

COMMUNITY & LEISURE FACILITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA REPORTS PACK – MAY 2015

Item 15L/079

Minutes of the Community and Leisure Facilities Committee

Held in the Village Hall on Thursday 16th April 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Mudd (Chair), Berenger, Collier, Heydon, Morris, Richards and Terry Keeble, David Munns, Alan Raven, Andy Ward

In attendance: 1 member of the public

- 15L/052. Chairman's Introduction and Apologies Apologies accepted from Cllr Leeks (holiday).
- **15L/053.** Public participation Standing Orders to be suspended none present.
- **15L/054. 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.
- **15L/055. Minutes -** To resolve that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 17th March 2015 be signed as a correct record
- 15L/056. Reports
 - Clerk report circulated prior to the meeting to highlight matters on agenda & update on matters arising since last meeting. Updates: Kids Only have mentioned that members from CUFC and the Colts have let themselves into the building without ringing the bell first. There has been vandalism to the cellar door of the S&SC and deck chairs situated on the flat roofing. The village sign is now finished, following over 12 hours of Photoshop work. Clerk to contact Martin Graves re. putting back in place. Original offered back to the WI. Suggestion that we approach CVC art department regarding a project to refurbish. Cllr Collier to contact them directly. Groundsman has confirmed that he will start work on the aerial slide after the skatepark work has completed. Keybox has been purchased for the office and needs fitting.
 - Playground safety report circulated prior to the meeting
- **15L/057. New skatepark** To receive an update on the project Cllrs Morris outlined. We have avoided the use of track matting so far which is a considerable saving. Cllrs Berenger and Collier are meeting with Simon and Wheelscape re. an opening event. A sponsored skater from Waterbeach will come down to support us and he has links with several skating magazines. Terry mentioned that the contractors have driven onto the mini league pitch which may cause issues. Groundsman aware.
- **15L/058.** Changing rooms To receive an update on the project Cllrs Morris will add to the shopping list of items and quantities required. Looking at various options still regarding the road surfacing. Grant money is currently coming in faster than we are spending it. Murfitts to use power from the site following the link up from UKPN.
- 15L/059. Cricket square To consider future extension of the cricket square Alan confirmed that the teams can't use the square on the first field during the building works. There are currently 5 strips on the main field (2nd). Any new pitch will take time to bed in so we need to look at this now with a view to doing the work for next season. They would require at least 3 new strips, extending towards Rampton Road. Alan to investigate prices. Cllr Heydon asked whether they could use the pitch at CVC however this is artificial and in poor repair. CPC need to look at longer term needs of the rugby, cricket and football teams before we can move forward. The first step is the get the clubs together over the next 2/3 months. Cllr Mudd confirmed that there was no news from County regarding a land swap. Clerk to write to them formally. Cllr Richards suggested using some of the excess soil and adding sand to eliminate the damp in the corner of the 3rd pitch on the second field. It may be possible that Grassform (possibly providing the changing rooms road) may be able to quote for this.
- **15L/060. Refreshments at rec ground** To consider trialling the serving of refreshments at the rec ground during school May half term and summer holidays Clerk outlined. Cllr Morris mentioned that there may be an issue with using the new Changing Rooms because they are on charity land but this needs to be investigated further. Manning the 'stall' may be a problem however if voluntary groups were prepared to get involved then they could keep all/a proportion of the profits and use it as a fund raising tool. It was confirmed that we could be covered on the insurance. Resolution that we

