

Englefield Green Committee

Tuesday 3 November 2009 7.00pm

**at the Jurgen Centre
Harvest Road
Englefield Green**

Members of the Committee

Councillors P I Roberts (Chairman), P Taylor (Vice-Chairman), H W V Meares, D R Hamilton, Miss M N Heath and M T Kusneraitis.

Residents' Representatives: Mrs L Lawson and Mr A E Panter

AGENDA

Notes:

- 1) Any report on the Agenda involving confidential information (as defined by section 100A(3) of the Local Government Act 1972) must be discussed in private. Any report involving exempt information (as defined by section 100I of the Local Government Act 1972), whether it appears in Part 1 or Part 2 below, may be discussed in private but only if the Committee so resolves.
- 2) The relevant 'background papers' are listed after each report in Part 1. Enquiries about any of the Agenda reports and background papers should be directed in the first instance to **Mrs C Holehouse, Administration and Leisure Department, Committee Section, Civic Centre, Station Road, Addlestone (Tel: Direct Line: 01932 425628).** (Email: carol.holehouse@runnymede.gov.uk).
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- a) Exempt Information
(No reports to be considered under this heading)

- b) Confidential Information
(No reports to be considered under this heading)

1. MINUTES

To confirm and sign, as a correct record, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 23 June 2009 (Appendix 'A')

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

If Members have an interest in an item please record the interest on the form circulated with this Agenda and hand it to the Legal Representative or Committee Administrator at the start of the meeting. A supply of the form will also be available from the Committee Administrator at meetings.

Members who have previously declared interests which are recorded in the Minutes to be considered at this meeting need not repeat the declaration when attending the meeting. Members need take no further action unless the item in which they have an interest becomes the subject of debate, in which event the Member must leave the room if the interest is personal and prejudicial.

4. CRICKET MATCH AND FUN DAY (DAL)

On 12 July, the Cricket Club held a Jamaica Stylee cricket match and fun day. This resulted in several complaints about the volume of the music being played during the event. One of the Honorary Wardens complained directly on the day and although the volume was reduced for a time it subsequently reverted back to its original volume. Officers have subsequently written to the Club about the noise levels and copies of the correspondence are attached at Appendix 'B'. In summary, Officers are seeking on behalf of the Committee, the Club's agreement to a system whereby local Councillors, Council staff and the Honorary Wardens are given the contact number of a responsible person at future events who would ensure there is adequate control and that any directions given by the Council were followed. The Club have been made aware that the Committee will no doubt want to be satisfied that such a system is in place before considering future requests to use the Green.

(FOR INFORMATION)

Background Papers

None.

5. CARTERS STEAM FAIR (DAL)

Carters Steam Fair visited the Green again this year over the weekend of the 3 and 4 October. There had been little rain in the weeks prior to their arrival and a site inspection confirmed the ground to be dry and firm. There was some rain fall over the weekend and heavy rain was forecast for the following Tuesday, when they were due to leave site, so Officers requested that they left a day early which they did. Consequently, there was very little damage to the Green, just a small amount of surface scuffing in some areas which will recover naturally without the need for reinstatement. The Cricket Club has been contacted and Officers are awaiting confirmation of their agreement with this assessment.

(FOR INFORMATION)

Background Papers

None.

6. GRASS VERGE - OPPOSITE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA (DAL)

At its last meeting the Committee discussed the condition of the grass verge along the edge of the Green opposite the children's playground. This area was reinstated after the County Council repaired the edge of the road surface but, because people continue to park cars on it, the grass has not grown and there is now a narrow strip of bare earth. Officers have discussed this matter further with the County Council and there is agreement that there is little point trying to reinstate the grass on the verge unless it is protected from further parking. Options for this include utilising a temporary barrier which could be left in place until the grass is established, installing permanent wooden posts

or extending the existing kerbing. However, any measures that stop parking on the verge would encourage drivers to park further out into the road and, as the road is narrow at this point, this would be likely to result in passing vehicles driving on and damaging the opposite verge.

The road here is 'Public Highway' and therefore the maintenance of it is the responsibility of the County Council. The verge however is part of Englefield Green and maintained by Runnymede Borough Council.

During the summer months a number of wooden posts which protect the verge close to the play area and cricket pavilion were pulled out or snapped off. These have been replaced.

(FOR INFORMATION)

Background Papers

None.

7. PLAY AREA - UPDATE (DAL)

Following the Committee's decision at its last meeting to proceed with a public inquiry into the proposal to extend the play area, Officers discovered that the Planning Inspectorate had re-allocated the dates in November which had been proposed. The inquiry is now scheduled for the 15, 16 and 17 December 2009 and will be held at the Savill Court Hotel. Further details will be circulated by the Planning Inspectorate nearer the time. In the meantime, Officers are preparing the Council's evidence for submission to the inquiry.

(FOR INFORMATION)

Background Papers

None.

8. ENGLEFIELD GREEN CRICKET CLUB LICENCE - UPDATE (DAL)

At its meeting in June 2007 the Committee resolved that the Director of Administration and Leisure be authorised to grant Englefield Green Cricket Club a 3 year licence for the use of the Pavilion and cricket pitch and to settle its terms in accordance with the framework set out in the report and the licence to include provision for the Club to take up the option of a 28 year lease

The issues relating to the CCTV and the fairs that had delayed the completion of the documentation have been settled. The documentation is close to being finalized and having spoken to the Club's legal representative we are aiming to complete the licence by Christmas.

(FOR INFORMATION)

Background Papers

None.

9. STANDING ORDER 42 – URGENT ACTION

The following action has been taken after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee under Standing Order 42.

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>	<u>Central Index No.</u>
Director of Administration and Leisure	To allow a cycle 'pit stop' at Englefield Green Cricket Club pavilion for the annual London to Windsor cycle ride on 6 September	698

(FOR INFORMATION)

Background Papers

SO42 Proforma dated 18.8.09

10. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

If the Committee is minded to consider any of the foregoing reports in private session, it is the

OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATION that –

where appropriate the press and public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of reports under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that the reports in question would be likely to involve disclosure of exempt information of the description specified in the appropriate paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

(TO RESOLVE)

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