

# **COTON RECREATION GROUND**

## **MINUTES OF RECREATION GROUND TRUSTEES MEETING**

**Held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2003**  
**At W.I. Hall, High Street, Coton**

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

**There were no members of the public present.**

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr J. Lewis, and Mrs P. Brown.

2. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST for items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS OF July 22<sup>nd</sup> August 19<sup>th</sup> and August 26<sup>th</sup> 2003.

The minutes of the last meetings as above were confirmed and signed with the following amendments:

2. Add after "interests" "Correspondence received from Chris Taylor and we agreed to defer detailed consideration until next meeting".

3(f) Add after "2003" "Clerk had had verbal advice from Chris Taylor that it would be possible to vary the terms of the covenant".

4(b) Add after "idea" "due to possible problems of keeping in the damp".

4. TO CONSIDER OTHER MATTERS

- a) Pavilion Project Mr Chandler reported that the Work Party have come up with a plan based on the Sutton pavilion, that is looked upon favourably by SCDC and Football Association. Cost would be £105,000. There is £25,000 in place and they are hoping SCDC will still give £50,000. With £20,000 hoped for from the Football Association there would be £10,000 to find. SCDC may only give £40,000 which would leave £20,000 to find. He was asking if the Parish Council would:-

- i. consider obtaining a loan of £10,000 which the clubs would repay in 5 years. The interest could be paid by the Parish Council instead of precepting £500 towards the pavilion as has happened in the last three years.
- ii. would sign a form of support to SCDC.
- iii. Could it be verified that VAT would be refundable to Trustees. It was proposed by Dr Connolley and seconded by Mrs Darling that the Trustees had noted the plan and requests from Mr Chandler and expressed their approval. This was agreed.

Signing of support form and consideration of loan would be put on Agenda for a Parish Council meeting to be called on November 19<sup>th</sup>

- b) Play Area – New Swings – Grants Grant received from WREN of £2575, and from SCDC of £2000. £750 allocated from Trustees. Wicksteeds quote was for £5901. This leaves a shortfall of £576. It was proposed by Mrs Darling and seconded by Mrs Smart that the matting under the bars, to cost £500, be deferred at the moment, leaving a shortfall of 76.53 which the Trustees would provide. This was agreed.
- c) Play Area – Weeds Under Net and Slide Had now been done by Herald Contract Services. Specification to be agreed when asking for next quote – see 6. below
- d) Play Area – Old Swings There had been no replies to notice put up on Notice-board. Agreed to leave for a bit longer.
- e) Hedgerow Planting See (f) below
- f) Follow Up of CALC Advice re Hedge and Ditch Clerk had found letter in files from Mr A. Peake’s brother dated 1923 intimating the Parish Council can please themselves about retaining the hedge on the Recreation Ground and there would be no grievance if it were left.

It was proposed by Dr Connolley and seconded by Mrs Smart that the Trustees agree that the letter demonstrates that there is no need to remove the hedge and ditch and therefore Dr Thorne should be allowed to plant the new hedge. This was agreed.

- g) Skateboard Ramp – Polystyrene Filling Clerk still to contact Manufacturer.

## 5. FINANCE

Mrs D. Wilson	Clerk’s Salary	264.00
Mrs D. Wilson	25% Tel Rental x 2 (11.38x2)	22.76
Herald Contract	Grasscutting	323.13
Powergen	Pavilion	8.41

The accounts as above were agreed for payment, proposed by Mrs Smart and seconded by Mrs Darling.

It was also agreed to pass the Powergen account to the Football Club for repayment.

## 6. AGREEMENT OF SPECIFICATION FOR GRASSCUTTING

Everyone had seen the specification for and it was agreed. Clerk to obtain quotes for precept meeting.

## 7. HEDGE CUTTING AND DITCH CLEARING

Clerk reported that Greens no longer wished to clear ditch and cut hedge. Herald Contract would do it for amount of quote last year plus approximately 10%. It was agreed to ask if they would do it for £600 but if not it was proposed by Mr Diplock and seconded by Mrs Darling that their quote be accepted. This was agreed.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

January 13<sup>th</sup> 2004, Precept Meeting January 8<sup>th</sup> 2004.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS for information and next agenda only.

Article from ACRE regarding Insurance. To be investigated for next year's insurance.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.20PM