- trial the serving of refreshments at the Recreation Ground on the Tuesday during the May half term. Refreshments to be purchased up to a value of £50. **RESOLVED**. NB: Clerk and Cllr Collier have offered to man.
- **15L/061.** Cambridgeshire Community Fair To consider attendance at this event on 2nd June Cllr Mudd outlined details of the event. Cllr Richards left the room at 8.10pm and returned at 8.11pm. Clerk to circulate the agenda. Item deferred.
- **15L/062. Outdoor gym equipment** To consider quotes for equipment, suitable location and grant application it was noted that the equipment may need planning permission before we are able to proceed. Resolutuion to submit for pre-planning advice for example equipment on the Broad Lane end of the open space on Tenison Manor. **RESOLVED**.
- **15L/063. Pedestrian gate** Resolution to accept quote for provision of pedestrian gate to link rec ground with third field (to be paid by a grant) and installation at a cost of £150 + VAT. **RESOLVED**
- **15L/064. WI Anniversary tree** To consider a location for a tree donated by Cottenham WI Standing Orders suspended at 8.26pm. Brenda Ward, Secretary of the WI, outlined the idea. Suggested locations were the Green and the Pond. Currently there is no space on the Green for further planting. A magnolia tree was suggested however concerns were raised about whether the location of the Pond would offer enough protection from frost. Resolution that the Tree Warden (Cllr Nigel Bolitho) check soil suitability and position with a view to planting a magnolia tree on the Pond to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the WI. **RESOLVED**. NB: groundsman to plant. Standing Orders reinstated 8.34pm. Revert back to WI with Tree Warden findings.
- **15L/065. Moat** Resolution to accept quote for removal of fence posts and making good at a cost of £120 + VAT. **RESOLVED**.
- **15L/066. Baby clinic** To consider Village Hall hire (1st Wednesday of the month) Clerk outlined. Cllrs Morris and Mudd to prepare formal agreement. Resolution that we offer the NHS baby clinic a contract to hire the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of the month. **RESOLVED**.
- **15L/067. Replacement rubbish bins** Resolution to consider purchase of up to 3 new rubbish bins at a cost of up to £1,000. **RESOLVED**.
- **15L/068. Tenison Manor buffer zone** To consider access issues Cllr Mudd outlined. Cllr Heydon highlighted a previous resolution to refuse residents permission to park in this area. Going forward we will need frequent access and with cars parked on the grass the groundsman is unable to maintain. Clerk to write to residents.
- **15L/069. Rec ground pumping station** Resolution to accept quote for routine service & maintenance at a cost of £496.20 + VAT. **RESOLVED**.
- **15L/070. Green waste at the Rec** To consider update on how best to dispose of grass cuttings/clippings Cllr Mudd outlined the situation. There is a suitable area that the bowls club and CPC could use on the allotment. Groundsman to locate an area on the 3rd field for the disposal of brushwood.
- **15L/071. Defibrillator** To consider relocating the equipment to enable better public access Andy Ward stated that we needed to make the defibrillator more accessible/visible. Suggestion that it be moved to the new changing rooms building and located in a purpose-designed box with key code. Item deferred.
- **15L/072. Annual Meeting report** To consider agreement of report for submission to the AM Cllr Mudd is currently drafting for the May Annual Meeting of the PC. Resolution that Cllr Mudd prepares and circulates the report to the Committee. **RESOLVED**.
- **15L/073.** Matters for consideration at the next meeting Provision of dog bin on Lyles Road, pitches for football 2015/16 season, 3rd field drainage
- **15L/074. Dates of next meeting** 19th May 2015
- **15L/075.** Close of Meeting 9.10pm.

Signed	(Chair)	Date	
JIKITEU	(Cilaii)	Date	

Item 15L/080 - CLERKS REPORT - May 2015

Village Hall

- Boiler service has been carried out.
- Cromwell Fire has dealt with an emergency situation re. some of the fire extinguishers antitamper tags had been removed.
- Ladybirds are using the hall on 16th July (lunchtime) for a graduation ceremony.

Recreation ground

- Woodwork around the aerial runway has been removed. Quotes accepted for banking, installing safety matting and seeding/turfing. Work to be carried out once skatepark completed.
- Cllr Richards has been assisting electrician re. repairing floodlights. Cherry picker hired to investigate.
- It has been agreed that for the Colts football tournament on 24th May that parking will be on the first field. They have agreed to pay for the verti-draining of the field after the event at a cost of up to £250 + VAT. The event itself will be held on the third field.
- Flying of model aircraft to be permitted on the 3rd field following agreement at the full Council meeting on 6th April. Agreement/regulations to be drawn up. Need to amend signage.
- Emergency works being carried out oil line from tank to boiler at Ladybirds. During routine inspection the engineer noted that all of the oil lines have soldered joints which do not meet the current safety regulations (potential fire hazards).
- Quote for installation of new gate between 3rd field and Les King Wood has been accepted. Cambridge Rambling Club are paying for the work plus the gate.
- Aquarious service and maintenance of pumping station has been rescheduled again due to access issues.
- Fire on the 3rd field caused by youths burning pallets, probably from the Wheelscape site. Both site managers have been alerted to keep an eye on security.

