

Crandall Parish Council Grounds Committee: Meeting 7th December 2009

In attendance were Councillors Behagg (AB), Hebbroon (Chair) and Passmore (MP).

Actions shown in bold.

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Bredin (GB) made his apologies.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of 2nd November

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

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 2nd November

None arising other than on agenda:

- Replacement Swings – Hook Meadow and Ewshot Play Areas

MP reported that he had not had time to do the installation, but that **he hoped to do so on the coming weekend.**

- Crandall Tennis Court Maintenance

This had been agreed and reported to Council; the Chair would ask **the Clerk to proceed.**

- Cremation Area

The Chair had spoken to the groundsman (JB), who had obtained cost of materials from Travis Perkins .. approximately £4 a bag of gravel, of which we probably require eight. We should have to buy a whole roll of membrane plastic unless anyone could obtain the small amount we require (GB may know??). After discussion it was decided that we should not take up the quotation from Cllr. Wilkinson's gardener, but ask JB to do the work, since the Council was paying him anyway.

- Repair of Aerial Runway Tyre Seat – Ewshot Play Area

GB has reported that he has the new seat, but has not yet been able to fit it.

- Facilities For Toddlers Ewshot Play Area

GB has reported that he is still progressing the purchase and installation of a suitable facility.

- Repair of Church Gates

The Clerk has received two quotes, but the third had not arrived; the committee considered the two. There being little difference in price, it was **agreed to award the contract to Chuter Welding Service. The Chair would refer this decision to Council, since the cost was above delegated authority.**

- Repair of Pump Cricket Pavilion

Although the Cricket Club had made some effort to get the contractor to explain why a replacement pump had been necessary, this had not borne fruit. After some discussion, it was agreed that, even though the committee believed that the contractor was liable for replacing the pump and did not accept that Council had any responsibility, it **would recommend that Council should make a goodwill gesture of £220 contribution to the costs involved.** The position was made more galling since Council had not wanted the pump option originally, but had recommended installation of a septic tank.

- Review of charges

In general it was agreed that charges should not be increased this year, since the Council believed in encouraging recreation activities by villagers. However, concern was expressed about payments by the Cricket Club and **it was resolved to write to the Club and ask how many extra games had been played in the season (and no fee paid); also to seek an estimate of the number of games planned for the 2010 season.** AB offered to draft a letter and circulate for comment before passing to the Clerk to send.

Further, it was agreed that hire of either recreation ground should be increased by £5 a day, ie. £21 to parishioners and £73.25 (with £50 deposit) for non-parishioners. Both charges include VAT. For burial charges, it was agreed that charges should be rounded up; **the Chair would arrange this and pass to the Clerk.**

4. Developers contributions towards open space

The committee had no comment to make.

5. Right of Way cutting list

AB was progressing this item.

6. Minding the garden project

Yes, please .. help for JB at his busiest period, in April, May, June.

7. Precept bids

Replacement for Major mower; ride-on, robust mower for the burial ground; replacement for oak panels in cremation area were all items to consider. However, as no-one had a copy of the budget spreadsheet, the Chair would obtain one and circulate by email.

8. AOB

There was no time left for other business.

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