



**ENGLEFIELD GREEN COMMITTEE  
22 JUNE 2010  
APPENDICES**

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# ENGLEFIELD GREEN COMMITTEE

24 February 2010 at 7.00 pm

Members of the  
Committee Present: Councillors P I Roberts (Chairman), Miss M N Heath,  
M T Kusneraitis and H W V Meares

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

Members of the  
Committee absent: Councillors P Taylor (Vice-Chairman) and D R Hamilton

## 600. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 3 November 2009 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## 601. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Taylor (Vice-Chairman) and Hamilton.

## 602. CRICKET MATCH AND FUN DAY

Members recalled previously discussing complaints received relating to the Jamaica Stylee cricket match and fun day held by the Cricket Club on 12 July 2009. Officers had subsequently written to the Club seeking agreement that a system would be put in place whereby any complaints at future events would be satisfactorily dealt with. The Club was made aware that the Committee would want to be satisfied that such a system was in place before considering any further requests to use the Green.

After further discussions and correspondence with the Club, confirmation was received that measures would be introduced to monitor noise levels at events and any complaints dealt with. In summary, the proposed measures were:

- The Club would hire a noise meter for future events and an Officer of the Club would monitor noise levels and make adjustments as necessary
- A contact number for the responsible Officer would be provided to the Council prior to the event
- Complainants would be able to examine the noise meter during the event
- The Club would comply with the current Control of Noise Regulations 2005 and the European Directive (2005/10/EC)
- The Club would meet the requirements of 'Sound Advice: control of noise in musical entertainment' detailed in ISBN 9780717663071
- The Club Chairman would expect to be on hand to ensure compliance and could be contacted if necessary

In addition, both the Club Secretary and the Fixtures Secretary would provide the Council with mobile telephone numbers to ensure they could be contacted on the day, if necessary.

The Council's Environmental Protection Division had advised that the regulations, directives, guidance and noise levels referred to in the Club's letter were relevant to noise at work requirements and had no relation to the control of public noise nuisance. They planned, however, to work with Members of the Club so they had a better understanding of the noise nuisance issues which needed to be addressed.

The Council had received an application for the Jamaica Stylee Function to be held on Sunday 11 July 2010 from 1pm-7pm. In light of the measures which the Club would be undertaking to monitor

noise levels and deal with any complaints, the Committee considered that the application from the Cricket Club should be approved.

**RESOLVED that -**

**the application from the Cricket Club for a Jamaica Stylee Function on the Green on Sunday 11 July 2010 be approved subject to the measures outlined above.**

603. PLAY AREA UPDATE

The Committee was advised that the public inquiry into the proposal to extend the play area had commenced as scheduled on the 15 December 2009 at the Savill Court Hotel and continued at this venue for three days as expected. However, there was insufficient time for the Inspector to hear all the evidence and the inquiry had resumed, for a further two days on the 11 and 12 January 2010 at the Civic Centre in Addlestone.

Officers had received notification that the Inspector's decision was expected to be longer than the initial 6 week period expected and subsequently the decision would not be received by early March.

Councillor Meares read extracts of his submission to the Inquiry. It was requested that all closing submissions made at the Public Inquiry be shown on the Runnymede Website with these Minutes, for future reference.

The Committee noted recent comments in the local press regarding the Council's decision on the play area, and reiterated that the Committee considered that as it had consistently supported this proposal over the last 4 years and taking into account the large volume of public support for the application it had been appropriate to proceed with the Public Inquiry.

604. ENGLEFIELD GREEN CRICKET CLUB LICENCE – UPDATE

At its meeting in June 2007 the Committee had 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

It had been hoped that the licence would be completed by Christmas 2009. However, from comments made by the Open Space Society and comments made in connection with the public inquiry, concerns had been expressed relating to the application of the provisions of the Open Spaces Act 1906 and the Commons Registration Act 1965 to the licence and lease to the Cricket Club and a review of the lease terms was being carried out.

Discussions would continue with the Open Space Society and the Cricket Club when the decision of the Public Inquiry was known.

605. ENCLOSURE ACT AND THE EGHAM AWARD 1814

The Committee received and noted information regarding the Enclosure Act referred to in the Council's Lease from the Crown dated 20 April 1955.

The Act set out those persons who had an interest in the land at Egham which included the Crown Estate. The Act then set out the procedure for allocating plots to the various persons who had such an interest. The procedure required the appointment of commissioners who were tasked with 'dividing, allotting and inclosing' the open land in the parish of Egham and the Act names those appointed as Commissioners. The Act set out how any disputes were to be dealt with and the powers of the Commissioners. The Commissioners were to make an award allocating the various plots. There were various specific provisions in the Act relating to certain lands and it was stated that Englefield Green should remain unenclosed.

Examination of the maps appended to the Award showed that the area now regarded as the parcel of common land known as Englefield Green was not 'awarded' or 'allocated' under the Award.

Englefield Common was referred to in several places in the Award but as a general location rather than a specific plot.

The Award had four 'General Orders' that might affect Englefield Green details of which were noted.

The Committee felt it would be useful to have a summary of legislation relating to the Green. Officers would prepare a pack summarising the legislation and circulate to current Committee Members. Packs would be circulated to new Members of the Committee when appointed.

Members had received copies of the Enclosure Act and were informed that a copy of the Egham Award was available for inspection at the Civic Offices.

606. PREMISES LICENCE

In June 2009, the Committee was informed that the Council had applied for licences under the Licensing Act 2003 for a number of open spaces where annual community events such as fetes and fairs were held, including Englefield Green. These licences would have allowed certain types of entertainment and would have removed the need for organisers of events to obtain individual licences each year and would simplify the planning of their events. Further discussions with the Planning Authority and the Council's Environmental Protection Division however had led to the applications being withdrawn as concerns were raised about the breadth of the permissions sought (necessary to cover a wide range of eventualities).

In light of these factors, the Committee noted that Event organizers would therefore continue to be responsible for the licensing of each of their events.

607. STANDING ORDER 42 – URGENT ACTION

The Committee noted that in accordance with Standing Order 42 the following action had been undertaken by the Officer shown below after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee.

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>	<u>Central Index No.</u>
Director of Administration and Leisure	To grant permission for two, two hour play sessions to be held on the Green in August	712

Members were asked to give their consideration to further Runnymede Open Access Recreation events being held on the Green in June and July. The events would be free choice play sessions running from 3.30pm – 5.30pm. Members recalled that these events were well attended and were fully supportive for the Green to be utilised for these additional events.

608. MRS LAWSON AND MR WINKWORTH

The Chairman informed the Committee that Mrs L Lawson had decided to step down as Residents' Representative and Mr P Winkworth had resigned as Honorary Warden. The Chairman expressed his thanks on behalf of the Committee to both Mrs Lawson and Mr Winkworth for their hard work and contribution to the Committee.

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 7.31 pm)