

COTON RECREATION GROUND TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF RECREATION GROUND TRUSTEES MEETING

Held on March 9th 2004

At Coton W.I. Hall, High Street, Coton

Commencing at 7.30pm

Present : Messrs. G. Diplock, (Chairman), G. Kinsey, J. Lewis, R. Chandler, Mesdames B. Smart, P. Brown, R. Darling, Dr W. Connolley, Ms N. Baumgarten, and Mrs D. Wilson (Clerk)

OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (for items on the agenda)

There were no declarations of interest.

3. APPROVING AND SIGNING OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 13TH 2004

The minutes of the last meeting held on January 13th were confirmed and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES (for information only)

There were no matters arising.

5. TO CONSIDER OTHER MATTERS

a) Management of Recreation Ground

Everyone had seen copies of the e-mails sent by Clerk and received from the VAT Office. It was decided to start having all the relevant Recreation Ground business in the Parish Council Meetings as from the Annual Meeting of the Recreation Ground Trustees on April 21st 2004.

It was proposed by Mr Kinsey and seconded by Dr Connolley that Clerk transfer all pavilion money to a Parish council account. This was agreed with 8 for and 1 abstention.

Clerk reported she had been advised from CALC to request a specially trained VAT Officer to come and talk to the council about VAT refunds on the proposed new pavilion, as recently they had been coming down hard on new building projects for Parish Councils Clerk had written and had received a letter stating this request had been sent to the office of expertise in London.

b) Dissolving a Charity Clerk reported she still has not had a reply from the Charity Commission Enquiries about this. To e-mail again and ask for reply.

- c) Pavilion Project Mr Chandler reported that the work party is applying for various grants. SCDC already allocated £40,000. Wren application in. Others to be approached include Football Association, Awards for All, and Sport England. Plan is now being finalised for planning application to go in. Clerk reported that loan had been approved. Will not hear formally until April 2004.
- c) Play Area – New Swings Letter received from Ms Baumgarten about the bad joining of the matting and about the new matting all being put down at one end of the original matting.

After discussion it was proposed by Mr Kinsey and seconded by Mrs Smart that Clerk write to Wicksteeds stating the Trustees are not happy with the workmanship so far but it may be their intention of rectifying this when they install the swings. Also to send a copy of Ms Baumgarten's letter. This was agreed by all.

Location of new cradle swings to be agreed when workmen arrive. Ms Baumgarten suggested should be placed at an angle.

- e) Trees Quotes had been received from Trees and Landscapes for from Eastern Tree Surgery of and from Acacia Tree Surgery of It was proposed by Mr Kinsey and seconded by Mr Diplock that Eastern Tree Surgery quote of £740 plus VAT be accepted. This was agreed unanimously.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) N. Baumgarten – New Matting – Play Area See under 5(d) above
- b) Village Hall Trustees – Request to use Recreation Ground for a Fundraising Event it was proposed by Mrs Darling and seconded by Mrs Smart that the Village Hall be allowed to use the Recreation Ground on 25th and 26th June 2004 for their fundraising event. This was agreed unanimously.
- c) Eastern Tree Surgery – Quote for Tree Work see under 5(e) above
- d) Town and Country Tree Surgery – Quote for Tree Work See under 5 (e) above.
- e) Acacia Tree Surgery - Quote for Tree Work See under 5(e) above.
- f) Ross Chandler – Copy of WREN Acceptance of Application for Grant for Pavilion
- g) Ross Chandler – Copy of Grant Awarded from SCDC for Pavilion Project

7. EMPTYING OF LITTER BINS – RECREATION GROUND

Mrs Darling said when she emptied litter bin near skateboard it was full of water. Agreed to drill a hole in the bottom of bin and also to make a hole in the black inside bag. Mrs Darling said because the rubbish is in black bags

which the bin men will not collect, she had to try and find someone's black wheelie bin to put the bags in. Clerk to contact SCDC and see if they will take the black bags when they empty the other litter bins.

8. ACCOUNTS

Mrs D. Wilson	Clerk's Salary	264.00
Powergen	Pavilion	18.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for information and next agenda only)

The ditch alongside the Recreation Ground was overflowing onto the Road – Herald Contract Services had been and emptied it and unblocked the pipe. – They said the pipe was blocked but it was not because of the pieces of hedge which had been left in the ditch.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.45PM