

## Community and Leisure Facilities Committee Minutes

Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs Collier (Chair), Morris, Mudd, Nicholas, Karl Miles (Colts), Alan Raven (Cricket), Andy Ward (S&SC), Andrew King (Groundsman), the Clerk and Asst Clerk

**In attendance:** 5 members of the public

**17L/129. Chairman's Introduction and Apologies** – apologies accepted from Cllr Young (work) and Ian Stuchbury.

**17L/130. Public participation** – Standing Orders suspended 7.31pm. Resident 1 was pleased that tennis was being mentioned under item 17L/143. No mention of it in the recent NP 7 questions and wanted to know what CPC's response was to Sport England's recommendation to keep 2 grass courts with floodlights and have 3 mini courts. Cottenham Tennis Club is keen to work with the Parish Council and wanted to know the likelihood of moving the Club to the Rec Ground - in the 2014 business plan it was seen as the only way of growing the Club. Wants to know if the document can be revisited. CVC courts are in bad condition. Resident 2 mentioned that the Tennis Club always used to be based at the Rec Ground.

Resident 3 wanted to know the possibility of Cambridge Scooter Club holding an event in June 2018 on the 1<sup>st</sup> field. Would consist of up to 150 classic scooters and they would need access to shower facilities, kitchen and a room to hold music event plus there would be camping onsite. It is a not for profit event. Groundsman confirmed he was amenable to the idea of using 1<sup>st</sup> field. Resident 3 understood the need to respect the pitch and could move to the 3<sup>rd</sup> field if necessary. Wanted to know what insurance they would need; confirmed the Public Liability would be required. They are experienced in organising these events. Further details would be required to go to Full Council. Concerns raised about vehicle movements in/out of the site but noted that it would be no different from the Colts 5-a-side tournament. Resident 3 confirmed there would be no movements allowed between 11pm and 7am. They also have their own security. Event would run from Friday lunchtime, with events on the Friday and Saturday night, to midday on the Sunday. Alan Raven confirmed that space would be required for cricket on the Saturday for 2 teams – won't know fixtures until end of February but possibility of receiving information by Christmas. CPC would need to inform Bowls Club. In case of demolition of the Village Hall then a marquee would be used and Resident 3 has the relevant drinks licence. Proposal to be put together and sent to Clerk. Standing Orders reinstated 7.55pm.

**17L/131. To accept Declarations of Interest** - To receive disclosures of pecuniary and other interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting. None received.

**17L/132. Minutes** - Resolution that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017 be signed as a correct record. **RESOLVED.**

**17L/133. Reports**

- **Clerk** – Report noted. Fen Reeves requires coppicing; need to decide whether to engage volunteers or get quotes for the work.
- **Health & Safety report** – Report noted.
- **Major developments** – Report noted.
- **Neighbourhood Plan** – Report noted. A lot of things regarding sport won't be in the Plan – it only covers change of use of land. The next version will start being more specific about locations.
- **Youth Provision and half term update** – Session on 7<sup>th</sup> December to be cancelled (clash with CPS Christmas Fair). For 14<sup>th</sup> December need to insist that CPS provide car park marshall (school play).

**17L/143. Future Recreation Ground layout** – to consider possible reconfiguration of site – Item brought forward. The challenge is that when CPS expands 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the 3<sup>rd</sup> field won't be available, however we will be given an equivalent amount of land (which currently is near the allotments). Cricket pitches can't be moved and need to see where we can put the MUGA, village hall and nursery. Play area may need reconfiguring. Having the training area, MUGA and skatepark together would be a benefit because they could share the floodlights. The issue with the tennis business plan was that the Parish Council were expected to fund the courts; the other catch was exclusive use rather than community use. It was noted that lots of residents

are now playing outside of Cottenham and the CVC courts can't be used during the daytime. The LTA are having a massive push for funding but the club would have to own or lease the land. Cllr Morris stated the complication was that the tennis club wouldn't be able to do either of these because it's King George charity land. Sport England had suggested replacing with hard courts. Noted that the area behind the Pavilion was unsuitable. Standing Orders suspended 8.30pm. Resident 1 stated that the tennis club would need a minimum of 3 courts, preferably 4. 2 on the existing grass courts and use of the MUGA could work as a compromise. Not worth resurfacing the existing grass and money could be put towards hard surfacing. Resident 1 to look at grants. Would need planning permission for the floodlights. Currently the club is down to 15 members plus family members. Standing Orders reinstated 8.45pm. Groundsman commented that there weren't enough football pitches currently. Two 7v7 and one mini pitch at the moment. If County don't get planning permission we may be able to buy/lease additional land. Could also purchase allotment space in the future. Cllr Morris and Clerk meeting with County/SCDC next week and the matter will be discussed.

- 17L/134. Mobile goalposts (Colts)** – Resolution to accept quote from MH Goals. Goalposts to be owned by CPC but maintained by Cottenham Colts. **RESOLVED.**
- 17L/135. Pitch usage at Rec Ground** – to consider usage issues – Karl Miles to speak to Jason Leach regarding field 2 being used for training. There are now 10 teams playing which is causing parking problems. Colts to look at how games could be better staggered to resolve pitch and parking problems. Noted that adult matches start at 2pm (1pm arrival). Could look at rescheduling mini and 7v7 games. Noted that Colts were warming up off pitches. Games will only be called off when pitches are wet or frozen.
- 17L/136. Cricket nets** – to consider siting of cricket nets behind the Pavilion – Alan Raven outlined the needs. Should be able to fit a 2 lane net around the cesspit. At 3.6m high it will require planning permission. Would be purchased and maintained by the cricket club. Could be open or fenced with a coded gate which would be the preferred option. Alan to obtain quotes.
- 17L/137. Recreation Ground Hedging** – to consider replacement for diseased hedging plants – Groundsman outlined the issue. May need to replace with a different plant. Herras fencing to put used as a stop gap.
- 17L/138. War Memorial** – Resolution to accept quote from Brown & Ralph for repairs to the War Memorial. **RESOLVED.**
- 17L/139. Youth provision 2018/19** – Resolution to provide youth bus for 2018/19 – **RESOLVED.**
- 17L/140. Traffic Plan** – to consider possible arrangements for Rec Ground access and parking – Item deferred.
- 17L/141. Village Hall** – to consider possible layout and location of new Village Hall – Cllr Morris outlined. The proposed building is now smaller due to the removal of the nursery. Working party meeting architects on 30<sup>th</sup> November. Noted that a bar to be added downstairs.
- 17L/142. Nursery** – to consider possible layout and location of Nursery – Cllr Morris outlined. This will now be a standalone building. Existing play area would need to be reconfigured. We will submit 3 pre-apps shortly for the nursery, village hall and access road. Noted that the building would have a capacity of 50 but the new developments will mean an extra 120 children, however not all may need nursery provision.
- 17L/144. 2018/19 Budget** – to consider provisional revenue and capital budget requests – Cllr Morris stated that FLAC had already gone through the main items.
- 17L/145. Matters for consideration at the next meeting** – 2018 Remembrance event
- 17L/146. Date of next meeting** – 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017
- 17L/147. Close of Meeting** – 9.34pm.

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