

Minutes of the meeting of **Cainscross Parish Council's Recreation Committee** held on Monday 23 April 2018, commencing at 7.30pm in the Parish Council Office, 39 Westward Road, Cainscross.

Present: Councillors R Cordon (Chairman)
G Barton
E Berry
P Berry
K Cordon
A Cross
J Miles

In Attendance : Clerk Jeni Marshall
Senior Groundsman Paul Underwood

Apologies: Councillor Ron Smith

R35/18

To receive apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor R Smith

R36/18

To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee

The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, held on March 19th 2018 were approved as a correct record and duly signed.

R37/18

To receive any declarations of interest

Councillor K and R Cordon declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda items 13 and 14 (R48/18 R49/18).

R38/18

To receive any representations from members of the public

Two members of Victory Park Bowls Club requested that the Council pay 50% of the costs of erecting a fence between the play area and the bowls club following the fire. Councillor Barton asked them about privacy and they were happy for the Parish Council to also carry out some planting at their leisure and suggested some form of defensive planting.

Four residents from Frome Gardens raised grave concerns about the anti social behaviour at the field. They explained that the benches have become a magnet for drunks and they have witnessed people urinating, snorting substances, drinking and playing loud music. The behaviour is generally worse between 10pm and 3am keeping residents awake at night and feeling very vulnerable. The residents

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requested that the benches either be moved elsewhere or removed permanently.

R39/18

To receive the Clerks report

The annual ROSPA report has been carried out on all our play areas with only a few minor defects found. She mentioned that they are available to read should anyone wish to look at them. She highlighted that the pond report at the QEII Field mentioned there should be signs and flotation devices plus the fence was considered not suitable to keep unsupervised children away from the water. Members did not feel these measures are necessary.

She is due to be meet Rob Attwood this week to look at the bike ramps and pitches at Victory Park and also at Cashes Green allotments regarding damaged fencing and fencing of the ecological zone.

The gentleman who is interested in raising funds for a pump track has informed her that the area available at the QEII Field is too small without infringing too far in to the field and as the Parish Council have decided they are keeping the dirt ramps at Victory Park, he is approaching Stroud District Council to see if they have any suggestions. She has sent him a link to Rush Skate Park who are moving to Stratford Court with the suggestion he links in with them.

Sara Bennett has contacted her via Councillor P Berry to offer a donation of £50 for some shrubs for the peace garden which she has gratefully accepted.

R40/18

To receive the Groundsman's maintenance/management report

The Groundsman reported that he is extremely busy at the moment with the Assistant Grounds person still being off sick and the spring weather arriving. He has been moving stock from the old pavilion to the toilets at Cainscross in preparation for the demolition of the old Pavilion.

He suggested that the old water tank which is too large for the new van be donated to one of the allotment sites and he requested to meet with Councillor P Berry at the Peace Garden at Victory Park to site the new Interpretation Board.

The Clerk mentioned that should the Assistant Grounds person not return to work shortly, it may be worth considering to take on a temporary member of staff to help out for the summer months.

R41/18

To note correspondence from a local resident regarding anti social behaviour at the QEII field and consider relocating the picnic benches

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Members considered the earlier representation from residents of Frome Gardens and acknowledged that the anti-social behaviour is a major problem in the spring and summer months. They explained that CCTV has been investigated but has proven extremely expensive and even trying to link in with the Bowls Club it is equally expensive. Other ideas were discussed such as byelaws and exclusion zones and members agreed that this is really a police matter and that moving the benches will only push the problem to other areas of the field. The Clerk was asked to further investigate byelaws and contact the Police and Crime Commissioner to highlight the extent of the problems. The residents were asked to keep logging any anti social and calling 101 plus if safe to do so, photograph and record the incidents.

Councillor Miles suggested that the Clerk also wrote to her as a District Councillor to request help from District Council.

R42/18

To further discuss the hedge damaged by fire between Victory Park Bowls Club and the Children's Play Area

Following discussion with members from the Bowls Club, Councillor Barton proposed the Council pay 50% of the costs for the fence. This was seconded by Councillor E Berry and carried with all in favour. The Clerk will email confirmation to the Bowls Club as well as a copy of the Park byelaws.

R43/18

To consider the purchase of a 12 volt inverter

The Groundsman explained that having an inverter would be useful when he is out and about particularly when he needs to use the power washer to clear moss on the safer surfacing. Councillor Barton mentioned an excellent new moss cleaner he had used in his line of work, and he will send details to the Clerk. Councillor Miles proposed an inverter was bought. This was seconded by Councillor Barton and carried with all in favour.

