

Churt Recreation Ground Trust

Secretary to the Trust
Mrs Dawn Barrow

Minutes of the meeting of Churt Recreation Ground Trust held on Wednesday 10 April 2024 at 8.50 pm.

Present

Churt: Cllrs Lisa Martin, Julian Spence, Stephen Wright, Myra Johnson, Dominic Raeside, Mike Shorthose, Sally Shorthose, Pippa Harrison

Surrey County Council: 0
Waverley Borough Council: 0
Secretary to the Trust: Dawn Barrow
Members of the Public: 0

RGT 24/28 Welcome

Cllr Martin welcomed all to the meeting.

RGT 24/29 Apologies for absence

Cllr Morgan

RGT 24/30 Disclosure of Pecuniary and other Interests

None

RGT 24/31 Minutes of the meeting of 20 March 2024

The Minutes of the meeting of 20 March were **PROPOSED** by Cllr Harrison, **SECONDED** by Cllr Spence and **AGREED** by all.

RGT 24/32 Secretary's report

- 1) Sian Gray has hired pavilion for children's party 23 March and 20 April
- 2) Arbor Cultural instructed to carry out triennial tree survey 21/3, completed 2 April
- 3) RJ Playgrounds instructed to replace tyre swing with Robinia Hardwood swing 21/3
- 4) Ovo energy have advised gas charges should reduce by 15%
- 5) Electrician has reset hot water and heating to summer settings and replaced faulty PIR for Rec Ground lights
- 6) David Harmer has agreed to sponsor the new recreation ground bollards via his Member's Allocation pot. Parish Council will match fund. Clerk to apply to SCC.

RGT 24/33 Recreation Ground

RGT 24/33.1 Report from the Recreation Ground Committee (DR)

Nothing to report from Cllr Raeside.

Cllr Harrison asked for the 'dogs to be kept on a lead' sign to be replaced plus look into whether anything could be done where the bark was separating from the cedar bench.

Cllr Harrison also asked if the ropes hanging from the tree in Hale house Close near the playground could be removed as they pose a risk for children playing on them.

The Wormwells at the top of the Rec have reported a tree near them as being dangerous. This will be reported in the arboriculturist's report if there is an issue.

RGT 24/33.2 Matters relating to sports clubs

Artificial wicket has now been installed by the cricket club.

RGT 24/34 Financial Matters.

RGT 24/34.1 Payments for authorisation - March 2024

March's accounts **Proposed** by Cllr M Shorthose, **seconded** by Cllr Johnson and **agreed** by all.

RGT 24/34.2 Budget update and income report - March 2024

Noted

RGT 24/35 Resurfacing of Hale House Close.

Cllr Shorthose reconfirmed the legal advice we have received that notwithstanding the lack of obligation to maintain the road according to the Deeds, the RGT does have occupier's liability. SALC solicitors advice is that it would be fair to place the greater burden for the cost of repairs on the residents.

We need to oversee the works and if we pay and then invoice the residents they will not have to pay the VAT element. Suggestion is we pay 20% and the 4 residents pay 20% each amounting to 100%.

Cllr Johnson stated that by us contributing we are taking our responsibility on board and are able to control the work.

Cllr Wright asked what would happen if the residents refused to pay? Cllr Johnson confirmed she has spoken to all 4 residents and they are happy to pay their share of the current works.

Cllr S Shorthose **proposed** we adopt this suggestion, Cllr Johnson **seconded**, Cllr Martin **abstained**, all others in favour.

Cllr Johnson will speak to Grasstex to see when they can start the works.

There being no other business, the official meeting of the Churt Recreation Ground Trust closed at 9.20pm.

Other matters:

No further progress relating to The Cottage. Still awaiting form of deed.

Signed by Chairman:

Date

The next annual meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Recreation Ground Trust will take place in the pavilion on **Weds 17 May 2024 at 7.30pm**