

THE RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING

11th MAY 2026

1. APOLOGIES

Svea
Franc
Alex

2. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

3. DELIVERABLES FROM STAKEHOLDER MEETING

School has obtained a storage box for PE equipment and members felt had seen increased use by school of field. Thank you for all involved.

It is believed KL set up Whatsapp group for stakeholders as discussed – we are unsure if School has been invited and it was discussed it would be useful if some or all committee members were invited too.

ACTION: Fiona was going to reach out to KL to discuss

Children's cricket – Fiona is keen to look into trying to get something set up for this. We discussed ways of gauging interest to see if this is something that would be well intended – like the villages Whatsapp group

4. UPDATES ON GRANTS

Football Goal Match funding:

Discussed Supermarket coin fundraising

ACTION: Jo is going to look into, Waitrose (Abingdon and Wallingford) and Tesco

Discussed ring-marking £900 from the £20k pot we have secured from the PC to ensure we meet the demand of the 12 months deadline for the match fund to secure this money.

SCIL Grant Fund 2025/26

Nuala Submitted on 30/03/2026 – have had correspondence and confirmation that it was moved to the scoring stage.

When researched online there is mention the results should be released late summer/early autumn.

FCC Communities Grant

ACTION: Nuala to investigate deadline and hope to apply

FUNDRAISING

Ideas were discussed of fundraising ideas

- Silent Auction
- Village Fete
- Work with school/tennis/cricket etc for event

Safari Supper – as they do in Long Wittenham

5. SIGNAGE

We discussed the signage and the amendments needed to include emergency contact details

ACTION:

- Jo has sent picture to group of template wording.
- Svea to confirm wording
- Fiona is going to ask Husband to design the signage
- Nuala suggested she has a client at work who prints and can contact once design finalised

6. FRUIT TREES AND MAINTENANCE

The fruit trees we had cut back by the gardeners, have come back in full force. It was discussed we think they are even thicker now.

It was mentioned this is what will happen if cut back, the roots spread.

It is believed these need to be removed by digging out the roots or will continue to grow back and multiply

ACTION:

- Can we confirm if we have paid for the removal of the trees in previous maintenance? If so, do we need to contact them?
- Can we ask Peter/Ollie to start the maintenance ASAP – the available park equipment is overgrown
- Sophie to complete maintenance plan for area – all agreed needed to know who is doing what and when.

7. STEM EQUIPMENT

As previously discussed we wondered if we could look into STEM equipment and speak to Culham Science to see if they could sponsor following a PC meeting where it was expressed they would like to work with the local community

There is a STEM 'Orb' already on the Jupiter plans – could we potentially contact them and ask if they would be interested in funding this piece of equipment and we can put a plaque on it for example?

All agreed that we would keep this in mind and contact once plans are finalised when we hear back re grants and funding.

8. MULTI-SPORTS AREA

Quote from Jupiter in the region of £40k - £50k

We discussed that we feel this is phase 2 and we would like to involve the Tennis Club with any further discussions, but that we need to focus on the playground in the first instance, although good to have the quote and will bring into grant applications where possible.

9. OUTDOOR SEATING

Thank you to Nick Slade for a wonderful transformation of the bench on the recreation ground which was refurbished.

ACTION: To see if Frank had any luck with discussions with Notcutts

10. WILDFLOWER GARDEN

Jo has made great progress on this area – thank you Jo, amazing work!

Fiona mentioned the school showed interest to be involved in helping
Jo mentioned help would be gratefully received and ideas were discussed on ways to involve others

ACTION: Jo to put together wording for email and Whatsapp group – idea being setting a date and asking for volunteer help from the village in prepping the space and planting and sharing/splitting plants in gardens – Jo to compile a list of plants that fit the plan

11. NEW ACCESS FOOTPATH

Svea reported that OCC have confirmed they will move the traffic light sign that is on the pathway where the proposed footpath will be

Svea also reported we are awaiting on a reply from Savills on confirmation of footpath, now completion of property

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TBC

