

**Community and Leisure Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes**  
held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs Morris (Chair), Gledhill, Mudd and Young, Andy Ward (S&SC), Alan Raven (Cricket), Karl Miles (Colts) and Asst Clerk.

**In attendance:** 11 members of public

**18L/086. Chairman's Introduction and Apologies** – Apologies accepted from Cllr Wilson (Holiday) and Clerk (Sick)

**18L/087. Public participation** – Standing Orders suspended at 7.31pm, 2 members of public attended to endorse item 18L/093 Cricket Nets; current nets at CVC not fit for purpose, looking to relocate, desirable to have cricket facilities all on one site. Standing Orders reinstated at 7.32pm.

**18L/088. To accept Declarations of Interest and Dispensations** – None declared. Ian Stuchbury (CUFC) arrived at 7.33pm.

**18L/089. Minutes** – Resolution that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018 be signed as a correct record. **RESOLVED.**

**18L/090. Reports**

- **Clerk** – Cllr Young queried toilet vandalism at the Rec, how can we make it more robust. Spend v demolition costs to be checked. Andrew King (Groundsman) arrived at 7.36pm. Clerk to chase FECA re defibrillator grant application.
- **Health & Safety report** – tallies with ROSPA Report 18L/096.
- **Major developments** – Cllr Morris outlined; Bellway – ongoing issues referred to SCDC, Persimmon – reserved matters on CPC Planning Agenda 19<sup>th</sup> July, Gladman – no changes, CCC – meeting with This Land being set up in an attempt to mitigate harm to our sports provision etc. 1 member of public arrived at 7.39pm. SCDC not keen on building near to Les King Woods. Some land between the allotments and Rampthill Farm might be secured for sports provision.
- **Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Morris invited attendees to view NP on display at the meeting, in the library or the Village Hall on Saturday and to comment online. Consultation ends 7<sup>th</sup> August.
- **Village Hall & Nursery update** – planning applications sent to SCDC on 13<sup>th</sup> July. Once plans have been validated, a decision would be due in approx. 8 weeks. Next phases will be technical design, borrowing sought and works put out to tender. In theory, work could commence in January 2019 with a 12 month build. Existing hirer's arrangements to be discussed when/if planning approval comes through.
- **Youth Provision** – Cllr Gledhill to report at next meeting.

**18L/094. Cottenham Cup (Brought forward)** – Chris Richards has reluctantly called the event off in view of safety risks owing to extreme weather conditions.

**18L/093. Cricket nets (Brought forward)** – Alan Raven outlined; nets at CVC are no longer fit for purpose. New ones needed, preferably near cricket pitch and pavilion and could be used for pre-match warmups, coaching and training. Better facilities could attract more players and provide an opportunity for rental income from other users. Nets would be positioned behind the pavilion, adjacent to the allotments; from the edge of the tennis courts to the start of the bund. Finished surface would mostly be artificial grassing. Access would be via a coded locked gate. Mr Raven has sourced 3 quotes – the cheapest quote offers the best design, higher quality netting and all works needed, including ground prep. Mr Raven has visited another site installed by the same company and was satisfied with the quality of workmanship. NB: Other quotes were £2-3,000 higher and required the Cricket Club to carry out some of the work. Concerns raised regarding ownership, purchase (CPC or Cricket Club), use of charity land, security, and loss of mobile goals storage. **Standing Orders suspended at 7.55pm.** Cllr Morris asked opinions of members of public in attendance - generally seen as a positive addition, not encroaching on any existing usage, historically tennis club had hoped to use the location but this use is no longer possible due to underground storage tanks and utilities, the facility would be narrower than tennis courts and nearer to allotment fence than pavilion. **Standing Orders reinstated at 8.00pm.** Cllr Morris agreed that in principle it was a good idea and agreed to help look at how the project might be progressed with the Parish Council

whose approval will be required to proceed. Any grant applications will need to be supported by usage details; numbers of players, teams, training sessions, coaching sessions and matches played.

