

## **Coldharbour Sports and Social club**

### **Minutes of annual meeting**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2019 at 7pm in the John Venus Hall, Coldharbour**

**Present-** Club President and Chair: Revd. Tony Berry (TB)

**Directors:** John Hopper (JH), Stuart McLachlan (SM)

**Sports and Social Committee:** Mark Donnison (MD), Tiggs Morton (TM), Sue Smith (SS), Bernard Jupe (BJ), John Hopper (JH)

**Cricket Club:** John Hopper (JH)

**Bonfire Society:** none

**From the village:** Becky Hopper, Amy Smith, Di, Jago, and Barry Hitchcock, Peter Tindall, Graham Mytton, Debby Chapman, Eliot Morton

Club President's Welcome: SM opened the meeting on behalf of TB who was running late.

1. Apologies for absence: Garath Symonds (GS), Mark Donnison (MD), Dave Mir (DM), Alan Smith, Toby Ward, Nicky Scott (National Trust)
2. Minutes from the Previous Meeting 15th March 2018: Minutes were approved. Proposed by Peter Tindall seconded by Becky Hopper and signed by (SM).
3. Stuart (SM) then read the following statement from Garath- "At last year's AGM a concern was raised in a membership issue at Coldharbour Cricket Club. We led two separate investigations into the matter and subsequently the committee decided to lift the ban on all CSSC events for the player in question. We also recommended that the CCC put in place the appropriate governance arrangements to deal with matters of conduct and membership in the future. This is now a matter for the CCC and therefore concludes the involvement of the CSSC in the issue".
4. Re-Election of committee members: All committee members were unanimously re-elected to the sports and social committee. (GS), (TM), (SM), (SS), (JH), (BJ), (MD), (DM) Proposed by Graham Mytton and seconded by Peter Tindall.

5. **Chairman's report-** (SM) read on behalf of (GS)

This was another very successful year for the CSSC. The village society remains at the heart of village life and is a catalyst for community wellbeing. Some noticeable successes this year included the winning of the grant monies to invest in the cricket pavilion. Our pavilion is now solar powered removing the need to use a diesel generator that attracts thieves and harms the environment. Bernard and Stuart were instrumental in securing this funding and project managing this new infrastructure. Free electricity makes our pavilion much more accessible and usable for the community. This is a great achievement. Thanks to Bernard and Stuart and also to Wayne for installing this system.

After a decade-long campaign LHAG were finally victorious and the Europa Oil Company gave up on their plans for exploratory drilling on Leith Hill. CSSC marked this occasion and held thank you parties both at the church and the Plough Inn. Thank you for the members of the committee who organised this landmark event.

Another amazing village bonfire and fireworks night. Building a fire together feels like a spiritually nourishing activity that everyone most enjoy. Well done and a huge thanks to Alan and his crew for delivering another successful bonfire night.

Rain didn't stop cinema night or village day. Both very soggy village events. Let's hope for better weather in 2019. Thanks for all supporting village day. Especially thanks for Sue (SS) for organizing cinema night.

Nativity is adhoc and is brilliant.

This year we have also given our attention to how we govern this committee. This is an important issue particularly in how we resolve disagreements. The relationship between CSSC and the different committees has not been clear enough and neither has the role of the directors on the committee. This is by no means a major problem and we continue to function effectively. However it is an area in need of some attention. We will be conducting a governance review with recommendations at our next meeting AGM 2020. The chairman is sorry he missed tonight's meeting and he is happy to stay in the Chair for the coming year. Thank you to all members on the committee as without all of us these village events wouldn't happen.

6. **Financial Report:** (BJ) Please see attached but to summarise here- the value of the whole CSSC group which includes the pavilion part, CCC, the bonfire society, the whole lot is worth about £25,000 and it went up slightly to £25,800 in the course of 2018. There are a lot of ups and downs but basically we sit with £25,000 in the bank.

Focusing on the CSSC we need £2000 per year just to break even. Our lease says that if we can't maintain the pavilion building the National Trust has the right to request us to have the building removed and the land restored to natural heathland.

Solar power- hugely beneficial to having this installed. The Rural Leader programme via Surrey County Council gave us £12,000 towards the project. The majority of that spend went towards the solar panel infrastructure. We were able to get rid of the old gas boiler and replace it with an immersion heater, we put in some new lighting and replaced all existing fittings with LED, we replaced the showers and put in new sockets. We also put in a camera for security.

We also commissioned external auditors. The concern being that with this amount of money flowing through our account, a lot of which was public money, that we needed to be transparent with our income and expenditure.

Moving forward to 2019, we need to continue with ongoing maintenance and improvement of the pavilion building and grounds. We want to give back to the Cricket Club the £2,500 that they gave us for the solar panel project and the idea is that they will use that to do some much needed repairs to the boundary fencing.

