



CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

A meeting of this Committee was held at The Hub Community Centre, Cambourne on Tuesday 23rd June 2015

Present:

Cllr Mrs R Poulton (Chairman)
Cllr S Crocker
Cllr Mrs L Doidge

Cllr T Hudson
Cllr Dr G Mehboob
Cllr J Patel

In attendance: John Vickery Parish Clerk
Liz Pinchen Deputy Parish Clerk

2 members of the Public were in attendance for the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs L Selway and Cllr Dr S Smith

It was:

RESOLVED that the apologies for absence from Cllr Mrs L Selway and Cllr Dr S Smith.

2. **MINUTES**

It was:

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 21st April 2015 (M61) were a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.

3. **MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST OR REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION** for items on the agenda.

Cllr J Patel declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 5 as he is Treasurer of the CYP.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- There has been a spate of mindless vandalism around Cambourne. Thanks are extended to the Grounds staff for the way they have been responding to issues as they arise.
- A meeting has been arranged with the Volunteer Co-ordinator from the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office arranged to discuss the possibility of setting up a Police Cadet unit in Cambourne.
- 'Slow – children' signs have not yet been installed at the play

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areas. The Parish Clerk reported that this is due to be raised at the next developer meeting on 28th July 2015.

5. SPORTS CLUBS

Neil Thompson, Cambourne Cricket Club and Mali Storan, Cambourne Tennis Club were in attendance for this item.

Reports had been received from Cambourne Bowls Club, Cambs Charges Volleyball Club and Cambourne Fishing Club (attached).

Mali Storan reported that she has recently taken on the role of treasurer for the Tennis club. The club is waiting for the construction of the new courts to enable membership to increase. The Parish Clerk reported that the construction of the courts is linked to the construction of the 3g pitch.

An open day with BBQ was recently held that was enjoyed by all that attended.

Neil Thompson reported on the following:

- In advance of the new pavilion later this year, the club is looking to expand our ability to provide training sessions for young people that want to play cricket in Cambourne.
- We are in discussions with Cambourne VC about working closely with them, and want to strengthen partnerships with the primary schools.
- We have arranged training for 5 parent helpers and will look to run more youth teams next season. The 2nd pavilion will help us to expand provision.
- There is a youth tournament on Sunday 6th September at Lower Cambourne - the youth section has asked about the possibility of a temporary road closure in front of the pavilion on the day.
- Finally - the club's 3 adult / senior teams are doing well this season, with all the sides regularly having 4 or 5 youth players in their eleven. This is encouraging and something that marks out our club from other village sides that are struggling to attract young players. Again, the proportion of local residents that make up our club membership is very high in comparison with other similar sized clubs. Many clubs have players that travel long distances for 'home' fixtures.
- The club appreciates and acknowledges the support of the Parish Council in helping to achieve these successes.

The Chairman thanked Mali Storan and Neil Thompson for their attendance

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

6. CYP

Neil Thompson, CYP Trustee was in attendance or this item.

The Parish Clerk reported that a meeting had been held with the Parish Chairman, the Parish Clerk, Nigel Taylor, Chairman of the CYP and Neil Thompson, CYP Trustee to discuss assistance with moving forward with the provision of a youth building.

Neil Thompson reported that now that the provision of youth activities is more established the CYP can move forward with the next stage of looking at the youth building. The CYP request support from the Parish Council to identify

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additional funding sources. The s106 fund is £237,000 but approximately double this will be required to ensure the youth building is fit for purpose. Assistance and guidance will also be required in terms of preparation of planning applications etc.

The Parish Chairman has undertaken to speak to MCA on behalf of the CYP regarding the possibility of funding from the s106 agreement for West Cambourne.

The Parish Chairman reported that he has been asked to open the new Home Bargains store and has been offered £100 to donate to the charity of his choice and he has chosen the CYP.

Cllr J Patel confirmed that a programme of summer activities is now ready.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received and that the Parish Council agree to work with and support the CYP in identifying additional funding sources and providing assistance and guidance where necessary.

7. REPORT ON FACILITIES

7.1 BURIAL GROUND

The Parish Council are now members of The Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM) giving us access to information and advice on Cemetery Management and legal issues.

The documentation is compliant with SLCC guidelines.

Burial records will be kept in special Registers as well as electronically. The Registers need to be purchased from Shaw's at a cost of up to £700 but it is anticipated that the registers will last for many years.

