

Draft Minutes

**Langham Parish Council**  
**Recreation Ground and Open Spaces Meeting**  
**Minutes**

Held at Langham Community Centre 7:30pm 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**Attendees:** Cllr Ogawa, Cllr Freeman, Cllr Anderson and Bob Schofield.

**Present:** Clerk – Carol Harbach.  
0 Members of the public.

**24/040 Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Ogawa welcomed everyone to the meeting.  
Cllr Armstrong sent his apologies.

**24/041 Declaration of Members Interests**

No declarations arose.

**24/042 Agree Minutes from the last Recreation Ground meeting 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

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

**24/043 Matter's arising from the last meeting.**

Bob Schofield was thanked for getting the hedge cut along the recreation field.

A reply from the Boxted runners has been received, after a request from the LPC for volunteers for the fireworks night. Cllr Ogawa and Cllr Anderson declared an interest in this item. Discussions were had on this and that on this occasion there is no charge and hopefully there should be some volunteers on fireworks night. All agreed.

RoSPA play equipment inspection quotes were circulated by the Clerk and the contactor has now been booked.

Badminton markings for the floor – Cllr Bottwood will take this to the LCC trustees meeting next week.

Cradle swing has been ordered.

**24/044 Public Open Forum (maximum 10 minutes)**

Questions to be noted and answered at the next meeting.  
No members of the public present.

**24/045 Events**

- Classic Car Show – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024 update  
John Killock has been met with and a meeting is being arranged for him to visit the field. Clerk will check with LCC and let them and the footballers know that there is an event that day so the field cannot be used. Cllr Ogawa to check with Jack Rabbit and the food suppliers.  
The timing for the beers and food is from 10am to 5pm.  
Once the meeting has taken place and details confirmed a leaflet drop will be undertaken around the village.

- Firework Night – update  
Cllr Bottwood has spoken to the caretaker at The Oaks regarding the use of the car park on firework night and he has stated that this is likely to go ahead but he will get confirmation tomorrow.

- 24/046 Public Toilet Requirement - update**  
The LPC have been conversations with companies in Holland and Belgium regarding these.  
The cost at the moment is around £110,000 the ongoing maintenance costs is going to be the problem. Water costs are an issue as well. Costs for these vary and a specification will be sent to these companies for a more detailed quote. This will need to go on to the Public Contract website when specifications are finalised.
- 24/047 Storage requirements review for Recreation Ground**
- Existing Container Clearance & Skip Hire date to be agreed  
Date for the check of what is needed to be kept and what is to be disposed of this will be decided at the Parish Council meeting.
  - New container specification and quote update ongoing.
- 24/048 Security Bollards for field**  
This was discussed further and the Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for 2 retractable bollards and bring this back to the committee.
- 24/049 Repairs to playground equipment - quotes**  
Quotes for the wet pour repairs are have been circulated and quotes for the repair to the springer are also being obtained. When the information is available it will be circulated to the committee.  
This was discussed and it was proposed to go with the cheapest quote for the wet pour Proposed Cllr Ogawa and seconded Bob Schofield. All agreed.  
Disabled roundabout has been reported to Kompan as it keeps sticking.
- 24/050 Recreation Ground Extension - update**  
The working group will be set up in the future. Ongoing.
- 24/051 MUGA**
- Specifications - updates
- This will be discussed further at a later date by the working group.
- 24/052 Hiring of Marquees**  
The committee agreed that the Marquees could be borrowed by the residents in the future and a small charge for this will be undertaken.  
A refundable deposit and a small charge will be made.  
Resident's charges of £100 deposit and £30 hire and other hirers are at a cost of £100 deposit and £50 hire e.g. Boxted Runners.
- 24/053 Plaque update**  
This has arrived and will be installed on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July in readiness for the unveiling on the 26<sup>th</sup> July at the community coffee morning.
- 24/054 Tennis contract**  
No one at the meeting to bring this forward at the moment.

**24/055**

**Renewal of football contracts**

Clerk raised a concern regarding the LCC requesting the football teams to change their training night and not using the toilets on their hire nights. This was brought about by safeguarding concerns they had. The worry is that if we lose the footballers due to this, both the LCC and LPC will lose income over the winter months for a short gain in the 2 months of hire during July and August. Cllr Ogawa or Cllr Anderson will talk to Emma Stevens to discuss this further. It was agreed to renew the football contracts as they are.

The request for hire of field on 17<sup>th</sup> July by Wilsons Colchester - this was discussed and agreed to hire this at £50. Clerk to contact them to go ahead and send invoice.

Blue Bird care have also asked for hire and bouncy castle. £50 charge was agreed. Invoice will be sent by the Clerk.

**24/056**

**Items for the next agenda**

Tubs at Pub corner  
Above items.

**24/057**

**Chairman closure of meeting**

Chairman closed the meeting at 8:45 pm