

**A MEETING OF COTON RECREATION
GROUND TRUSTEES WAS HELD ON
DECEMBER 18TH 2002 IN THE W.I. HALL,
COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs R. Darling.

2. SIGNING OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 6TH 2002

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed with the following amendment: "Members present:" add "Mr J. Lewis".

3. SKATEBOARD FACILITY

Everyone had seen the letter from Prof. L. Peck of the Skateboard Club stating that because of insufficient support the Club had been disbanded and the small amount of money they had would be passed to the Trustees. This was felt to be very disappointing as the Club had originally agreed to provide funds to the Trustees for the maintenance and insurance of the skateboard ramp.

After discussion it was proposed by Mr Kinsey and seconded by Mrs Brown that a letter be sent to Prof. L. Peck stating that the Trustees were very disappointed that the Committee involved had disbanded. Also that a piece be put in the next Community News about this, and asking if there were any volunteers to come forward and create a new Committee, in order that the skateboard can be retained.

This was agreed unanimously.

There had only been two written complaints and only two people came to the Public Meeting for the three month review. The main problem seemed to be noise, and screening was requested to try and stop this. It was agreed that because of the uncertainty of the future of the skateboard ramp this be again postponed until another review be taken. It was agreed to hold another review in about 6 months ie June. Letter to be sent to Mr & Mrs Baines about this.

4. PAVILION PROJECT

Nothing further – letter had been sent to clubs following meeting on December 11th 2002

5. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Bowls, Cricket and Football Club Licences Letter had been received from Ms Baumgarten which everyone had seen regarding the way the Bowls Club Licence had been agreed. Mr Davis also made his concerns known about the Bowls Club Licence agreement.

Licences are due to be reviewed annually.

After discussion it was proposed by Mr Davis and seconded by Mr Kinsey that the matter be left as it is, subject to the Charity Commission agreeing, and allow in the precept for 2003 for potential costs. Set precept in 2004 when cost of licences have been reviewed, to a realistic level.

This was agreed with 7 for and 1 abstention.

- b) Play Area Clerk had met with Mick Cook from Wicksteeds to obtain a quote for repairing the swings. He had advised that it would be wasting money as the swings were of obsolete design and he recommended for safety reasons they be taken down, as the engineer's report. She had also spoken to Les Pace from Wicksteeds who had agreed and said Mick Cook would put in writing what he had said when he came off holiday, if necessary.

Ms Baumgarten reported she had also spoken to Les Pace who had said Mick Cook was not a structural engineer and that there was no real justification for the removal of the swings.

The letter from the Zurich Insurance, contrary to what the Clerk had been told over the telephone, gave advice which suggested that the inspection report should be acted on..

It was proposed by Mr Kinsey and seconded by Mr Diplock that the action recommended by Wicksteeds on their Inspection Report be taken. This was agreed with 7 for.

Ms Baumgarten wished it to be recorded that she strongly disagreed with the decision and she sees no justification for the removal of the swings.

Clerk to look into any grants possible for a new set of swings.

- c) Registering of Prof McAuley's Land Deed now received. Remove from Agenda.
- d) Dog Litter Bin Clerk had received letter from SCDC stating they would empty the bin and replace the inner liner each time.
- e) Tree Work Mr Kinsey reported he and Mr Lewis had met with Mr Hellingsworth the SCDC Tree Officer who had advised on the work needed on the damaged black poplar trees and also on the ordinary poplar trees. Quotes had been requested from Acacia Trees Surgery, Eastern Tree Surgery and Trees and Landscape. All are so busy that meetings to look at trees are all in January – must estimate for precept.

- f) Hedge Cutting Still awaiting quotes from Greens.
- g) Ditch Clearing Awaiting quote from Greens.

6. ACCOUNTS

Mrs D. Wilson	Clerk's Salary	149.00
Coton Bowls Club	Pav. Insurance	113.84

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Precept Meeting – January 8th 2003
January 15th 2003

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ms Baumgarten said she would like to have the swings to be taken down on the Recreation Ground. Clerk to ask Wicksteeds could they remove the item without breaking it and to check the cost of doing this.
Obtain quotes for new swings.