The first area of graves has been marked out.

Once the Registers have been purchased the Burial Ground will be in a position to be opened.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received and that the purchase of the required Burial Registers up to a cost of £700 be approved.

7.2 ALLOTMENTS

Inspections are taking place every 4 weeks. There are some plots available at Brace Dein and we are currently working the way down the Crow Hill waiting list.

It was:

RESOLVED that that the report be received.

7.3 PLAYGROUNDS, OPEN SPACES AND FOOTPATHS

General

The Head Grounds man has been through the recent RoSPA report and is carrying out the remedial works as required.

The walk round has not yet been held due to diary conflicts and staff and Councillor holidays.

Dog Fouling in Cambourne

The Parish Council has been approached by Cromwell Veterinary Group who would like to work with Cambourne Parish Council to educate dog owners on the dangers of not picking up their dog's mess. They have proposed some

stickers and posters that can be placed on the bins and around the village. They are also willing to work with the Wildlife Trust and the Parish Council on the leaflet for Cambourne.

Cromwell Veterinary Group are also having a presence at the Cambourne Community Fete where they will be running different activities and a dog show.

It is:

RESOLVED that the Parish Council agrees to working with Cromwell Veterinary Group on the education on dog and cat owners of the importance of picking up dog mess and worming their pets. We also agree to hold free poo bags for collection supplied to us by Cromwell Veterinary Group.

Great Cambourne Play Area

There continues to be incidents of mindless vandalism which have included wetpour being torn up and bolts being removed from one of the climbing frames; these were all repaired immediately.

Great Cambourne Cricket Wicket Play Area

There has been occasional vandalism including an incident of the rope protection to the tunnel being destroyed. This will be repaired once the replacement part has been received. Also a bolt was removed from one the swings; this was replaced the next morning.

Lower Cambourne Play Area

One of the cables for the bridge had snapped but this has now been replaced.

Upper Cambourne LEAP

We are still awaiting a reply from Hags regarding the warranty work to the upright for the nest swing. This is being pursued.

Footpaths

The Parish Clerk reported that the temporary cycle route that has been installed from Upper Cambourne to Broadway was insufficiently rolled but that a higher ambient temperature is needed before the cycleway can be re-rolled.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

7.4 THE HUB

The steam cleaner was purchased and has been put to use to deep clean areas of the kitchen.

The Hub continues to be well used for a wide variety of community groups, events and private functions. There are some gaps and we are working to fill these.

Concern was raised that the Gentle Keep Fit class is struggling for numbers. An advertisement will be placed in the August edition on the Cambourne Crier.

The Chairman reported that so far there had been no applications received for the weekend cleaning position. This will be discussed at the next full Council meeting.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

7.5 CAMBOURNE SPORTS FACILITIES

Sports Centre

Shane Railley had sent his apologies for being unable to attend the meeting.

The Deputy Parish Clerk gave the following report on his behalf.

The year-end accounts are being finalised and will be available shortly.

Post Office – This is progressing. Another site survey has been carried out and a new Post Office Client Officer has been appointed to assist with the application process. An application will be submitted by 31st July 2015.

Everything seems to be in place. The only issue is that as Cambourne had had a pharmacy previously we may not be able to get full funding as funding is only available once per locality. The Post Office Client Officer believes it may be possible to get more funding as the previous post office had been closed for more than a year but there is no guarantee of this. The worst case scenario is that there is a cost of approx. £10,000 for the fit out and set up.

The delay has not incurred any costs.

The Parish Chairman requested that he attend any future meetings regarding the Post Office.

New Pitches

The Parish Clerk reported that in discussion with the Head Groundsman Tilbrooks were approached to see how much it would be for their fencing contractor to install the fencing around the new pitches to ensure that they are available for the start of the next season. A price has been received which is comparable to the labour time for our Grounds staff. We would supply the materials.

It was:

RESOLVED that Tilbrooks be contracted to install the fencing around the new pitches.

Cllr Dr G Mehboob left the meeting at this point.

7.6 BOWLS CLUB

The Bowls Pavilion is increasing in popularity as a venue for small groups and for meetings including Spanish classes, Timebanking, resident groups and Adult Learning.

It was:

RESOLVED that report be received.

