

### Community and Leisure Facilities Committee Minutes

Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs Hewitt (Chair), Bailey, Faulkner, Loveluck, Stewart, Ward, Louise Cook (Tennis), Karl Miles (Colts), Alan Raven (Cricket), Chris Richards (CUSSC) and the Clerk

**21L/029. Chairman's Introduction and Apologies** – Apologies accepted from Cllr Hutchison (holiday) and Andrew King

**21L/030. Public participation** – None present.

**21L/031. To accept Declarations of Interest and Dispensations** – None given.

**21L/032. Minutes** – Resolution that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021 be signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Loveluck and seconded by Cllr Bailey. **RESOLVED.** Ian Stuchbury (CUFC) arrived 7.34pm.

#### **21L/033. Reports**

- **Clerk report** – Report noted. Kids Club have been reminded of their contract obligations following several issues. The main outstanding issue is their missing food hygiene certification. Clerk waiting for paperwork from Colts and Cricket required under the terms of their contracts. CUFC have supplied most of the information. Connections Bus due back on 7<sup>th</sup> October. Cllr Hewitt and the Clerk met with Alan Webb from Connections. The marked bus area is unsuitable so they will therefore park along the Rec side of the carpark in the 5 bays immediately next to the emergency access road; these will required bollarding off each week.
- **Health & Safety reports** – Report noted. Repairs covered under item 21L/036.
- **Major developments** – Report noted. Following resident complaints we are contacting Tilia regarding the condition of Les King Wood. Design for chicane on Oakington Road being reviewed at the moment.
- **Village Hall & Nursery update** – Report noted. Bookings going well and the building is generally busy in the evenings. FECA grant has been successful. Discussion around timings of the bar, payment methods and facilities. Mrs Cooke (tennis) arrived 7.46pm. The nursery is looking to open w/c 4<sup>th</sup> October.
- **Youth update** – Report noted. Cllr Faulkner mentioned that Sally Gibson from Living Sport is looking at a youth 'Dragons Den' project and is after admin support from the Parish Council. Cllr Faulkner to provide further info for the Full Council meeting in October.

**21L/034. Floodlights** – consider improvements to the existing floodlights – Mr Miles stated that the Colts would like to see the area covered by the lights extended with the use of brighter bulbs. Need to look at if we can upgrade what's there currently. Mr Richards to speak to Alan Mappedoram to see if it's possible to change to LED's. Clerk to check s106 monies and what's already available.

**21L/035. Recreation ground fees** – consider revised contract fees for sports club usage of the Recreation Ground facilities – Cllr Hewitt ran through the proposals and rationale for the increases. It costs in the region of £25k to maintain the Recreation Ground currently and we only get around £5k income from the sports clubs. Research has been undertaken to compare income with other local venues. Discussion regarding Colts kiosk. Figures look high due to the user figures being updated to be more realistic to match current usage. Colts and CUFC to come back with dates for meeting to discuss further. Noted that need to amend FF discount to 30%.

**21L/036. Playground** – consider high level 2 year draft plan for improvements to the playground area – Cllr Stewart ran through the various issues with the playground and toddler area in particular. Need

approx. £5k just for the outstanding maintenance. Prices of equipment have gone up 250% since Covid. Noted that grass had been cut too short which has damaged the matting and trim trail needs treating with preservative due to strimmer damage; should be hand cut instead. Repairs must be done by someone with Public Liability Insurance. Discussion regarding implication of reducing hedge height between F2 and the play area. Ran through plans and what was needed. All play suppliers currently have very long lead times. The priority is the maintenance and repairs. Resolution to obtain quote for restoration of the pre-school area and support development of a 2 year playground improvement plan. Proposed Cllr Ward and seconded by Cllr Bailey. **RESOLVED.**

**21L/037. 2022/23 budget** – consider items to put forward or inclusion in the 2022/23 budget – Clerk highlighted a few potential projects. Additional ideas include the 2 year playground plan; consultant for sports pitches on Tilia land; Connections Bus; skatepark maintenance.

**21L/038. Colts/CUFC equipment** – consider sports equipment storage at the Recreation Ground and hiring of equipment – Discussion regarding Milton VSSC hiring CUFC goals. Agreed that they could use the goals at a cost of £10. CPC to charge directly and pay to CUFC on an as used basis.

**21L/039. Matters for consideration at the next meeting** – Rights of Way (Cllr Loveluck).

**21L/040. Date of next meeting** – 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**21L/041. Close of Meeting** – 9.14pm