- 18L/091. Football pitches** – consider applying to Football Foundation for partial grant-funding of an all-weather floodlit football pitch at the Recreation Ground. Cllr Morris outlined; challenge is that we do not have enough space to accommodate all the village’s sporting needs. One improvement could be to provide an all-weather 3G pitch and Multi Use Games Area (MUGA), with the front field being the best position due to the proximity to changing rooms, village hall (viewing balcony) and less likely to raise planning objections to the floodlights. A MUGA is easier to maintain than grass pitches – normally 8-10 years wear, and there would be fewer match cancellations. There are unanswered questions - Would Cottenham benefit from this and would it be sufficiently used, is there a demand for such services? – Evidence of likely usage above 43 sessions per week will be needed to support any grant applications and/or loans. Concerns were raised by CUFC and Colts regarding loss of pitches and training areas, spectator provision, security, access to all. **Standing Orders suspended at 8.10pm.** Cllr Morris showed diagrams of possible layouts and asked opinions from members of public in attendance; CPC applauded for considering project, however, football clubs have concerns, claiming that field 1 has the best playing surface, field 2 regularly has games cancelled due to weather, field 3 unplayable. Other sports facilities have concrete paving to 3G pitch. Cambs FA are understood to be looking at creating a football hub – probably at Northstowe. CPC is looking for additional land for sports use. 1 member of public arrived at 8.20pm. Has field 2 been considered as a location? Yes, but thought to cost approx. £100k to move cricket – which has already been moved from 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> field. Would it be available for tennis? Yes. LTA will only contribute if court is for exclusive tennis use. Tennis Club would like 4 all-weather courts. Is refurbishment of current courts (2) a possibility, with 2 courts on MUGA? Concerns raised as to whether we would be taking business away from CVC. Netball also crying out for courts as CVC’s are unsuitable. 3G pitch would cost in the region of £700K, a MUGA around £500k – criteria to be investigated regarding grant applications, use of charity land, use of developer funding etc. Questions were asked regarding vehicle access; unsure at this stage; pending CCC’s planning permission. Assertion that housing demands override sport provision; if we were offered a land swap (for part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Field) the land would need to be up to Sport England’s specifications. Working party will be needed to investigate possibilities and develop a plan for Council consideration. S106 monies might be used towards the costs, but none of this will be available until 50% of homes on a site have been constructed and this would need a council decision. **Standing Orders reinstated at 8.30 pm.** Resolution to form a Working Party to investigate the feasibility of upgrading the first field to an all-weather floodlit facility including both a 3G football pitch and a 3-court MUGA as a basis of an application to the Football Foundation and others for partial grant funding. **RESOLVED.** Working Party to consist of Cllrs Gledhill and Morris, Andy Durman, Ian Stuchbury, Chris Richards and a Colts representative, probably Karl Miles. Cllr Morris to arrange September meeting, with a view to report back to Full Council Meeting in October.
- 18L/092. Football pitch requirements for 2018/19 season** – consider requested pitch provision (teams, matches and training sessions in reports pack) for Colts. **Standing Orders suspended at 8.32pm.** CUFC queried as to why the Cottenham Cup had been cancelled, why can’t 3<sup>rd</sup> field be used? Due to unprecedented weather conditions, the ground is too hard and grass would get ripped up. The conditions have affected other parishes too, it’s not just a Cottenham problem. Queries about seniors and Colts pre-season games. Resident believed 2<sup>nd</sup> field was playable. 2<sup>nd</sup> field is marked up for cricket use and football pitch would encroach. 3<sup>rd</sup> field is unlevel and if used now would become damaged and thus unplayable when football season starts. We need considerable rainfall to bring pitches back to a safe playable condition. Colts helpfully offered to move their training to CVC. **Standing Orders reinstated at 8.43pm.** Pitch marking for 2018/9 season confirmed as: 3<sup>rd</sup> field - 1 x 11v11, 1 x 9v9, 2 x 7v7, 2<sup>nd</sup> field - 1 x 11v11, 2 x ML, 1<sup>st</sup> field - 1 x 11v11 plus some possible parking space (whilst dry). Colts can play 11v11 on Saturday for the time being, review situation in September and then again later in year based on condition of 3<sup>rd</sup> field. 9 members of public left at 8.50pm.
- 18L/095. Lambs Lane bus shelter** – Resolution to accept quote from Bridgeman Maintenance for the demolition of brick shelter at a cost of up to £460. **RESOLVED.** Resolution to accept quote from Shelterstore for a Halton Anti-Vandal Bus Shelter at a cost of £2,450, including delivery and installation. **RESOLVED.** Asst Clerk to double check base measurements.
- 18L/096. RoSPA reports** – Resolution to remove cradle seat due to sharp edges as highlighted on RoSPA report. **RESOLVED.** Groundsman to action. To be reviewed after Nursery Application is approved. Groundsman has tightened Carousel.

- 18L/097. Zipwire repairs** – Resolution to accept quote for repairs to zipwire on Rec Ground at a cost of £1,033.33 + VAT. **RESOLVED.**
- 18L/098. Cottenham Feast** – Resolution to grant permission for use of the Village Green for Feast on 14<sup>th</sup> October subject to provision of free stall for Parish Council use **RESOLVED**
- 18L/099. Matters for consideration at the next meeting** – Football Pitches
- 18L/100. Date of next meeting** – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018
- 18L/101. Close of Meeting** – 9.10pm

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