

COLDHARBOUR SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

Minutes of Committee meeting held on Thursday 22nd February at 8 p.m.
At The Plough Inn, Coldharbour

Present: Garath Symonds, Acting Chair (GS), John Hopper (JH), Mary Hustings (MH), Stewart Johnston (SJo), Stuart McLachlan (SMcL), Sue Smith (SS) and Bernard Jupe as Treasurer elect (BJ).

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mark Donnison (MD), Nadia Hayes (NH), Su Jones (SJ), Dave Mir (DM)
2. **Minutes of meeting 19th December 2017:** Agreed by the Committee.
3. **Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda:** None
4. **Power to the Pavilion Project:** GS presented the Options Paper attached.

Decision:

The Committee decided unanimously to pursue the solar option, at an estimated cost of £20,000, subject to 2 further estimates, and more information about sources of financing (see Discussion below). The Committee delegated authority to the Chairman and Treasurer, once elected at the AGM, to pursue the Solar Option in the terms discussed below.

The Committee recognised that installing solar power in time for the start of the cricket season at the end of April is unrealistic. Power will have to be provided by generator for at least part of the year. The Committee decided not to accept third party hires in the meantime. SMcL has written an article for the March Parish News asking for volunteers to run a sub committee to deliver the Pavilion Power Project.

Discussion:

SJo, SMcL and Chris Beer had met to discuss the options. The Cricket Club committee favoured solar power: eco-friendly, easier than importing a generator for every match (or leaving a generator on site which will get stolen, with consequent damage also to the pavilion), easier for hirers to use, and at £ 20k much cheaper to finance than the projected £ 60 k cost of a permanent power supply. Funding a £ 60 k project to support a 34-year lease is not good value for the Club or the village.

SMcL has investigated sources of funds. £ 60 k for a permanent power supply is too much to raise. The Pru Bike Ride is the biggest source of potential funding, but we are too small to qualify. If mains water were added to the project, a deeper trench would have to be dug, increasing the cost further.

Solar: SJo confirmed that the power generated according to Wayne's spec will be sufficient for regular cricket club use. The showers and the hob are gas powered. Village events and third-party hires will need a generator. Wayne had confirmed that the batteries have value, but are hidden in the roof. The panels have no value.

Funding the Solar option: SMcL: £ 5k committed from Capel Parish Council and £ 5k from the Cricket Club. Target: raise £ 10 k from grants. SMcL has applied to Gatwick Trust. Timing uncertain, but a decision thought to be soon. The project would qualify for a LEADER grant, but timing does not work.

Actions:

- . **SMcL to confirm progress/timing for the Gatwick Trust decision.**
- . **GS to speak to Cathy Miles at Surrey County Council about a LEADER grant.**
- . **BJ to ask Wayne for the system specification, and to seek 2 other quotes.**

Results of these actions will be circulated by e-mail to Committee members.

5. **Insurance Renewal:** Due 1st April. Premium split 50/50 with the Cricket Club. Recent history makes insurance cover difficult to arrange. Requirements for increased security likely, which would affect our

costs (and potentially our power needs), for example, if CCTV is required. The shutters have not been replaced. **Action: SMcL and BJ to explore insurance renewal options to present at the AGM**

6. Planning for the AGM on 15th March:

. 7.30 for 8 p.m. in the JV Hall

. Elections: MD, MH and SJ are standing down. GS will stand for election as Chair, BJ for election as Treasurer, and Tiggs Morton for election as Secretary, MD will continue on the committee.

. Reports: MD on Finance with BJ/SMcL for insurance; NH on Children's Activities; SS on Events; SMcL on Parish Council matters and the Power to the Pavilion project; JH/SJo on the Cricket Club.

GS suggested starting the meeting with a prayer.

Actions:

. **MH to invite Tony Berry, Club President, to Chair the meeting, Alan Smith /Toby Ward for a Bonfire Report and Sophie Parker for a National Trust report.**

. **SMcL to do a village e-mail**

7. Forthcoming Events: SS: Ideas for 2018 include: repeat of the successful film evening at the August Bank Holiday weekend, Shakespeare in early July if we can find a theatre company for the right price, Car Boot on the Memorial Ground (National Trust has agreed)-date to be decided. The National Trust has agreed to lead a Conservation Day with overnight camping towards the end of September (postponed from last year). The Committee decided not to hold a Spring BBQ. The weather is too uncertain early in the year. SS proposed re-launching Final Fridays under Sports and Social sponsorship, with a BBQ at the first one, probably at the end of May. The Committee agreed.

8. Standing items:

. Children's activities: Nothing to report.

. Cricket Club and Pavilion: The Club will be starting a membership drive with first nets in April. There's a minimum age of 18 for members, so 6 Forms and local colleges do not qualify. A merger is not very likely. Mynthurst is looking for one, but its players live too far away to make a merger with Coldharbour work. Croquet is a possibility.

. Stoolball: Nothing to report

. Bonfire Society: The future of the bonfire is under discussion. It is held on a Site of Special Scientific Interest. The National Trust has been told they should not allow it to take place there. There is a meeting to resolve the issue on 23rd February.

. Finances: SMcL: the £ 1k annual pavilion maintenance grant from Capel PC for 2017 was spent on renewing the guttering. When the generator blew up, Capel advanced £ 500 against the 2018 grant. Balance remaining for 2018 is therefore £ 500. (See also Pavilion Project and Insurance above).

. PCC Activities: Fete 19th May. Church Welcome Day: Saturday afternoon 14th April.

9. AOB: Table tennis: Westcott passed on a table tennis table which is being stored in the JV Hall. It is too big to stay there permanently. **Action: SMcL to do a village e-mail for interest in running a table tennis club which could meet at the Pavilion.** If there is interest, the table can be moved to the Pavilion. If not, JH will take it to the pub.

10. Date of next meeting: To be decided.