

Minutes of the meeting of **Cainscross Parish Council's Recreation Committee** held on Monday 16 July 2018, commencing at 7.00pm in the Parish Council Office, 39 Westward Road, Cainscross.

Present: Councillors Graham Barton
Eileen Berry (Chairman)
Peter Berry
Kim Cordon
Jenny Miles
Ron Smith (Vice -Chair)

In Attendance : Clerk Jeni Marshall
Administration Assistant Sally Jones
Work experience Adam Jones
Councillor Clive White

Member of Ebley Allotments Tony Wyatt

Apologies: Councillors Roger Cordon
Adrian Cross

Absent Groundsman Paul Underwood

R68/18 To receive apologies
Apologies were noted as above

R69/18 To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee
The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, held on 11th June 2018 were approved as a correct record and duly signed.

R70/18 To receive any declarations of interest
Councillor Miles declared a non pecuniary interest in item R81/18

R71/18 To receive any representations from members of the public
None.

R72/18 To receive the Groundsman's maintenance/management report
The groundsman did not attend the meeting.

R73/18 To receive the Clerks report
The Clerk reported that a complaint had been received regarding use of the Basketball net at Victory Park late at night and suggested that a laminated sign be put on the backboard stating no games after 10pm.

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Some caps have been broken off the new play boat at the QEII Field, these have been replaced free of charge by Discovery Play.

The Stock fencing has been installed around the pond at the QEII field and a wasp's nest has been removed from the area by Stroud District Council.

The Clerk has spoken to Stroud District Council regarding parking at Etheldene Road and there is no evidence of ownership by the local residents and they will be considering installing bollards.

Finally she reported that Gloucester Playing Fields Association have awarded their maximum grant of £2000 to the Council to help towards the cost of the new pavilion.

QEII Field

R74/18

To consider two quotations for tree and scrub works to the footpath leading from Hilly Orchard Bridge to Golden Jubilee Way

After considering the quotations Councillor Smith proposed that the work be awarded to Ian Pullen. This was seconded by Councillor P Berry and carried with all in favour.

R75/18

To consider a permanent sign on the entrance gates

The Clerk explained that access through the gate has not always been possible due to vehicles parked in front of the gates and suggested that a permanent sign be put on the gate. Councillor P Berry proposed that a sign be put up stating – Vehicles blocking these gates will be towed away at owner's expense. This was seconded by Councillor Cordon and carried with all in favour.

R76/18

To receive information regarding a homeless person

The Clerk updated the Council that the homeless gentleman has now left the field. Councillor P Berry stated that if the person returned to the field at a later date they should be dealt with firmly but fairly. The Clerk confirmed that full procedure has been followed and all relevant partner agencies involved

R77/18

To consider a request from Cotswold Canals Trust for another dedicated bench

Councillor P Berry proposed that the request be declined as there is already enough seating at the field and there has been issues with anti-social behaviour. This was seconded by Councillor Smith and carried with all in favour.

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Victory Park**R78/18****To consider a quotation for the cone net at Victory Park**

The Clerk explained that it is a specialized piece of equipment and therefore it is only possible to get quote from the company that installed it. Councillor P Berry proposed that the item be replaced. This was seconded by Councillor Miles and carried with all in favour. Councillor Barton proposed that the Council with guidance from the police, consider appointing voluntary park wardens to intervene if they see damage taking place in the park. He suggested that an article could be put in the next Fourwards. He also stated that the Groundsman could issue fixed penalties to dog owners that failed to clear up after their dog. The Clerk said she would seek guidance from Stroud District Council but had reservations about this. This was seconded by Councillor Cordon and carried with all in favour.

R79/18**To consider a quotation for urgent tree works at Victory Park**

The Clerk was given authority to get two quotations and to go with the most suitable one. The Clerk suggested that a 3-year contract be set up for this type of work. This was proposed by Councillor E Berry, seconded by Councillor J Miles and carried with all in favour.

R80/18**To consider additional fees for Cainscross Rugby Club for youth sessions**

Councillor Barton proposed the rugby club be charged £10 per session in line with other clubs using the facility. This was seconded by Councillor Cordon and carried with all in favour.

Allotments**R81/18****To consider a grievance raised by a tenant at Ebley Allotments**

The Clerk has had a meeting with the Chair and Secretary of Ebley allotments regarding a plot which is overgrown and affecting neighbouring plots. The plot holder has advised the committee that due to his disability he is not able to work the plot but would like to retain the plot and will be planting winter vegetables. A plot holder at the Ebley site addressed the Council regarding expectations of a plot holder in line with their tenancy agreement to cultivate the plot, loosen the soil and destroy weeds. The plot is approximately 4 lugs and was last rotavated in the spring but since then a large amount of bind weed is covering the plot. The Clerk explained that there is a grant available that individuals can apply for to help people with disabilities to continue gardening. Councillor Barton proposed that

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the Council advise the plot holder about the grant and suggested the allotment association could offer some help. He further proposed that this should be revisited in October and that the allotments associations should consider setting up plot suitable for people with disabilities at each allotment site. This was seconded by Councillor P Berry and carried with all in favour.

R82/18**To discuss tenancies at Cashes Green Allotments**

The Administration Assistant sought clarification from the committee regarding action that can be taken against plot holders who pay but fail to cultivate or return a signed tenancy agreement. Councillor P Berry felt that in this instance they have broken their agreement. Councillor Barton stated that it is important to be consistent and to be in line with the other allotment sites. An Ebley allotment holder explained that plot holders at Ebley are given a verbal warning and sometimes offered help. After a month if no work has commenced a letter is sent given a month's notice of termination of their tenancy agreement. The Administration Assistant was asked to speak to other allotment sites to see what their procedures are and prepare a report. She further explained that the Community pay back scheme start at the allotment site on Thursday 19th July and will be clearing the communal areas of the site including some plot clearance work. A meeting will be held in September inviting plot holders to attend to request they form a committee, failing this as previously agreed an allotment manager will be employed at a cost to the plot holders.

General Recreation**R83/18****To note a letter to Stroud district council regarding a pump track**

Noted

R84/18**To receive information regarding the oak tree and surrounding land at Hamwell Leaze**

The Clerk informed the committee that the land the tree stands on is owned by Bromford homes not the Parish Council as previously thought. Members asked the Clerk to contact Bromford Homes to see how they intend to maintain the land.

R85/18**To confirm the date and time of the next meeting of the committee**

The next meeting of the Recreation Committee will take place on 10 September at 7pm.

Signed

E Berry

10/9/2018

Dated 10/9/2018

Actions

R74/18	Award Contract to I Pullen	Clerk
R75/18	Order Sign	Clerk
R77/18	Write to the Canal trust regarding bench request	Clerk
R78/18	Order Cone	Clerk
R78/18	Put article in next Fourwards regarding Park Wardens	Admin Assist
R78/18	Speak to SDC regarding fixed penalty notices re dog fouling by Groundsman	Clerk
R79/18	Investigate setting up 3 year contract for maintenance	Clerk
R80/18	Advise Cainscross RFC regarding youth sessions cost	Clerk
R81/18	Write to Plot holder at Ebley regarding outcome and grant	Clerk
R84/18	Contact Bromford Homes re: maintenance of their owned area	Clerk