Misc admin

- Waiting to hear from Rob Mungovan at SCDC re. suitability of bushes/trees for WARG field.
 SCDC Lynda Harford is following this up for us. The Woodland Trust can provide free tree planting packs and they may have something to meet our needs. Need to apply by 3rd Sept.
- The village sign has been completed will be installed the weekend of 16/17th May.
- Minor tree works quote accepted for the Village Green.
- Post around the Moat have been removed.
- Following a meeting with Historic England to discuss siting of picnic benches on the Moat they
 confirmed that no scheduled monument consent is required. BC Trust has been given the go
 ahead regarding works for the benches/tables.
- 6m pitch booked for the FEFF. We will be located by the pond near the College.
- Broken map on the Village Green which belongs to the Footpath Group being fixed w/c 26th April.

Playground Inspection Action Report

Cottenham Parish Council

Site: Cottenham Recreation Ground Date of Inspections: 29 April 2015

Location

Attention Required

Skateboard Park

New facility to be constructed and work now in

progress

Main Play Area

Multiplay – Himalayan Uniplay

Skirting board now removed to avoid trip. Ground surround levelled with top soil and seeded.

Aerial Runway

Skirting board wooden edging removed to avoid trips.

Note: This has been reported and referred to the

relevant Committee for action.

Recent RoSPA Inspection Report found Chain Connectors Notched. Noted that Chain Connectors should be replaced in accord with ISO 1834 Standard.

Swing - Inclusive

Recent RoSPA Inspection Report noted that Chain Links Notched. Worn links should be removed and replaced in accord with ISO 1834 Standard.

Swing – Junior 2 Bay 4 Seat

with Anti-wrap

Recent RoSPA Report indicated that a swing had loose seat eye-bolts. Action referred as tighten up

bolts.

Benches

Cracks in wooded seating and some graffiti drawn on table top. (black spray paint tag) Efforts made to remove same from bench.

San Hose Playhouse

Entrance area in need of ground levelling.

Depression retaining water and making unit unsuitable for children's activity. Filling in might solve the problem. General state of unit is in need of painting/refurbishment

Recent RoSPA Inspection Report note delamination of wood. Advised repairing delaminated wood.

Gate Entrance to Play Area

Entrance facing the Main Area. This would benefit from filling in to avoid water retention and making it easier for young children to enter without problems associated with water and mud.

Action Plan signed by Cllrs: David Mudd and Tony Nicholas

David Mudd	Date 29 April 2015		
	·		
Tony Nicholas	Date 29 April 2015		

Action Plan to be sent to Clerk, and Chair and Members of the Community & Leisure Facilities Committee in order to progress the repairs noted in report.

NOTE: All items above have been notified to CALF previously and probably now, hopefully, in the course of being actioned!

Playground Inspection Checklist

Cottenham Parish Council

Site: Cottenham Recreation Ground Date of Inspection: 29th April 2015
Person/s carrying out Inspection: Cllrs David Mudd and Tony Nicholas

Items checked and report issued if any item needs repair/maintenance. (see action report sheet)

General Condition of Equipment: All equipment checked for the following:

- Fitting and Fixtures (present and secure)
- ▲ Guard rails
- ♣ Sharp edges or other protrusions
- Working of moving parts

- A Base plate of spring items secure

Play Area: Skateboard Park

Area under construction of new Skateboard Park

Equipment Main Area

- △ Carousel Inclusive (New)
- ♣ Rotator Bowl (New)
- ▲ Aerial Runway
- A Rotator Pole (New)
- ▲ Space Net (New)
- Himalayan Uniplay (Newly adapted)
- ▲ Seats and Picnic Tables
- ▲ Single Swing Boat
- ▲ Trim Trail (New)
- ▲ General Condition of Area

Tidy

NOTE: Replacement of bark may be necessary on some units. Groundsman usually identifies and takes the necessary course of action to replace same.

