

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF COTON  
RECREATION GROUND TRUSTEES WAS  
HELD ON APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> 2003 IN THE W.I. HALL,  
COMMENCING AT 8.00PM**

Members present: Messrs G. Kinsey(Chairman), A. Davis, P. Burbage, J. Lewis, Mesdames R. Darling, B. Smart, P. Brown, Ms N. Baumgarten, Mrs D. Wilson (Clerk) and 1 parishioner.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr. G. Diplock.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Trustees have held 9 meetings over the last year.  
The year has again had many issues regarding the Recreation Ground.

Pavilion Project

Some progress has been made on this project with the co-operation of the Football and Cricket Clubs.

The Trustees suggested to the clubs they may wish to take the project forward, after the Trustees were unable to make real progress.

Following discussions within the clubs they advised the Trustees they would be willing to carry the project forward, and that they were willing to raise the funds necessary for an agreed building design.

The clubs and the Trustees will be working closely together to ensure if at all possible a new building can be completed.

The Trustees record their thanks to the clubs for their willingness to deal with the project.

I am pleased to be able to report we have at last been able to agree with the clubs a Licence agreement which has been forced upon us by the Charity Commission.

A fee of £75.00 having been agreed for each of the three clubs.

Play Equipment

The Trustees regret due to uncertainty regarding the safety of the swings it has been necessary to take them out of action until we have received a full report from RoSPA.

It may be necessary to replace these swings if found to be unsafe. If the report clears them we have to reduce the three seats to two.

Trees, Hedge and Ditch

As many of you will have noticed we have had to carry out considerable work on the three Black Poplars at a cost of over £1000.

We have been advised the poplars along the footpath also need attention. We propose to lop alternate trees, and complete in two years.  
This we feel will ease the impact of having this essential work completed.

The Hedge and Ditch were due to be dealt with in the late autumn, however difficulties arose and we were unable to complete the work.  
The ditch is in a very poor condition and must be dealt with when we can proceed.

The Skateboard

After the problems which arose when it was decided to locate the facility on the Recreation Ground, the Trustees are pleased it has been successful, and few complaints have been received.

Due to the Skateboarders Committee having now ceased to operate, the Trustees will be keeping a close watch to ensure any trouble it at all possible is dealt with as soon as possible. Volunteers required to form a new committee. The Trustees record their thanks to Rosemary Darling and her helpers for making this facility available for the use of our youth.

Accounts

At our budget meeting the Trustees requested the Parish Council to set a budget of £9,500.

On behalf of the Trustees I must record thanks to the clerk who has worked hard and tried to guide us along the proper path.

And finally to my fellow Trustees who have supported the work we are required to do and especially to Tony Davis who is standing down after many years of service to Coton.

We wish him a long and happy retirement.

Chairman gave a vote of thanks to Ms Baumgarten for the new play equipment.

Chairman thanked for all his work.

### 3. ACCOUNTS

Copies of end of year accounts were circulated. There were no questions.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.20PM