

Minutes of the meeting of **Cainscross Parish Council's Recreation Committee** held on Monday 19 February 2018, commencing at 7.00pm in the Parish Council Office, 39 Westward Road, Cainscross.

Present:           Councillors    Roger Cordon (Chair)  
  Graham Barton (Vice Chair)  
  Peter Berry  
  Eileen Berry  
  Kim Cordon  
  Adrian Cross  
  Jenny Miles

In Attendance : Clerk            Jeni Marshall  
                          Senior Groundsman   Paul Underwood

Apologies:                         John Batten  
  Ron Smith

**R13/18**                    To receive apologies  
Apologies were noted as above.

**R14/18**                    To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee  
The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, held on 20 November 2017 were approved as a correct record and duly signed.

**R15/18**                    To receive any declarations of interest  
None.

**R16/18**                    To receive any representations from members of the public  
A member of the public gave a presentation regarding the potential for a pump track. The projected costs will be in the region of £95,000. He would like to place the track at Victory Park where the existing dirt jumps are situated.

**R17/18**                    To receive the Groundsman's maintenance/management report  
The Groundsman reported that following the hedge cutting in the children's play area at Victory Park, a drain has been unearthed with a loose fitting drain cover which he deemed to be dangerous. The Clerk reported this to Severn Trent and they came out to inspect it the same day. Severn Trent has agreed this needs a replacement drain cover and will action this within three working days.

He further reported that he has been re-fitting the fence posts on Hilly Orchard Bridge and to prevent them rotting has used metal

spikes to fit the posts in the ground. He mentioned that the contractor is carrying out necessary works to the trees and hedges at Hamwell Leaze and that he is busy painting parts of the new pavilion.

Councillor Barton raised concerns regarding the church wall between the churchyard and the park and explained that it had partially collapsed putting a strain on the already weak fencing. The Clerk will contact the Church to discuss this. He also commented on an area of hedge that is missing on the path leading down to the industrial estate and suggested some fencing or hedge works to tidy this up. It was agreed to diary this for hedge works in October.

**R18/18**

To discuss the arson attack on the hedge between the Bowls Club and Victory Park Play Area

Members were generally very perturbed by the incident that had happened on Tuesday 13 February at approximately 4.30pm in broad day light. This was the third arson attack in the Parish in 3 years. A member mentioned that his wife had been walking their dog following the incident and overheard two girls talking to the police and she got the impression that the girls know who the culprits are.

Members expressed concerns that no one is being caught for these crimes and that the policing is ineffective. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to the Police headquarters and express the Councils concerns. It was felt that this sort of feedback was not necessarily negative as it would help the police defend their position regarding funding.

The Clerk has had a request from the bowls club to replace the burnt hedge with a fence. Members resolved that they were happy for the Bowls Club to do this.

**R19/18**

To receive representation from a member of the public regarding a pump track at Victory Park

Following the presentation from a member of the public, Council discussed the idea. Councillor Barton raised concerns about the tarmac servicing particularly in relation to drainage. He explained that the area of the park in question can become quite boggy and needs to be free draining. The member of the public explained that crushed stone could be used but this was no good for scooters and skateboards.

The Clerk felt that this could potentially be quite an emotive issue with local residents and therefore it was agreed to refer it to Full

Council for further consideration and also carry out a consultation in the Fourwards as well as consider writing to local residents.

With regard to the funding, the member of the public agreed that he would do all necessary fundraising and grant applications if the track was approved and he estimated approximately two years to raise funds and complete the track.

**R20/18**

To further consider two quotations to upgrade the existing bike ramps  
Two quotations had been received to tidy up the existing ramps at the top of the park. Members considered both quotations and agreed to go forward with the cheaper of the two.

**R21/18**

To consider a survey of the trees along the footpath at QEII Field  
The Clerk explained that since taking a tree out along the path residents have started to complain about other trees along the path. It was agreed to have a survey carried out to assess the situation in full.

**R22/18**

To consider an audit of the open spaces policy area by area starting with Hamwell Leaze

The Clerk informed members that the Open Spaces Policy is very out of date and suggested she audit it area by area as time allows, for Councils approval. This was thought to be a good idea.

Members considered the Hamwell Leaze audit and this was approved. Councillor Barton remembered that at some point in the past, Stroud District Councils Land Drainage Officer had expressed an interest in a water holding area at Hamwell Leaze to help balance water inflow to the canal when restored. The Clerk was asked to contact the District Council and see if this idea was still on the table.

**R23/18**

To consider adding a plaque for former Councillor Darryn Saville to an existing bench

Members were more than happy to use an existing bench to place a plaque for former Councillor Darryn Saville. One member requested that the name Captain Spanner is on the plaque as well as his given name as this is the name he was generally known by in the local community.

**R24/18**

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

The next meeting of the Committee will take place on Monday 19 March at 7.30pm.

Signed



Dated

19/3/18

## Actions:

R17/18	Check areas highlighted by Councillor Barton at Victory Park for action	Clerk / Groundsman
R18/18	Write to Police HQ	Clerk
R20/18	Award work to R Attwood	Clerk
R21/18	Commission tree survey	Clerk