Equipment in Toddler Area

- ▲ San Hose Playhouse
- ▲ Two Cradle Swing
- A Swing Toddler -1 Bay 2 seat (new)
- Swing Toddler Bay 2 Seat (old)
- ♣ Play Train (New)
- Stepping Posts Rubber
- A Rocker Seesaw (New)
- A Rocker -- Bike (New)

- ▲ Fencing
- ▲ Seats/Picnic Table
- ▲ Fencing
- ▲ General Condition of Area

Tidy

Warning Signs and Notices

♣ Present and in good condition

Yes

General Declaration of Intent by Cottenham Parish Council regarding Health and Safety in respect of this report

All areas/items will be checked only by means of Visual Inspection to identify any obvious hazards resulting from use, vandalism or weather conditions. These will be logged and notified to the Parish Clerk.

To avoid any doubts as to whether or not the areas/items have been Visually Inspected, the Cllrs will sign and date the report issued to the Parish Clerk. On Inspection of all units, any that are found, in the opinion of Cllrs, to be a problem regarding operation or stability, then if it cannot be corrected without delay, the PC will be advised to immobilise or remove the unit.

Councillors who check the areas/units are fully aware of the importance of the safety to all users of the Play Area.

Visual Inspection carried out by by: Cllrs David Mudd and Tony Nicholas				
Councillors Signatures:				
	Dated: Wednesday 29 th April 2015			
	Next Inspection on Wednesday 27 th May 2015			

Item 15L/081. New skatepark

- Wheelscape began work on 9th April
- Existing kit scrapped; power cable diverted successfully with no service interruption
- 50% of WREN grant claimed and paid; 90% of SCDC grant will now be claimed
- Activity on site now increasing; completion expected around 12th June
- Signage (disclaimers and grant acknowledgements to be arranged)
- RoSPA inspection and access pathway completion anticipated shortly after that
- Opening Event scheduled for 12th July; invitations, press coverage etc ...

Proposed agenda for Skate Park opening - Sunday 12th July

12pm - Under 11s 'free skate'

1:15pm - Demonstration by pro skater

1:30 pm - Experienced skaters

2pm – Demonstration by pro skater

2:15 – Official 'tagging' by professional graffiti artist.

2:30 - 'free skate'

4:30pm - end.

We are looking to confirm Charlie Munroe as our pro skater - http://sidewalkmag.com/tag/charlie-munro#jxQ5jX5DAicriJWI.97

And Kilo Sinstars as our graffiti artist - http://www.ukstreetart.co.uk/kilo-sinstars-fba/

We hope to have 'Billy's' from Cambridge with a stall promoting protective gear and clothing, a local ice cream van, a hot dog stand and the connections bus. The fire service have expressed an interest in attending to get to know some of the local teenagers and bring the engine! Simon Bell has some contacts with Lynx and Gillett so hopefully we can get them to advertise and raise some money. Also the local press and sidewalk magazine will be contacted. None of the above have confirmed so fingers crossed we can pull it all together!

Item 15L/082. Changing rooms

- Phase 1 by Durman Stearn essentially complete
- CJ Murfitt took over the site post-Easter as Phase 2 began
- Third monthly cycle of grant claims cycle in hand
- UK Power Networks engaged by CPC directly to install mains power cable (approx. £4K)
- Reconciliation of on-site water-metering in hand (4 out of 5 identified so far)
- Options to finish off access road (turning circle, width/finish) being evaluated
- Roofwork will begin imminently as Phase 2 approaches completion
- Shopping list of "19 room final fit" items / budget being prepared
- On track for completion towards end of August
- Signage (grant recognition) to be arranged prior to opening
- Invitation lists, Press coverage etc need special consideration

Item 15L/083. Rospa Inspection report

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON HEALTH AND SAFETY REGARDING CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT ON KING GEORGES PLAYING FIELD, COTTENHAM - 2015

INTRODUCTION

Owners and operators of Children's Playground equipment have to comply with current Health and Safety legislation, principally the Health and Safety etc Act 1974. The European Standard EN1176 is the appropriate standard for all publicly accessible playground equipment including that provided in parks, schools and communal premises such as shopping areas and public houses.