7.7 SPORT IN CAMBOURNE

There was no report from Sport in Cambourne

7.8 TRAILER PARK

There are 6 spaces available at the trailer park due to residents selling their caravans and the eviction of non-residents. The waiting list has now been cleared.

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RESOLVED that the report be received.

8. UPPER CAMBOURNE LEAP EXTENSION

The Parish Clerk reported that The Upper Cambourne LEAP Extension is still the responsibility of MCA who have commissioned Tilbrooks, the installers, to maintain and inspect the sand and water play area as the Green and LEAP extension have not been transferred to the Parish Council. This is due to the 12 month defects period.

We have been carrying out additional checks when we inspect the original play area twice a week. We have also been responding to reports of broken glass and ensuring it is removed as soon as we are notified. To date we have been informed of two incidents of glass. On the first report there was a substantial amount of broken glass from a bottle, this was removed complete with the contaminated sand and the concrete was checked for any fragments. This took a total of three hours. On the second occasion the Grounds staff carried out an inspection and found no glass. This took two men an hour to ensure it was safe. The cost of this will be paid for from a contingency fund on a contract with MCA. It was suggested that the Parish Council request that Tilbrooks are withdrawn and that the Parish take over the maintenance with a commuted sum.

On a positive note the area has been extremely well used with over fifty people at any one time, including families from the surrounding villages, enjoying the imaginative play opportunities. Young children have been using the area creatively forming channels in the sand for water to flow from the pumps and down the rocks. Hopefully a warm summer will encourage more even more people to use this wonderful new facility.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Karl Secker – Email regarding outdoor basketball court.

The tennis court at Monkfield Lane is too small and would require more maintenance in order for it to be used for basketball. There would also be issues with the tennis net. The outdoor area at the Blue School would have issues with access and security of the buildings. Two informal MUGAs are due to be built on land to the rear of the Cambourne Soul Building and these will be open for general use and will marked out and have basketball hoops installed.

It was:

RESOLVED that the Parish Clerk would reply to the resident.

Jon Algar – Email regarding signs prohibiting footballs and bicycles in parks.

Concern was raised that the areas concerning the resident were unclear and if the use of the word 'parks' was restricted to the enclosed play areas or if it was related to the wider open spaces.

Signs could be put up in the play areas but it would be difficult to enforce. This is not an issue that has been raised previously.

It was:

RESOLVED that the Parish Clerk would reply to the resident explaining

that the situation will be monitored but that no signs would be put up at this point.

Lindsey – Email regarding latches on gates at play areas

The Parish Clerk reported that the gates currently conform for Health and Safety standards and that the recent RoSPA inspection of the play areas had not highlighted any issues with the gates. A spring return on the gates will result in trapped fingers and is not suitable for the partially sighted or elderly.

It was:

RESOLVED that the Parish Clerk would reply to the resident.

Carrie Skey – Email regarding various issues

CCTV at the water park – The cost of this would be prohibitive and there would be an array of data protection issues to be considered. A high fence and a locked gated from dusk till dawn would be impractical to administer and experience at the MUGA has shown that a high fence will not deter those determined to enter the area.

White Audi – The Parish Clerk reported that he had already responded to the resident on this point and sent the link to the online waiting restriction survey.

Wildlife Trust – This has been forwarded to the Wildlife Trust for action.

It was:

RESOLVED that the Parish Clerk would reply to the resident regarding the use of CCTV.

10. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Exclusion of the press and the public.

MOVE: that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and the Public be excluded from the Meeting.

11. NEW PARISH COUNCIL BUILDINGS

11.1 The Cricket Pavilion

The Committee considered the tender report from Bremner Partnership and the Parish Clerk.

It was

RESOLVED that the Parish Council proceed with the tender from Timber Works Europe as amended and a contract be drawn up. The project to be funded by expenditure of the s106 monies as listed and a contribution from the Parish Energy Fund to cover the Photovoltaic panels, Air Source Heat Pump, associated builders work and % for prelims and OH&P.

11.2 Parish Office

The Committee considered the tender report from Bremner Partnership and the Parish Clerk.

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RESOLVED that the Parish Council proceed with the tender from Coulson as amended and a contract be drawn up. The project to be funded by expenditure of the s106 monies as listed, the fitting out budget for the Hub, the Capital reserves as identified and a contribution from the Parish Energy Fund to cover the Photovoltaic panels, and % for prelims and OH&P. this is subject to confirming the saving identified by Coulson.