R44/18

To discuss the timing of car boot sales in relation to pitch maintenance

The Clerk raised concerns about the timing of the grass seeding and the car boot sales at Victory Park. Members considered the issues but as the grass was coming back well this year decided to request that the goal mouths are taped off prior to the car boot sales as the goal mouths are usually the worst affected areas.

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R46/18 To receive and consider recommendations from the Communications and Policy committee to adopt the following updated policies

- Victory Park Cainscross – Special Conditions of Hire for Car Boot Sales
- Victory Park and Pavilion Standard Conditions of Hire

Members considered the minor amendments and resolved to adopt the policies.

R47/18 To further consider quotations and detailing for metal shutters at the new Pavilion

Two quotations were considered and members agreed to use the local company if they could stick to their original quote. It was agreed to request brown shutters.

One member raised an issue regarding the identification of the pavilions and requested that naming each pavilion should be put on the next recreation agenda.

R48/18 To consider issues at Cashes Green Allotments

Councillor P Berry mentioned the problems caused by flailing which the Clerk is to address with the contractor. He mentioned that the main problem at the site was the allotment holders' reticence to form a committee. It was resolved that if no committee was formed, an allotment manager would need to be employed which would need to be paid for by the tenants.

Councillor R Cordon who has an allotment explained that the bottom end of the allotments seemed to be well run but the top end is very separate and there is no camaraderie.

Councillor P Berry felt that the ecological zone needs careful management and mentioned grants that are available for this type of work. He felt that grazing would be of use, but the Clerk explained the original agreement stated no grazing.

He also mentioned that boundaries should be legally recorded in light of the allotment building not belonging to the Parish Council and that the two areas of compost should be monitored and the swale checked annually.

It was agreed that a separate access should be made to separate the allotments from the allotment building and this will be added to the next agenda.

R49/18 To note unauthorised tree works in breach of tenancy agreement by an allotment holder at Cashes Green Allotments

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The Clerk informed members that a tenant has had a tree cut back severely without the permission of the Council. Members noted that there is clear instruction on the tenancy agreements that trees should not be touched without permission of the Council. It was agreed that the tree will be observed throughout the growing season for signs of any recovery but in the meantime the Clerk should write to the tenant explaining that she could face legal action and they expect her to clear all the wood left on site within the next month or the Parish Council will employ a contractor and the tenant will be billed for the work. The tenant will also be informed that should the tree not recover she will need to have the remainder of the tree taken down, the stump ground out and the tree replaced with the cost going to the tenant.

R50/18**To consider a Commemoration to the end of the First World War to be held in November 2018**

Councillor P Berry explained that in the back office there is a Cainscross and District Roll of Honour and he felt that due to the 100th anniversary of the Great War it would be good to honour the men mentioned in some way. Members considered this but due to the level of work at present it was agreed not to hold an event but to maybe read out the names at the Remembrance Service and put an article in the Fourwards.

R51/18**To consider approaching District council to acquire Elm Road playing field**

The Clerk asked members to consider making a request to Stroud District Council to take over ownership of Elm Road Playing Field at Cashes Green. After due discussion it was agreed to approach the District Council but the Parish would only be interested in purchasing the field for a nominal fee and would not be interested in leasing the field. It was also agreed that the Parish Council would then manage and maintain the field as well as registering it as a playing field in perpetuity but would not have the funds to flatten the field or erect a Pavilion.

It was resolved to recommend this to Full Council.

R52/18**To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of the committee**

The date of the next meeting of the Recreation Committee will take place on the 11 June 2018.

Signed



Dated

11/6/2018

Actions

R40/18	Offer old water tank to allotment sites	Clerk
R41/18	Look at Byelaws	Clerk
R41/18	Write to SDC and Cotswold Canals Trust re contribution to CCTV	Clerk
R41/18	Write to Police and Crime Commissioner	Clerk
R41/18	Write to District Councillor Jenny Miles	Clerk
R42/18	Confirm agreement with Bowls Club and send out Byelaws of the park	Clerk
R43/18	Purchase a 12 volt inverter	
R44/18	Tape off goalmouths after seeding particularly for car boot sales	Clerk
R45/18	Adopt Policies	Administration Assistant
R47/18	Order metal shutters	Clerk
R48/18	Check legal boundaries / look at grants for ecological zone/ add fencing to next Recreation agenda	Clerk
R49/18	Write to allotment holder	Clerk
R51/18	Add Elm Rd recommendation to FC agenda	Clerk