Guidance is given within part 7 of the EN 1176 on the type and frequency of playground inspections. To assist playground operators with their responsibilities frequent operational inspections should be carried out. In addition an annual inspection by another recognised body should be implemented.

RISK AND CHALLENGE IN PLAYGROUNDS

Risk taking is an essential part of play provision. Play provision aims to offer children the chance to encounter acceptable risks as part of a stimulating, challenging and controlled learning environment. Equipment is designed to the current standards, and properly maintained, should generally provide the desired risk and challenge, whilst ensuring freedom from unacceptable risks of life threatening or permanently disabling injury.

REFURBISHMENT OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

It is worth noting that the majority of the units that existed in 2012 have now been completely replaced by units of a different type to those previous. New units were in place at time of RoSPA Inspection of 2013. The Inspector made written comment referring to the new installed units as: ...'a fantastic provision of play equipment for all ages and abilities'.

PLAY AREA SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT 23 April 2015

The inspection was carried out by Playsafety Limited on behalf of RoSPA and inspected by Rachel Adams. The present overall risk rating for the play space is MEDIUM

Inspection covered:

Site safety

Suitability and condition of ancillary items

Standard compliance, suitability and condition of equipment

Dimensional compliance, suitability and condition of surfacing

The EN1176 was published on 1 January 1999 when existing standards were withdrawn. There are a number of areas where existing equipment may fail the standards. This does not mean that the equipment has suddenly become dangerous or remedial action is required.

Where there is a compliance failure, this is briefly noted and a risk assessment made of the failure. However, where we believe action is required this will be indicated and identified as a **medium** or **high** risk.

RoSPA Risk Score

Risk Assessment of faults and Standard failures are given in terms of Low, Medium or High.

They are as follows:

1 to 3
4 to 7
8 to 12
13 to 20
Very Low Risk
Low Risk
Medium Risk
High Risk

21+ Unacceptable High Risk

Ancillary Items Risk Level & Risk Score

Toddlers Play Area

Facilities: Litter bins/seats

Perimeter: Gates/Entrance/Fencing

Site: Signage (ownership)

Very Low 3

Very Low 2

Surface: General surface

Very Low 3

Picnic Benches

Very Low 3

Very Low 3

Very Low 3

Very Low 3

Toddler Play Area (9 Units) Risk Level & Risk Score

San Hose Play House: Low 4

Multiplay: Toddler Very Low 3

Swing-Toddler: 1Bay 2 Seat Very Low 3

Swing-Toddler: 1 Bay 2 Seat Very Low 3 (with Anti-Wrap 1850mm)

Play Train: Very Low 3
Rocker Bike: Very Low 3
Rocker – Seesaw Low 6
Stepping Posts (7): Low 4
Rocker Snail: Very low 3

Main Play Area (11 Units) Risk Level & Risk Score

Swing - Group: Low 7 Slide Embankment: Low 6 Low 5 Aerial Runway: Himalayan Uniplay: Low 7 Rotator Bowl: Low 6 Carousel - Inclusive: Low 6 Swing 2 Bay, 4 Seat: Low 5 Rotator - Pole: Low 5 Swing – Inclusive: (Boat) Low 5 Space Net: Low 6 Trim Trail: Low 4

Inspectors Comments:

Following the RoSPA Inspection of the 23 April 2015 the Inspector wished to draw attention to the following items relating to the Inspection.

- Aerial Runway (Cableway). Chain Connectors Notched. Replace top and bottom end links. Replace chain connectors (meeting ISO 1834).
 - Swing Junior 2 Bay 4 Seat with Antiwrap. Loose swing seat eyebolts. Tighten connecting nuts.
 - △ Swing Inclusive. Chain Links Notched. Remove worn chains. Replace chain links (meeting ISO 1834).
 - San Hose Play House. Delamination of wood. Smooth down access panel. Repair delaminating wood.

