

Draft Minutes

Langham Parish Council
Recreation Ground and Open Spaces Meeting
Minutes

Held at Langham Community Centre 7:45pm 10th September 2024

Attendees: Cllr Ogawa, Cllr Freeman, Cllr Anderson, Cllr Armstrong, Cllr Bottwood

Present: Clerk – Carol Harbach.

0 Members of the public.

24/058 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Cllr Ogawa welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Bob Schofield.

24/059 Declaration of Members Interests

No declarations arose.

24/060 Agree Minutes from the last Recreation Ground meeting 11th July 2024

These had been previously circulated and were agreed to be a true and accurate copy. Proposed Cllr Anderson seconded Cllr Ogawa All agreed

24/061 Matter's arising from the last meeting.

These are on this agenda.

24/062 Public Open Forum (maximum 10 minutes)

Questions to be noted and answered at the next meeting.

No public present

24/063 Events

- Classic Car Show – 8th September 2024 update of event

Everyone was thanked for all their help. Points for the future were noted and an event plan will be put together A few things were learnt and will be rectified for the next year.

This was well attended by the village and exhibitors and there were over 100 car on the day

- Fun Run 22nd September

Clerk to contact Vanessa to request times that they want for gate openings

Cllr Ogawa will contact the runners with regard to the sum up machines.

Keys for the gates were discussed and a key register will be arranged.

- Firework Night - update

Website work has been started for tickets for the 2nd Nov – Saturday.

Various caterers were discussed and there are still some to confirm.

Letters will be sent to the sponsors for help on the event.

Other activities were discussed and will be followed up on including prices.

Updates will be given out at next meeting of the firework committee.

24/064 Contactor for hedge cutting at Langham Community Centre (LCC)

This was discussed and agreed to have the same contractor as last year as he had quoted the same price as last year. Clerk to book the contractor for October for the hedge to be trimmed. Action Clerk.

- 24/065** **Storage requirements review for Recreation Ground**
- Existing Container Clearance & Skip Hire update
Date agreed to go through this which is Monday 16th September.

 - New container specification and quote update
This is ongoing
- 24/066** **Security Bollards for field**
- The clerk has started to look into quotes for the bollards and there is a need to have an electricity supply for this. The LCC will be contacted to see if they give permission for the electricity supply at the Tennis Courts to be used as this is metered and will be easier to obtain the amount of electricity used for these bollards. There is also a battery backup as part of the security arrangements should the electricity fail. Cllr Bottwood will check with the LCC committee. Ongoing
- 24/067** **Repairs to playground equipment -**
quotes for springer
- There have been various quotes for repairs to the hedgehog springers 1 for a repair and two contractors suggested just replacing the item rather than repairing the current one. This was discussed further and it was agreed that it was to be repaired.
- roundabout update
- This has been followed up by the Clerk and the part required should have been with Kompan last week and the repairs due to be completed in the next couple of weeks.
- 24/050** **Recreation Ground Extension - update**
- The developer liked what had been proposed by the council but at the moment the developer has put this application on hold due to discussions with Anglian Water and Colchester City Council regarding the sewage works and the extra capacity it would create on the system. Any further updates will be brought to this meeting.
- 24/051** **MUGA**
- Specifications - updates
- Cllr Armstrong will set up a group to finalise these discussions on the draft that has been sent out.
- 24/052** **Outdoor Table Tennis table**
- This has been requested by residents and it may be possible to place this near the adult gym. Quotes will be obtained for this.
- 24/053** **Tennis contract**
- This is being worked on and will be followed up.
- 24/054** **Renewal of football contracts**
- This was discussed by the committee and the problems aired. Pricing review will also be looked at from both the LCC and LPC. A meeting will be held with LCC, LPC and football managers to discuss things further before the contracts are renewed.

24/055 **Park Lane Monument**
This has been cleaned and tidied up generally. The contractor has weeded, swept and weed killed the area. The pointing still needs to be undertaken.

24/056 **Items for the next agenda**
Containers at Pub corner
Christmas tree
Budget for next year's budget figures to be agreed in Oct for Finance Committee

Date for next meetings 16th October 2024, 14th November 2024

24/056 **Chairman closure of meeting**
The meeting was closed at 22:00pm

Signed

Cllr Ogawa

Date