We also get a grant each year from Capel Parish Council of £1,000 which has to be used towards pavilion maintenance. This will be used towards new doors and locks.

7. **Social Events Report:** (SS) **2018 events:**

Shakespeare evening in July- Festival players came to do "A Winters Tale" and it was a big success and they are coming back to us this year.

Friday of the bank holiday cinema- The Greatest Showman in the greatest rainstorm. Much fun even with the rain. We used the solar power for the first time. Sunday Bank holiday was village day. It was a very small turnout. We are looking at planning something else on the day in 2019.

We were planning to do an evening in September with the National Trust but there was no interest from the village at all but a few people still camped out and it was lovely. We will try to do it again this year.

Quiz night happened it was a great evening, well attended and money raised. Thank you to Piers for hosting that.

Bonfire night- fire was held on the pitch and it was again a success.

There were also two new events. One was 11<sup>th</sup> November the bell ringing event and we had a local artists projections on the side of the church. People who attended really enjoyed it and we can do it again.

January 2019- to celebrate LHAG we had a party at the church and at the pub. It was to say a big thank you to the many people that worked so hard on this and to celebrate the win.

**This coming year's events 2019-** June the summer arts festival. Will be held at the Cricket pitch, approx. 30 exhibitors. Food, drink, music. We are in the process of building a website showcasing the exhibitors work so you can have a look and see what will be there.

Shakespeare evening- July- same Festival Players are coming back to us. They will be doing "Much Ado About Nothing". We looked in to having this on a weekend evening but the Players weren't available. We still had a good turnout even on a Tuesday evening.

Bank holiday weekend August- has been renamed "Village weekend." We are in the process of revamping this. SM will send out a village email asking for ideas.

We are hoping to run in September a new event that we nearly ran before this spring. It's a car boot sale. We were considering holding it on the cricket pitch but the trust has asked us to have it on the memorial ground

instead. However, there is a considerable cost in closing the road at that end of the village and because of this Sue will go back to the Trust and ask them about holding this at the cricket pitch instead.

Also- in September we are going to try to get the camping evening back up and running again and see if there is any interest this year.

Quiz night again in October. Last Friday night in October.

Bonfire night will be Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November. We will also look into having the bell ringing again in November. Possible seaside trip was mentioned funded by CSSC. Looking for feedback to see if anyone is interested. Also the possibility of the CSSC funding activities for older people in the community.

Tony (TB) arrived and took over the meeting from here.

8. **Cricket Club Report:** John (JH) Had a good year in terms of players. Filled all of our fixtures which is extremely good. Picked up a new network of players who want to play up there. Didn't win many games and need to get better but did fill all fixtures. Finances- looking at a fundraising event during the year. Outfield is a mess from grubs and also from bonfire night. Groundsman needs to repair the ground. If not repaired completely won't be able to have another bonfire there. Looking to repair the fences. Quote was £5,000 and so will do different sections at a time. We will be having an EGM to improve our constitution. Need to address issues we've had with membership. We need a constitution in place to cover all of this.
9. **Bonfire Society Report:** (SM) Bonfire happened on the cricket pitch. Keeping an eye on the repairs to make sure no bits of metal left in the ground. It was more complex because of having to move the bonfire. We have a huge need for more marshals and volunteers before, during and after the event. Alan has found a third party group that will secure the fireworks and manage the display. This will be hugely expensive and will eat up much of the profit.
10. **Parish Councillors Update:** (SM) possible traffic calming measures in the village. Early stages. Parish councils have limited funds and we will need to fund this ourselves. Rubber strips installed in various parts of the village to gauge the speed of which people are driving through the village. Each set of strips cost £600. Start of the parish new financial year in April and will be discussing this. Becky Hopper mentioned that it was suggested that we look

at creating pinch points through the village to slow traffic down but we can't just put things in the road without going through an enormous process. Parish councillors do other things locally- look after the playground, notice boards, cut the grass, give money towards the pavilion, etc.

**11. Any Other Business:** (TB) Tony read again the following- message from Garath- at last year's AGM a concern was raised in a membership issue at Coldharbour Cricket Club. He led two separate investigations into the matter and subsequently the committee decided to lift the ban on all CSSC events for the player in question. We also recommend that the CCC put in place the appropriate governance arrangements to deal with matters of conduct and membership in the future. This is now a matter for the CCC and therefore concludes the involvement of the CSSC in the issue.

Barry Hitchcock queried the process that led to the banning of a cricket player by CSSC. Tony Berry undertook to investigate the legitimacy of the decision, supported by the chairman.

(SM) suggested we write a thank you letter to Giles as he has done the fireworks for a long time.

(TB) closed the meeting. Meeting finished 8:50pm. TM