committee will take place on 11th March 2019 at 7.30pm.

Signed

Dated

Actions

R5/19	Instruct Tree Surveys to be carried out in new F/Year	Clerk
R6/19	Check posts at Cashes Green Allotments	Groundsman
R6/19	Paint identified areas of large pavilion in spring	Groundsman
R6/19	Invite representatives of Rugby and football clubs to a rec meeting	Clerk
R7/19	Arrange meeting with Sunflower Suicide Support	Assistant Clerk
R8/19	Purchase agreed goods for CG allotments	Assistant Clerk
R8/19	Contact Planning Authority re Allotment Building	Clerk
R9/19	Inform SVP of approval for 2019/20	Clerk