

Minutes of the meeting of **Cainscross Parish Council's Recreation Committee** held on Monday 15 October 2018, commencing at 7.30pm in the Parish Council Office, 39 Westward Road, Cainscross.

Present: Councillors Graham Barton
Eileen Berry (Chair)
Peter Berry
Jenny Miles
Carlos Novoth
Ron Smith (Vice-Chair)
Clive White

In Attendance : Clerk Jeni Marshall
Senior Groundsman Paul Underwood

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Apologies: Councillor Adrian Cross

R101/18 To receive apologies
Apologies were received as above.

R102/18 To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee
The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, held on 10 September 2018 were approved as a correct record and duly signed.

R103/18 To receive any declarations of interest
None.

R104/18 To receive any representations from members of the public
None.

R105/18 To receive the Groundsman's maintenance/management report
The Groundsman reported that he has put an additional lock on the old Pavilion to secure it until it is demolished. He further reported anti-social behaviour on a daily basis in the Pavilion toilets and requested these now stay locked which was agreed.
The QEII Field Bridge where the tarmac meets the fibre glass is once again breaking apart and causing a potential trip hazard. It was resolved to contact a local contractor to take a look at the issue. The Clerk was given authority to go ahead with the repairs subject to cost. Councillor Novoth offered the Groundsman two days' assistance with any outstanding jobs that may need two men.
Finally, it was reported that the Church wall is coming down in the street area as well as in to the park. The Clerk was asked to write to the Church to see what they intend to do to make it safe.

R106/18**To consider quotations for the maintenance of the Peace Garden**

Three quotations were considered. Councillor Miles proposed to accept Kate Foster Gardening Services quote. This was seconded by Councillor Smith and carried with all in favour.

R107/18**To further discuss Cashes Green Allotments and the financial implications**

Councillor P Berry repeated his concerns regarding the cost of running the allotments and reiterated that a high proportion of the site was ecology and swale areas and therefore not attributed to the plot holders. He requested that the staff should do a breakdown of their time and costs for managing the site. Councillor Barton felt this would be counterproductive and just take even more staff time and should be written off to general administration which was agreed by other Councillors present.

Councillor Novoth commented that the site is very different from other allotment sites and that the Council should be revelling in this. He felt that the site needs nurturing and that within the next two to three years' community spirit will develop and the site will be running efficiently. It was generally agreed that the Council will need to maintain the ecology area and the swale and the Clerk is due to meet with the Stroud Valleys Project to discuss this as well as potential grants available. The Clerk also mentioned that she has met with Claudia from Pinnacle and Pinnacle have requested use of the land in front of the allotment building for the Applewood residents. Pinnacle will pay the costs of fencing the area off and suggested that Applewood allotment holders will maintain the area. Members agreed to the usage but would prefer any license issued to be looked at by the Councils solicitor at cost to Applewood/Pinnacle.

R108/18**To receive information regarding emergency tree surgery at Hamwell Leaze and consider further works**

The Clerk reported that a tree had come down on the footpath and she had arranged emergency tree surgery to clear it. She reported that two further trees are listing and would like permission to take them down to save future costs. Councillor Novoth suggested that the trees once cut be left on site and some local talent sought to create something from the wood. It was agreed that Councillor Novoth will write an article for the next Fourwards.

- R109/18** To receive a report from Stroud Valleys Project regarding their work at QEII Field
Members noted the report and commented that they were pleased with the work being carried out.
- R110/18** To discuss future involvement with Stroud Nature including potential sites following a presentation at the previous Full Council meeting
It was agreed that the presentation was very good and that members were keen to get involved. Councillor Novoth suggested that the Clerk contact Stroud Nature and request that they offer some time to visit the Councils owned sites and advise on what the Council can practically do to increase the ecological value and biodiversity without huge cost. It was further agreed to offer Stroud Nature the opportunity to put an article in the Fourwards to help homeowners and private landowners. It was generally agreed that more is achieved if the experts are willing to visit the sites rather than just offer leaflets.
- R111/18** To further consider the Memorial Policy including the addition of a maintenance clause
After due consideration, Councillor Barton suggested adding the following wording to point 3 'plus any ongoing commitment to maintenance'. He further suggested that point number 11 is taken out and point 15 has the wording 'unless prior arrangements have been agreed' added. This was seconded by Councillor P Berry and carried with all in favour.
- R112/18** To consider the budget for the Committee for 2019/2020 and make recommendations to Full Council
The play area at Victory Park was discussed and it was generally agreed that despite it being very well used, it is starting to look tired. Councillor Novoth suggested a consultation should be carried out to ascertain the type of equipment required. It was generally agreed that this would be best done in the spring/summer months by the Councillors. Having considered the ever growing cost of new play equipment, Councillor Barton proposed that a sum be put into a play equipment reserve each year to build up a fund for all the play areas owned by the Parish Council. It was agreed to recommend a further £3000 be put in to this budget. It was further agreed to increase the pitches budget by £500, add £1500 to the annual event budget, add £500 to the allotment budget splitting the total amount over the three sites and adding £1500 under a new heading for the ecology

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zone and swale at Cashes Green. It was further agreed to reduce the budget for the Parish planting by £200 and the general running costs of the new pavilion by £250. Members will further consider the budget at the November meeting.

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

The next meeting of the Recreation Committee will take place on 12th November 2018 at 7.30pm.

Signed

R. Smith

Dated

12.11.18

Actions

R105/18	Contact Contractor re QEII Bridge	Clerk
R105/18	Write to St. Matthews Church regarding the church wall	Clerk
R106/18	Contact K Foster	Clerk
R107/18	Contact Pinnacle	Assistant Clerk
R108/18	Arrange Tree Surgery	Clerk
R108/18	Write tree art article for Fourwards	Councillor Novoth
R110/18	Contact Stroud Nature	Clerk
R111/18	Alter Policy	Assistant Clerk
R112/18	Enter budget amendments	Clerk