

Community and Leisure Facilities Committee Minutes

Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 18th April 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Mudd (Chair), Morris, Nicholas, Richards, Alan Raven (Cricket), Andy Ward (S&SC)

In attendance: 2 members of the public

17L/038. Chairman's Introduction and Apologies – Cllrs Collier (personal), Hodson (personal), Young (personal).

17L/039. Public participation – Standing Orders to be suspended – no comments.

17L/040. To accept Declarations of Interest - To receive disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting. Noted that none received. Ian Stuchbury (CUFC) arrived at 7.33pm.

17L/041. Minutes - Resolution that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 21st March 2017 be signed as a correct record. **RESOLVED.**

17L/042. Reports

- **Clerk** – There have been a few issues with Cambridge Kids Club which have been reported directly to them. Clerk to chase RoSPA Inspector for date. Community Payback team have done a good job clearing the treebelt/ditch behind Woodlark Drive/Kingfisher Way. Groundsman thanked for his assistance during collection of the abandoned ponies. Cllr Nicholas queried the location of the public footpath through the Landing Stage at Smithy Fen. Clerk to circulate map detailing proposed new County bridleway/footpath.
- **Health & Safety report** – Clerk has notified Groundsman of trip hazard on skatepark.
- **Major developments** – Cllr Morris reported that the inquiry into the 225 houses + 70 homes with care was adjourned and is unlikely to resume before the end of September. S106 document being negotiated for the 200 houses + 70 homes with care.
- **Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Morris reported that things were moving slowly.
- **Youth Provision** – Termly report shows that number are healthy.
- **Village Hall** – Delays are being caused by SCDC. We have submitted a revised statement and traffic assessment and are about to submit soakaway tests. This has delayed a decision until the end of May.

17L/043. Hire charges – to consider approving the budgeted tariff and charges for Sports Clubs– Ian Stuchbury introduced his Vice Chair and Treasurer. Cllr Morris acknowledged that the recent invoice sent was incorrect. CUFC understand the hire increase due to the new facilities and the reason for the VAT however this has equated to an increase of 30% which is a considerable uplift. If they were to increase their fees accordingly it would put players off using the facilities and they may need to reduce the number of teams from 3 to 2. They have already incurred fines this season due to not fielding teams. Cllr Richards queried the decision to cut the number of teams and suggested that the Club would struggle if they went down this route. Cllr Morris suggested freezing the rates for 3 years based on a recovery plan and give relief but there would be a requirement for the Club to do some work themselves on fundraising etc. He also mentioned that the hire fees hadn't previously been increased for 5 years. It was confirmed that of the 70 registered players only 25-30 were from Cottenham. Cllr Richards mentioned that several other local teams had folded so Cottenham had picked up some new players. CUFC are trying to work more closely with the Colts however they are going for an U17 and U18 league so CUFC will miss out on these players. Treasurer confirmed that they had looked at VAT registration but it wasn't possible because they aren't big enough. Cllr Richards asked if CUFC, the Sports & Social Club and Cricket Club would combine under one banner (as they did previously) to get group registration; CPC would invoice just one entity and this would save the clubs the VAT. Clubs to investigate further. Alan Raven mentioned that they would be playing 5-6 less games this season due to only having 2 junior teams; invoice will be adjusted to reflect decrease in number of matches. Andy Ward mentioned that the S&SC income will dwindle during the Village Hall building works. Resolution that the hire rate for CUFC be frozen for 3 years and that CUFC apply for a grant of £250. **RESOLVED.** Clerk to send grant form to Ian Stuchbury. Standing Orders

suspended at 8.30pm. Treasurer asked for clarification of the fees. Cllr Mudd said that if there was a significant change to the usage we will look at the fees again. Standing Orders reinstated 8.32pm.

- 17L/044. Cricket pitch rental** – to consider hiring of cricket pitches on Sunday and associated hire charges – Resolution to permit usage of the cricket pitches at a cost of £400 + VAT on the basis of supplying own kit. **RESOLVED.**
- 17L/045. Pavilion drains** – to consider further investigation into issues with drains in the changing rooms – Issue still with a bad smell around the kitchen hatch (external), public toilets and Officials room 1. Caretaker has been topping up the traps which has improved matters. Cllr Richards thought that possibly the gullies weren't deep enough. Area towards kitchen end of the building is the worst. Need to look at the drawings to see where the flow goes.
- 17L/046. Tennis courts** – to consider maintenance of tennis courts – Clerk outlined issued. Lock to be replaced and code changed monthly. Groundsman to decide when the courts will be available.
- 17L/047. Pavilion hire** – Resolution to grant usage of the Club Room to Cambridge Kettlebells at a cost of £20 + VAT per session. Mats to be used to protect the floor. **RESOLVED.**
- 17L/048. Hire charges** – to consider amendments to hire charges for Village Hall and Pavilion – Andy Ward outlined reasons for reducing Village Hall evening hire rates. Resolution that Village Hall hire for evening events be set at £75 + VAT until October 2017. **RESOLVED.**
- 17L/049. Connections Bus** – Resolution to book up to 6 sessions of the Connections Bus over the summer holiday period. **RESOLVED.**
- 17L/050. Bowls Club** – to consider permission for installation of 1x1m advertising boards along hedge line – Cllr Morris to check what is permitted under King George 5th regulations. Planning permission may also be required – Clerk to check and liaise with Bowls Club.
- 17L/051. Matters for consideration at the next meeting** – Rospa report, WARG bench/opening event.
- 17L/052. Date of next meeting** – 18th May 2017
- 17L/053. Close of Meeting** – 9.15pm.

Signed _____ (Chair) Date _____