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Re-admittance of the press and the public.

MOVE: that the confidential business having been concluded, the Press and Public be re-admitted to the meeting.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 22nd September 2015

Cambourne Bowls Club

The Bowls Club had an enjoyable 'roll-up' on 1st May with the PC office and ground staff. It was particularly beneficial to engage with the ground staff who work hard to maintain our bowls facility. This event was well attended but sadly numbers have dropped for our regular Monday and Thursday sessions. We are not sure why- we are trying to find out!

It was just as well that we did not attempt to enter a Bowls League this year –we just don't have enough regular players.

We continue to 'soldier-on' and hopefully attract some more players so that we can enter a league next year.

We all realise that the bowls facility is much under-utilised and we are attempting to encourage Parishioners to play during the week and weekends using our newly devised membership scheme. Only about seven or eight members so far but it is a step in the right direction.

Best regards

Robin Bailey Bowls Sec.

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Cambs Chargers is a registered club with 'Volleyball England', and is involved in the promotion of the sport of volleyball in Cambourne. Since its inception, the club membership has increased gradually.

The club had organised its annual tournament in on October 4th 2014, which was attended by local teams and also teams from Liverpool, Coventry and Birmingham. It was well attended and supported by the local volleyball enthusiasts.

The club currently practices on Sunday afternoon (3.45-5.30pm, subject to court availability), in Cambourne Fitness and Sports Centre. In order to encourage the participation in the sport of Volleyball, two taster sessions were arranged in the months of January and March 2015, in Cambourne Fitness and Sports Centre. The sessions had been advertised in the Cambourne newsletter and also displayed on the Parish council notice boards. These taster sessions were open to the general public on a complimentary basis.

A trained volleyball coach was at hand to train new starters on the basic skills of volleyball and how to warm up. The sessions were well attended by members from Cambourne and the adjoining village. Due to the positive response we have received we would be looking to arrange follow up sessions.

We are encouraged by the responses we have received to the club so far, while we are still in our infancy as a club and face financial challenges with regards to court hire fees. The club is committed to promoting a healthy life style through the sport of volleyball and give our local community to experience and develop their skills in this unique sport.

We would like to thank the Parish Council for their support and guidance and hope for the same in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Christy Varghese
(for Cambs Chargers)

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Cambourne Fishing Club:

Cambourne Fishing Club continues to go from strength to strength; membership has been very consistent over the last couple of years. Membership currently stands at 103, just short of the whole of last year's total by 13 which is good news and may be our best year yet. Our Adult Membership also allows children under 13 to fish for free.

We hold two events each year in conjunction with National Fishing Month to introduce new people of all ages and sexes to the wonderful sport of angling with Licenced Level 2 & 1 coaches. We just had our first event of the year on Sunday 14th June at Lake Ewart, where we held three sessions each being 90 minutes long. During the session the participants are given an introduction to health & safety, an outline of the fishing tackle being used, plumbing up, types of bait being used as well as the type of fish we hope to catch.

It is then hands on and the participants are helped as needed to enjoy their fishing session with all of them catching at least one fish. They are also given a chance to try casting to hoops which have been placed in the water with the highest score winning a trophy. A raffle completes the day's activities which is very popular.

On completion of the fishing session all the participants are given a goody bag with a drink in as well as a National Fishing Month Certificate, sticker, booklet of fishing and a dvd on fishing.

Lake Ewart has a very good stock of fish now, something for all types of anglers, with Mirror/Common Carp, Golden Rudd, Crucian Carp, Roach, Perch, Chubb, Barbel and Bream.

There are yearly trophies up for grabs, Best Carp of The Year by an Adult and Junior as well as for The Best Bream of the Season.

We are able to offer fishing as a fun group activity to groups that may be interested from around the area.

Here are just a few of the comments received from the participants at the Open Day.

I caught 5 fish, it was fun! I loved it! Thanks for a great morning of fishing. Very educational for the children. Great to see them outside enjoying themselves.

I had an amazing day, nice people to fish with and brilliant coaches, Thank you.

A fantastic mornings fishing, I think my two boys caught more fish than I ever did. Well organised and informative.

I had a good day and won a trophy for casting.

Great fun today for all the family (3 kids & Mum & Dad), Great coaches too, Thank you

Thank You

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