



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 22nd September 2015

Present:

Cllr Mrs R Poulton (Chairman)
Cllr S Crocker

Cllr T Hudson
Cllr Dr G Mehboob

In attendance:

John Vickery Parish Clerk
Liz Pinchen Deputy Parish Clerk
Jessica Lydon Apprentice Office Administrator

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

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Patel and Cllr Dr S Smith

It was:

RESOLVED that the apologies for absence from Cllr J Patel and Cllr Dr S Smith.

2. **MINUTES**

It was:

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 23rd June 2015 (M62) 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 S Crocker declared a personal non disclosable interest as a District Councillor.

Cllr S Crocker declared a personal non disclosable interest in Item 7.5, correspondence from Cambourne FC.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Congratulations are extended to everyone that was involved in the organisation and running of the Cambourne Community Fete. The event was a great success and the feedback from the Community has been very positive.

5. **BLUE SCHOOL**

Signed

Date 17th November 2015

The Meeting was adjourned to allow a member of the public to speak.

See attached notes.

The Meeting was reconvened

It was:

RESOLVED that a Special Council Meeting would be held to discuss the lease for the Blue School on 13th October 2015.

6. CYP

Nigel Taylor was in attendance for this item.

Nigel Taylor had sent a report prior to the meeting (report attached)

Nigel Taylor answered Councillors questions on the report.

The Chairman extended the Council's thanks to Nigel Taylor, the Trustees and the Youth Workers for all their work for the CYP.

The Parish Clerk reported that emergency repairs to the Soul Building roof had been carried out at a cost of £3,460.00.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received the expenditure of £3,460.00 to carry out emergency repairs to the roof be confirmed.

7. REPORT ON FACILITIES

7.1 BURIAL GROUND

The Registers have now been purchased and the Burial Ground is in a position to be used. The hedging around the perimeter will be planted over the autumn. Concern had been raised by a resident regarding the issues of conducting funeral services with dignity in the event that adverse weather has caused the ground to become soft. Measure to alleviate this issue will be investigated. The Burial Ground is ready to be opened and the Deputy Parish Clerk will write to local Funeral Directors and arrange for notification of the opening to residents.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

7.2 ALLOTMENTS

The renewals were issued for both allotments and we have had approximately 75% of the renewals back. Once these have been received we will know how many plots are available to be re-let to those on the waiting list for Brace Dein and Crow Hill.

It was:

RESOLVED that that the report be received.

7.3 PLAYGROUNDS, OPEN SPACES AND FOOTPATHS

General

Signed

Date 17th November 2015

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

The Chairman and Parish Clerk are to arrange to visit all the LAP's to discuss the positioning of the 'slow children' signs.

The Chairman, Cllr Hudson and Deputy Parish Clerk will walk round the Play Areas to establish a programme of renewals and upgrading.

Lower Cambourne Play Area

The top platform of the tower has started to rot and a price is being sought for its replacement.

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 further.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

7.4 THE HUB

The Parish Clerk reported that an audit had been carried out on the crockery and that the number of some items is well below that which it should be.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received that the replacement crockery should be purchased.

7.5 CAMBOURNE SPORTS FACILITIES

MUGA Slots

Correspondence had been received from Cambourne FC regarding the scheduling of the MUGA slots requesting that the adult and out of Cambourne teams be allocated later slots leaving the early evening slots for the youth teams.

New Pitches

The fence and hedging will be installed/planted over the autumn.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received and that the Chairman and Parish Clerk be delegated authority to meet with the football clubs with the aim of arriving at an amicable solution. If no amicable solution is agreed then the Parish Clerk is delegated authority to resolve the issue.

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. The Bowls Club had their last open evening on the 17th September 2015.

