

## Cron dall Parish Council Grounds Committee: meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 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 2<sup>nd</sup> March

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 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Re the cheque for Painting Direct, it was **agreed that the Clerk prepare the cheque but hold it for payment later in the month if PD did not request early payment.**

4. Toro mower replacement

The Chair had discussed with John Brown (JB) – the mower was not self-driving, which meant all work was taking much longer. He had printed off some details from Web sites to inform the committee; it seemed that we could pick up a short-term replacement for <£1,000. **It was agreed to recommend to Council an early purchase, if this item could be added as an emergency one. If this and a suitable delegated spend were agreed, MP would take JB to local dealers on the coming Thursday to assess available mowers and, if possible, buy one.**

5. Replacement hedge trimmer

It had been agreed that the Council needed to buy a new, lighter, long reach model, but this would be deferred due to budget limitations and pending replacement of the Toro mower.

6. Cricket for Kids

It was **agreed to recommend to Council that this project be approved again this summer.**

7. Replacement swing seats

The Chair and GB had investigated a number of issues which had been raised by Cllr Dorn; they agreed that some urgent actions were required to bring the area up to standard, including dog-proofing both the fence and the hedge (CH suggested we contact Simon Porter for support on the latter); mowing and strimming and replacing four flat seats on the main frame, removing the chair seat for younger children, since there was a new unit for that age group. **This was agreed.**

8. Lease of the Pavilion

It was agreed that the Football Club needed to pay a rental, in line with that paid by the Cricket Club; also a deposit. **AB would draft a revised document for agreement.**

9. Request to plant fruit trees on Ewshot Rec.

This was **agreed**; GB would liaise.

10. Burial ground paths – update

Anna Longley (HCC) expected to release the grant money this month and would confirm this shortly; MP would advise Aldreds to schedule the work.

11. Burial Regulations review

The Chair had not received any proposals; this item would be deferred to next meeting.

12. Facilities for toddlers in Ewshot play area

GB was progressing with Ewshot mothers about selecting the most suitable – a favourite was emerging.

13. Any other business

Servicing needed to be carried out on the tractor ahead of the growing season.

A suitable Toro replacement being too expensive for the available budget, it was agreed **that we investigate a cheaper option with the expectation that this would only last a season or so – possibly a larger span rotary mower.**

**Grounds Committee,            17 April 2009**

Signed as a true record: