

# CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

## Leisure & Amenities 17<sup>th</sup> June 2014

### **6.1 BURIAL GROUND**

A discharge of conditions has been submitted to SCDC to enable work to commence.

### **6.2 ALLOTMENTS**

#### **6.2.1 General**

The first inspection of the season has been carried out and a number of warning letters have been sent out.

#### **6.2.2 Crow Hill Wind Turbine**

This has been chased up and is with the solicitors.

### **6.3 PLAYGROUNDS, OPEN SPACES, SKATE PARK AND FOOTPATHS**

#### **6.3.1 Lower Cambourne Play Area**

The play equipment has been reinstalled by the contractors working on behalf of Co-op including the additional piece of equipment and is being well used.

#### **6.3.2 Eco Park Play Area**

The safety surface has been replaced and the installation of the new equipment is to be programmed in once the Grounds staff have caught up.

#### **6.3.3 Great Cambourne Green Play Area**

The suspension bridge has been replaced and replacement parts for the scales have been received and these will be repaired imminently.

#### **6.3.4 Upper Cambourne Play Area Extension**

This is being progressed, but there has been a further delay by the HSE not accepting Tilbrooks H&S statement as it was for Cambourne as a whole and not site specific. This is being resolved and it is hoped work can re-commence on the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2014.

#### **6.3.5 Upper Cambourne Village Green Car Park.**

The Gates have been reinstalled and they will be locked at night. We are awaiting Bovis to resurface the Car park once they have ceased use of the car park the demarcation of the bays can then be carried out ready for the new school year.

### **6.4 THE HUB**

#### **6.4.1 General**

The Parish Clerk to report on the progress of the work on upgrading the lights in The Hub

#### **6.4.2 Hub Extension**

The Planning application has been submitted, once approved the work can go out to tender.

### **6.5 CAMBOURNE SPORTS FACILITIES**

#### **6.5.1 Sports Centre**

Shane Railley from Everyone Active will be in attendance for this item.

**6.5.2 New Cricket Pavilion & Pitches**

To receive and update from the Parish Clerk

**6.6 BOWLS CLUB**

**6.6.1 Bowls Club**

**6.6.2 Bowls Green Gullies**

To receive an update from the Parish Clerk on the latent defect at the Bowls Green.

**6.7 SPORT IN CAMBOURNE**

To receive a report from the Chairman.

**6.8 TRAILER PARK**

There is a waiting list with the trailer park predominantly now Cambourne residents.



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### **Sport In Cambourne**

A meeting of this Working Party was held at The Cricket Pavilion, Lower Cambourne on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

Present:

Cllr Mrs R Poulton (Chairman)

Danny Brooks (Cambourne Eagles)

Lisa Ellis (Cambourne Tennis Club)

Mark Griffiths (Exiles Rugby Club)

John Pope (Cambourne Fishing Club)

Danny White (Cambourne Cricket Club)

Ben Yeats (Exiles Rugby Club)

In attendance: Mr John Vickery, Parish Clerk  
Mrs Liz Pinchen, Deputy Parish Clerk

No members of the Public were in attendance.

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Garry Hill (Running Club), Shane Railley (Cambourne Sports and Fitness Centre), Julie Pashley (Cambourne Women's Runners), Anuj Punnoose (Volleyball Club)

#### **2. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman thanked the representatives of the clubs for attending and extended thanks to all those that are involved in running sports clubs within Cambourne; all the volunteers that help out and those that give a great deal of time in running the clubs. A letter of thanks will be written to be published in the Cambourne Crier.

There are lots of new facilities in the pipe line to look forward to such as the new Multi use Games Area and the new Junior Pitches.

#### **3. SPORTS FACILITIES**

The Parish Clerk presented a plan of the Sports Pitches including the Great Cambourne Cricket Wicket. The planning application has been submitted for the new junior pitches, a full size artificial turf pitch (ATP), retention of the Bowls Pavilion, erection of the new Sports Pavilion, wind turbine and position of the new tennis courts. The car park for the new Pavilion will be able to be used for parking during the winter football and rugby matches, easing congestion on Back Lane. The clubs will have a key to the gate to encourage use of the car park rather than parking in Back lane

Concern was raised regarding the lack of flood lighting on the grass pitches, however there is currently no funding available for this and it would reduce the amount of available pitch space.