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, but we are getting some enquiries from residents wanting to purchase caravans and store them on site.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

8. BROAD STREET BUS STOP SHELTER

The Parish Clerk reported estimates had been received for a 3 bay narrow shelter costing in the region of £8,500.00 including installation but on to an existing base. Two more quotations were being obtained for consideration at a future meeting.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

9. POLICE CADETS

The Chairman that a further meeting with Hannah Watson from the Police and Crime Commissioners Office had been arranged to discuss the next steps in taking the Cadet Unit forward.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

James Hutchinson – Email regarding outdoor gym equipment.

It was reported that outdoor gym equipment installed in other parishes has proved to be very popular and that a good example of an outdoor gym can be seen in Little Paxton. Outdoor gym equipment is very robust but costly.

It was:

RESOLVED that the email be received and a proposed scheme would be prepared for consideration in next year's budget.

Gordon Hanson – Email regarding dog bins

A request has had been received from the resident for the installation of dog bins on the Spitfire Road side of Upper Cambourne Green.

A suggestion was raised of having a specified dog area where dog can be off lead without disturbing others. The Parish Clerk reported that he is discussing the idea of a dedicated area with the Wildlife Trust.

It was:

RESOLVED that the email be received an additional dog bin would be installed on Upper Cambourne Green.

11. NEW PARISH COUNCIL BUILDINGS

11.1 The Hub extension

The Parish Clerk reported that the building work on the Hub Extension is commencing with a projected completion date of week commencing 15th

Signed

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February 2016.

11.2 Cricket Pavilion

The Parish Clerk reported that the structure of the new pavilion is currently being fabricated and will be delivered to site week commencing 16th November 2015. The groundworks will be commencing on site week commencing 19th October 2015. The car park will be constructed early on in the build project so that it may be used by the contractors and then finished off at the end. The car park will have 35 spaces.

11.3 Tennis courts and 3g Pitch

The Parish Clerk reported that documentation had been received and it was ready to go out to tender. It is aimed to start the build in the new year with completion in June 2016.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 17th November 2015



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Notes from the adjourned session of the Leisure & Amenities M63 meeting held on Tuesday 22nd September 2015

Agenda Item 5 – Blue School

Matthew Trick was in attendance

Matthew explained that he had a shared vision of collaborative working between the Church, the Children's Centre, the CYP, and the Locality Teams.

The Church staff and various outreach projects are currently housed in The Ark which has reached the end of its useful life and is no longer suitable.

The letter submitted to the Council summarises the community activities being run by the Church and the space in the Blue School that is requested by the Church.

The Church's vision for the use of the Blue School is as a base to provide targeted services well as a venue.

The Church is aware that the Parish Council may need to use the offices as a temporary base and therefore requests temporary use of one of the classrooms.

If the Church is able to occupy the front offices they would offer to provide reception services for the other users of the building in lieu of rent. The Church would potentially be looking to move some of the services back to the extended Church building in 2018.

Matthew answered the following questions from Councillors.

Q. Will the Church car park be available for users of the Blue School?

A. This will be taken to Shared Churches Ely for consideration as they are the landowners.

Q. How many of the facilities and services that you intend to provide will be permanent in the Blue School and how many will revert back to the Church?

A. This will depend on the success of having a single Centre for all the services and this will be reviewed.

The Parish Clerk reported that the terms of the lease are still under discussion and the building cannot be let out to anyone other than statutory County Council services i.e. the Pre School and the Children's Centre until the lease is in place.

The Children's Centre requires certain rooms at specified times for courses and crèches but the offices and medical services will stay within Sackville House.

The Parish Clerk is currently working on a matrix of hirer requirements to ensure most effective use of the space.

Matthew Trick suggested that a Building Governance Group be set up with representatives of all stakeholders to raise and resolve issues and investigate funding opportunities. This is something that could be looked at when ownership of the building is resolved.

The Chairman wished to acknowledge the role of the Church in the

development of the community of Cambourne.

It was felt that a separate Special Council meeting would be required to fully discuss the terms of the lease in detail.

The Meeting was reconvened.