

Crondall Parish Council Grounds Committee: meeting held on 3rd August 2009

In attendance were Councillors Behagg(AB), Bredin (GB), Hebbbron (CH) and Passmore (MP).
Actions shown in bold.

1. Apologies for absence

All were present.

2. Minutes of meeting of 6th July

The notes which had been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed; they would be passed to the Clerk.

3. Matters arising from meeting of 6th July

None arising other than on the agenda.

4. Replacement swing seats and RoSPA report

MP would discuss the shackles with the Groundsman (JB). The Clerk had provided two copies of the RoSPA report – one was passed to GB and the other would be studied by the Chair. The see-saw at Ewshot had now been repaired; the committee needed to check who had offered to supply a tyre for the Flying Fox.

5. Broken post by Village Hall

It was **agreed that we might be able to re-use the gatepost from Ewshot upper gate, which is due to be replaced.**

6. Cremation area refurbishment

The Chair had inspected the area with Cllr. Wilkinson (PW) and JB and recommended that PW negotiate with Goddards for some better shrubs, hopefully at a decent price. Meanwhile JB would clear the dying vegetation ready for planting in October. Also, JB had suggested that plots should be marked with larger stones which could be suitably inscribed – perhaps Council should buy a stock of such stones and sell them to relatives, such that we could ensure a standard approach.
These points were all agreed.

7. Ewshot tennis court

It was agreed **to leave this open for the time being.**

8. Request to plant fruit trees on Ewshot Rec.

GB had received a proposal that the trees be planted on 15th August. However, he was keen that we were very specific about where the trees could be planted, being mindful of the need for subsequent mowing and strimming. GB recommended that all the trees be planted to the NE of the tennis courts and leaving suitable spaces round each tree. **This was agreed, so GB would progress the matter.**

9. Ewshot Rec. upper gate

GB had obtained a quote for £240. He would get this in writing and, possibly, a further quotation.

10. Facilities for toddlers in Ewshot play area

GB was waiting to find out how much cash was available from the Ewshot Fete.

11. Lease of Pavilion

Although the Football Club had been more positive about the lease on second approach, there was still a strong resistance about the funding elements. The committee agree to reduce the deposit to £200, and Council share of any sub-letting to 10% subject to approval by full Council; AB would use this as a basis for further negotiation, although he believed that we needed to maintain a firm hand on this. It was **agreed that, if the Club was not willing to take on the lease, Council would close up the facility and seek a tenant elsewhere.**

12. Floodlights for football pitch

There was no chance of progress on this subject until the lease issue was settled.

13. Water butt – vandal-proofing

The idea of locating the bin behind the church might not be popular with older people who needed to water tributes, as being rather a long way for them to carry water; it was suggested that the bin be tied to a post. GB had a spare wheelie bin which might be suitable for water storage.

14. Children & parents cricket match

It was **agreed that this should be given the go ahead and, being for village people, there should be no charge.**

15. Sale of old cuttings box & trailer

It was **agreed that these items should be sold for a nominal £10.00**

16. Provision of allotments

It was **agreed that, in view of the impending split of the Parish and that the interest was from a Ewshot parishioner, the committee would defer to the proposed shadow Council for Ewshot, to pursue.**

17. Events booking form

It was agreed that what was needed was more of a risk assessment than a booking form; the Chair would discuss with the Clerk.

18. Project review

There were no items to discuss at the moment.

19. Community payback

It was agreed that we might be able to utilise this offer – e.g. the fences for the play areas needed to be treated with preservative. Members would consider other possibilities.

20. Streetwatch

This item was on the agenda due to a misunderstanding.

21. AoB

There was none.

Grounds Committee, 22nd August 2009

Signed as a true record:

7th September 2009