RoSPA recommend that all site operators carry a minimum of £5,000,000 Public Liability Insurance for their own protection and that they undertake routine documented inspections of their own in addition to the Annual RoSPA report.

Parish Council Commitments:

Council has a £10,000,000 Public Liability Insurance.

Regular Inspections are undertaken on a monthly basis and are fully documented. Documentation given to the Parish Clerk for action to be taken if any required, as noted by the Inspecting Councillors.

Appropriate notices are posted in the Play Areas for users to report any damage or defects associated with any of the units. For younger children using the units, it is hoped that parents will be supervising their activity.

Insurance Notes

The HSE and the Courts state that where practical risks should be reduced to 'an acceptable level'. It is worth noting that the courts are being reasonably robust regarding claims and RoSPA are aware of recent instances where courts have not only thrown out speculative claims but have at the same time awarded costs against the claimant.

Finally, Professor David Ball, an advisor to the HSE has estimated that the risk of a life threatening injury on any form of play area is less than 1:30,000,000. The HSE consider that a 1:10,000,000 chance is negligible so the risk of any life threatening injury on a play area where children and young people play is insignificant.

Report to the Council for acceptance. Authors: Cllrs David Mudd and Tony Nicholas May 2015

Item 15L/084. WARG Field

To progress the project we need to press on with preparing the ground and arranging suitable fencing/hedging. Groundsman has been approached for his recommendations regarding the ground preparation.

In addition CPC may wish to consider recognising the gift of the land with a bench/plaque and holding an unveiling ceremony later in the year.

Item 15L/085. Crowlands Manor maintenance

The gates need treating with preservative. Quote from BC Trust for labour (approx. £120) + materials.

Item 15L/086. Cambridgeshire Community Fair

Cambridgeshire ACRE is hosting the **Cambridgeshire Community Fair** to be held on **Tuesday 2 June 2015**, from **3pm – 9pm** at the **Burgess Hall, St Ives**. The tagline for the event will be 'Helping communities to fund, build and do more'.

The event will be run quite informally, with no pre-booking required by attendees, to make it as simple as possible for people just to turn up on the day and dip in and out of the various sessions. Topics covered will include writing funding bids, governance of community buildings and neighbourhood planning. NB: the event clashes with a full Council meeting but subject to sessions attended it may be possible to attend both events.

Item 15L/087. Community Chest

Suggestion that we consider putting in an application for crockery/some cutlery for general use at the Village Hall. Application wouldn't amount to much more than £150 (i.e. 36 mugs = £55 inc VAT + 36 cups = £47) + spoons.

Item 15L/088. WI Anniversary tree

Following previous discussions regarding the WI planting a magnolia tree on The Pond at the top of Broad Lane they have now suggested a Rowan. The Tree Warden was concerned that a magnolia would not be best suited to the location and a rowan could well prove a far better prospect. It would provide year-round interest, is hardy and is good for wildlife.

Item 15L/091. Tenison Manor buffer zone

We are still getting minor complaints from residents regarding the condition of the wooded area behind Kingfisher Way and Woodlark. The suggestion is that we consider employing a professional company to maintain the area regularly to enhance the condition of the woodland and create a wildlife habitat (in a similar vein to the work that BC Trust are currently doing on the Moat).

Item 15L/092. Outdoor gym equipment

Planning advice from SCDC: The Parish Council, as a statutory undertaking, may place fitness kit etc. on our Open Spaces as permitted development provided only that they are less than 4 metres in height.

Previously advised:

Quotes being obtained based on 4 pieces of equipment: skier, leg press, 'space walker' and chest press. Quotes currently of £13,156 + VAT (Fenland Leisure) and £7985 + VAT (Fresh-Air Fitness). NB: we haven't decided on the final equipment items so these quotes are based on some of the more popular items seen in other parks.

Need to look at suitable locations on Tenison Manor and consult with residents.

We have contacted by Amey Cespa who are offering grants of up to £50k which could be used for this equipment. Closing date for applications is 31st May 2015 with a decision date by 30th June 2015. Equipment must be installed before 31st October 2015.