

**Minutes of the Community and Leisure Facilities Committee**  
Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs Mudd (Chair), Collier, McCarthy, Morris, Nicholas and Young and Terry Keeble, David Munns, Alan Raven, Andy Ward and Jo Brook (Clerk)

**In attendance:** 1 member of the public

- 15L/117. Chairman's Introduction and Apologies** – apologies accepted from Cllrs Berenger (illness) and Richards (holiday) and Assistant Clerk.
- 15L/118. Public participation – Standing Orders to be suspended** – Barry Lawrence attended on behalf of the Bowls Club in relation to item 15L/133.
- 15L/119. To accept Declarations of Interest** - To receive disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting – none declared.
- 15L/120. Minutes** – Resolution that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015 be signed as a correct record. **RESOLVED.**
- 15L/121. Reports**
- **Clerk** – report circulated prior to the meeting to highlight matters on agenda & update on matters arising since last meeting. Clerk has received another complaint regarding the players tunnel which must be kept clear because it is a fire exit. Been notified of several friendlies (6 for the Colts and 4 Cup + possible Cambs FA). Colts and CUFC have been notified of possible extra charges from the groundsman.
  - **Playground safety** – report circulated prior to the meeting
- 15L/122. Playground repairs** – To receive details on repair costs as highlighted in the safety report – Clerk has received one quote for repair work. Two further quotes required. David Munns has some paving slabs which we can use so we just need to get them laid. Clerk has spoken to groundsman about the condition of the slide mound but work can't be undertaken until the autumn when usage will lessen. Suggestion that we utilise some of the spoil from the changing rooms to build up the mound under the slide and then seed. Clerk to follow up Rospa comments regarding the notched chain links.
- 15L/123. New skatepark** – To receive an update on the project – the opening went well until it rained and there was a good atmosphere. The facility is very heavily used with skaters from outside of the village regularly using it. The working party were thanked for their hard work.
- 15L/124. Changing rooms** – To receive an update on the project – Cllrs Morris and Mudd met with Joe Goude and Chris Barry today onsite to show them round the facility. They were very impressed with the works and will be coming to the opening. Cllr Morris presented a sample of the kitchen which is being donated by Travis Perkins.
- 15L/125. Fen Reeves** – To consider maintenance work needed – Cllr Mudd stated that Andrew Snelson had contacted us because the area is overgrown again. Groundsman has already been down to cut the rides but further work may be required. Andrew Snelson will check and refer back. Item deferred.
- 15L/126. Additional outside electrical socket at rec** – To consider installation of an outside electrical socket feeding from one of the floodlights – Clerk outlined the suggestion received. Andy Ward stated that an electrician had already said that it was not possible to add the socket.
- 15L/127. Street snooker** – To consider installation of street snooker at the rec – Cllr Collier outlined. Would like to get funding for the whole project, with a standalone wall costing approx. £10k. Item to be added to project wish list. Defer for further information.
- 15L/128. Basketball** – To consider installation of basketball hoop at the rec – Terry Keeble outlined idea. Space would be an issue. Item to be added to project wish list.
- 15L/129. Signage at rec ground** – To consider quote for updated signage – Resolution to accept quote for £63.31 for 2 signs. Additional sign required showing plan of the Rec and total cost for the 3 signs not to exceed £100. **RESOLVED.** NB: Clerk to check with groundsman where the 'no dogs' sign has gone.

- 15L/130. Ladybirds fencing** – To consider replacement of Ladybirds fence with metal fencing recycled from the old skate park – Cllr Collier outlined. The fencing from around the skatepark would be recycled but new posts would be required at a cost of approx. £800. 2 more quotes to be obtained.
- 15L/131. Security at rec ground** – To consider additional security measures at the rec. Andy Ward clarified that this related to the side gate padlock and work was in hand.
- 15L/132. Bowls Club rubbish** – To consider arrangements for Bowls Club rubbish – Cllr Mudd suspended Standing Orders at 7.40pm. Barry stated that the Bowls Club only use the green bin to put recyclable waste in. On average this amounts to one small bag per week with one every other week during the winter. Bowls Club have contacted the allotment society and they now have a pen for all of their green waste which will be used for manure. Recently they held a social event which generated more rubbish than usual. They have over 100 members and hold open events for the community as well as supporting community events i.e. Festival and FEFF. Barry has been shouted at across the Rec Ground for using the bins and has been dismayed by comments made about the Bowls Club usage of the bins. Cllr Morris mentioned the need to put a formal agreement in place which will stipulate bin usage. Andy Ward confirmed that all 3 bins at the Rec were for trade waste. It was agreed that the Bowls Club can continue using the green bin and Barry was thanked for coming to the meeting. Standing Orders reinstated at 7.53pm.
- 15L/133. Projects** – to consider a refresh of the capital projects and maintenance budgets in the 4-year wish list – Cllr Morris reminded the Committee that we need to submit budget items to FLAC in September. Outlined how the current list was compiled. Need ‘champions’ for items to take them forward. Clerk to add wish list to agenda and ensure full Council has had the opportunity to comment.
- 15L/134. Football pitches 2015/16 season** – To consider update on way forward for pitches following meeting with Cambs FA – Item combined with 15L/135. Alan Raven met with Mel from the Groundsman Association. Suggested best option is that we use a ground breaker which opens up new channels in the opposite direction to the existing ones. Cost is £250 + VAT per pitch. This is considered better than vertidrainage and would need doing before the ground gets too wet. Maintenance is needed on the ground every 4-5 years. Cllr Morris suggested using the drainage budget to get 2 pitches done. Alan to send Mel’s details to Cllr Mudd. Resolution that unless the pitch is out of action for more than 2 weeks that we get 2 pitches treated up to a value of £500 + VAT (subject to Cllrs Morris and Mudd + groundsman meeting with Mel).  
**RESOLVED.** NB: cricket club have been quoted £5k per new strip and they would need 3. Add to project wish list.
- 15L/135. Football pitch drainage** – To consider update on drainage solutions following meeting with Groundsman Association rep – See item 15L/134.
- 15L/136. Crowlands Moat** – To consider quotes for additional signage by Bullfinch Way entrance – Resolution to purchase 2 metal signs stating ‘dogs must be kept on a lead’ at a cost of no more than £35 + VAT and delivery. **RESOLVED.** Clerk to speak to Groundsman to see whether signs could be purchased via Weatherheads.
- 15L/137. Foxes on the rec** – to consider methods of deterrent – Cllr Mudd outlined. There is a fence between the third field and neighbouring farm which was damaged by a contractor working for the farmer some time ago. Clerk has contacted County Farms to request that the fence is repaired. May also need to consider spraying again with ‘Scoot’ or similar.
- 15L/138. August meeting** – to consider proposal to abolish meeting in August – Resolution to abolish CALF meeting in August. **RESOLVED.** Can hold an EOM if required.
- 15L/139. Matters for consideration at the next meeting** – Project wish list, street snooker, signage (no balls against VH).
- 15L/140. Date of next meetings** – TBC
- 15L/141. Close of Meeting** – 8.58pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Chair) Date \_\_\_\_\_