

## MINUTES OF THE RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE MEETING

10<sup>th</sup> November 2025, at 7:30 PM in the pavilion on the recreation ground in Clifton Hampden.

Present: Cllr Doreau, Committee members Wood, Knott, Richardson, McManus and James  
Members of the public: Peter Rose

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 & Section 106 of the Finance Act 1992 Members are reminded that it is their responsibility to declare any interests in items that are to be discussed at the meeting.

### MEETING AGENDA

**1. To note apologies for absence.**

Cllrs Cheeseman and Seal

**2. To receive any declarations of pecuniary interest and/or requests for dispensations from Members regarding any item on this agenda.**

There were no interests declared for any items on the agenda.

**3. To discuss updates on grants.**

The committee invited Peter for this agenda point, who was involved in the successful grant application of the new playground in Long Wittenham. The playground was fully funded by grants coming from SODC capital grant and the FCC community foundation, it was a total of 80k£ excluding VAT.

Peter shared his experience and learnings.

The main points include:

- SODC has a scoring system for each section.
- A survey with public participation is required for most grants.
- Equipment was also decided on via a survey.
- Zip wire was and is most popular piece of equipment, swings came second
- Grants required:
  - o Survey of the public
  - o At least 10 years lease on the land
  - o 3 quotes for the equipment
  - o Information on how the playground caters to children with disabilities
  - o Wildlife and sustainability requirements
- Long Wittenham chose Jupiter Play as a provider and are happy with them
- Equipment requirements from grants:
  - o Challenging
  - o covering 4 aspects of play
  - o social areas
  - o eco requirements: Tree planting for shade
- It was RESOLVED that members Richardson and James will look into the deadlines for grant applications

**4. To discuss updates on ground maintenance.**

- Acorn landscaping has viewed the area and will provide a quote.
- Councillor Doreau will have another landscaper to show around on Monday, Nov 17
- It was RESOLVED that quotes will be presented and discussed at the next parish council (PC) meeting

**5. To discuss updates on the potential footpath connecting Oxford road and the rec.**

It was RESOLVED that there were no new developments on the topic, as the PC is waiting to hear back from Savills.

**6. To discuss ideas for the wild flower garden.**

- It was RESOLVED that member McManus will present a design at the next meeting
- It was RESOLVED that member McManus will buy and plant UK native wild daffodil and bluebell bulbs as they have to be planted now to flower in spring.

**7. To discuss ideas for the redesign of the Play Area.**

- Ideas were discussed, but not concluded, and they will be presented to the PC and public at a later date.
- It was RESOLVED that we want to get quotes from three companies that were recommended to us from several sources: Touchwood, Creative play and Jupiter
- It was RESOLVED that Fiona Wood will contact Touchwood, and Sophie Knott will contact Jupiter and Creative Play

**8. To discuss the proposal for the swing repair to be brought to the next PC meeting.**

- The committee got 3 quotes for a swing replacements.
- It was RESOLVED that creative play, while the most expensive quote, shall be proposed to the PC as the quote included prep of land, protection of field and clearing of current equipment.

**9. Date of next meeting.**

It was RESOLVED that the next meeting date shall be on Monday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of January, 2026 at 7:30PM at the Cricket Club.

**Signed by Gill Peacock**

*Gill Peacock*

**Locum Clerk to the Parish Council**