

## CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Leisure & Amenities Committee

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2015

### GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

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<b>Karl Secker</b>	<b>Email</b> Regarding Outdoor Basketball Court
<b>Jon Algar</b>	<b>Email</b> Regarding signs prohibiting footballs and bicycles in Play Areas.
<b>Lindsey</b>	<b>Email</b> Regarding latches on gates at Play Areas
<b>Carrie Skey</b>	<b>Email</b> Regarding various issues

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**From:** Karl Selway  
**Sent:** 02 June 2015 14:21  
**To:** clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk  
**Cc:** 'cllr.poulton@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk';  
'cllr.selway@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk'  
**Subject:** Outdoor basketball court ~[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]~

Good afternoon John / Liz,

I hope this email both finds you well?

I am emailing to put the idea forward of a specific outdoor basketball court being built in Cambourne.

The MUGA ones are ok for children, but the surface is not ideal for basketball whatsoever (it is slippery and abrasive when fallen upon, basketball needs a decent grippy surface, much more so than football/netball), and you have to pay to use it.

There are numerous leisure/play activities in Cambourne that are free for children (football, skate park etc) but not many that would appeal to adults. I feel that an outdoor court would so, be it very basic concrete with two hoops and markings. Or even adapting the tennis courts near the dentist to have a hoop and markings also. Many of us younger adult (25-35) played a lot in our younger years on Coldhams Common in Cambridge, and are very keen to get this type of social exercise up and running again,

How do I go about getting this idea off of the ground? On a facebook group, and also on the forum I put the idea forward a while ago, I had lots of interest, especially as there is not a court at the leisure centre and the school has limited times to hire out their indoor court.

I have cc'd in the Chair of the L&A committee Cllr Poulton, as well as Cllr Selway, as Cllr Selway seems to be very pro-exercise and activity in the community.

Many thanks

Karl.

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# AGENDA ITEM No. 9

**John Vickery**

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**From:** ✓  
**Sent:** 25 May 2015 15:56  
**To:** clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Use of Footballs and Bicycles in Parks

Dear Parish Councillors,

I would like to request consideration of the use of footballs and bicycles within parks. Each of these things make the parks dangerous for young children.

Ample space is available for these activities and ideally, I would like to see signs prohibiting their use.

I look forward to your response.

Many thanks.

Jon Algar  
Lower Cambourne

**From:** .  
**Sent:** 30 April 2015 08:49  
**To:** Lindsey; clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Park safety in Cambourne

I am contacting you as I am extremely worried about some of the parks in Cambourne and the ease in which toddlers are able to get out onto the road.

I was with my 20 month old yesterday in the park opposite Monkfield school. There are three gates to that park and not one has anything keeping the gates shut in the wind or little hands opening them. I took my eye off him for a matter of seconds while attending to his sister and he had opened the gate and was running along the path towards the road. Luckily there is a barrier preventing him running directly into the road but I was lucky he fell over before he managed to get to the road. It wouldn't be expensive to put a latch of some sorts on the gates. I have often witnessed them swing open in the wind too.

There is a latch on the park along back lane but the fence is designed so that toddlers can run directly onto roads. Please see the photo below from google earth. They do say on the signs that they are suitable for toddlers but I don't think they are when toddlers can get out so easily.

Cambourne is great for kids and the parks are so enjoyed by all but please consider making a few simple improvements of safety. I would hate to think an accident would have to happen and a child run over before something is done.

Thanks for your consideration.

Lindsey



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 14 June 2015 11:39  
**To:** clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Park at the Vine and parking  
**Attachments:** image1.JPG; Untitled attachment 00230.txt

Having heard that glass covered the new water park last week down at the park by The Vine School and that today someone has used the little play house as a toilet, I am wondering why CCTV could not be used?? Either the parks should be high fenced and locked from dusk until dawn or monitored by CCTV??

I have also been meaning to contact you for some time to ask why the double yellow lines on Back Lane stop at the junction to Osier Way? There is a white 4x4 Audi that parks incessantly right on the bend/junction causing mayhem, anger, delays and near accidents and in all three directions! It's only a matter of time before there is a serious incident there. I don't understand why the double yellow lines haven't carried on right up to the fire station.

I also wanted to let you know that I have noticed quite a few camp outs with large amounts of rubbish being left behind on the Wildlife Trust land adjacent to the A428 where the path from New Hall Lane connects to it. These Cambourne Newspapers were dumped too a few weeks ago. I would also love to be able to do something about the amount of dog mess left around this area too but guess we can't cure ignorance!! I am sick of clearing up after everyone else's dogs when I take bags to clear up after my own!!