As soon as the planning application has been approved the work can go out to tender. It will be ensured that the new pitches are up to standard before the old pitches are taken up to make way for the ATP.

The new Sports Pavilion will have a clubroom space of a similar size to that of the existing Sports Pavilion, and will have a bar area but this is not intended to be run by an operator as a social club. The s106 funding for the Pavilion has already been received. The building of the new Pavilion may have an implication for the upgrading of the kitchen at the existing Sports Pavilion. There are 35 parking spaces and 2 accessible spaces.

In total Great Cambourne will have 35 acres of land for sport.

Concern was raised by the Chairman regarding the puncturing of balls on thorny bushes in the ditches. Danny Brooks, Ben Yeats and Mark Griffiths reported that this is not much of an issue.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

#### 4. **REPORTS FROM CLUBS**

##### **John Pope – Cambourne Fishing Club**

John Pope presented a report to the Working Party (report attached). John also reported that the recent Dog Advice Day had been a success but that the problem of dog faeces is an ongoing issue. It was requested that additional dog bins are put in and request for this will be put to the Wildlife Trust. It was suggested that Dog Wardens help the situation and that this would be added to the next suitable Parish Council Agenda. New signs are being installed by the Wildlife Trust but the wording on these is ambiguous.

The Deputy Parish Clerk requested information on fishing licenses as this is question that is often asked in the Parish Office. John Pope will email the information through.

##### **Lisa Ellis – Cambourne Tennis Club**

Lisa Ellis reported that the club currently has 100+ members at the start of the season. The Club is working with the Cambs LTA and the Parish Council regarding the funding and building of the new tennis courts. It is hoped this may start early in 2015. Links have been formed with Cambourne Village College and there are plans for a community sports day and activities which the college is promoting.

The Tennis Club Open Day is 29<sup>th</sup> June. David Rice, British no. 6, will be in attendance and there will be a BBQ, coaching and fun games.

At present there is no active promotion of membership as there is limited court space.

##### **Ben Yeats & Mark Griffiths – Exiles Rugby Club**

The Exiles finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in their league this season. Membership is up but getting players on Saturdays is a challenge.

The Youth Rugby festival went well and many compliments were received on the quality of the pitches, even to the extent that they were the best in the County.

The showers now seem to be working but this will be monitored. The booking

system through the Sports Centre is generally working well although there have been some issues with keys and access to the changing rooms that need to be addressed.

### **Danny Brooks – Cambourne Eagles**

The Eagles will be running 9 teams next season and the Academy and have approximately 130 players including 3 girls. Players of all abilities are welcomed. The U7's won the Hunts League Cup.

Several boys have been spotted and are training with either Norwich City or Cambridge City Academies. Those that attend show very clear signs of improvement in their play.

This year's trophy night will be held at Cambourne Village College and 325 people are expected to attend.

Cllr Mrs R Poulton reported that ex Eagles player Anthony Scully is now playing for the Irish Youth Team.

The system with the Sports Centre is generally working well.

The additional storage space is needed in the container and a quote for the work is awaited from Carl Anthony.

### **Danny White – Cambourne Cricket Club**

Membership of the Club is up and there are 3 junior teams, U10, U12 and U14 and 3 adult teams playing this season. The Club is also working in partnership with Cambourne Cultural Society (CCS)

The end of season function will take place on 7th September.

The Club is developing a relationship with Cambourne Village College; Stephen Munday, Executive Principal is looking for the school to become a centre of excellence for cricket.

The club is looking forward to the addition of the new pavilion which will create scope to add to the calendar of cricket.

Several junior county matches are being held in Cambourne.

Martin Miller, club treasurer will give an update on finances at the next meeting.

The Chairman thanked the club representative for their reports.

## **5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014 7.30pm**