



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 21st June 2016

Present:

Cllr Mrs R Poulton (Chairman)

Cllr Dr S Bhattacharya

Cllr S Crocker

Cllr T Hudson

Cllr Dr G Mehboob

Cllr J Patel

Cllr G Thompson

In attendance:

John Vickery Parish Clerk

Liz Pinchen Deputy Parish Clerk

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

1. **APOLOGIES**

No apologies for absence had been received

2. **MINUTES**

It was:

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 19th April 2016 (M66) 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 in items on the agenda as a District Councillor

Cllr S Crocker and Cllr G Thompson declared a personal non-disclosable interest in item 8.5 as a member of Everyone Active.

Cllr J Patel declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 6 as Treasurer of the Cambourne Youth Partnership.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A very good Sport in Cambourne meeting was held recently; there was a lovely atmosphere with the sports clubs supporting each other and working together.

Cllr Dr S Bhattacharya joined the meeting at this point.

5. **BLUE SCHOOL**

The Parish Clerk reported that the signing of the lease was completed on 10th June 2016 and that the Parish Council now has possession of the building. The

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Parish Office is in the process of contacting all those who have expressed an interest in hiring the building to organise room allocation and keys. It is hoped that the transfer will be completed in late August.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

6. CYP

Cllr J Patel reported that there are some maintenance issues with the building as it is nearing the end of its useful life. Some support from the Parish Council is requested to resolve some of the issues.

Difficulties in hiring and retaining a cleaner have been experienced and as a result the building is not being cleaned regularly.

All the clubs are running well.

Concern was raised that there had been reports of a recent break in. It was reported that the handle to the container had been broken but nothing had been taken and that some railings had been damaged but that this was not causing an issue.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

7. SKATEPARK GRAFFITI ART

The Deputy Parish Clerk reported that she had met with Mark Yeates of Cambourne Village College who has contact with some graffiti artists. He is very keen to get involved in a project. The project will be put on hold until the completion of the 3g pitch and new tennis courts due to the traffic movements and dust caused by the building works.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received

8. REPORT ON FACILITIES

8.1 BURIAL GROUND

A few enquiries regarding the purchase of plots have been received.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

8.2 ALLOTMENTS

The first allotment inspection of the year took place at both allotments sites.

Reminder emails and letters were sent to some tenants to encourage them to cultivate their plot. There is a waiting list for both allotment sites.

It was:

RESOLVED that that the report be received.

8.3 PLAYGROUNDS, OPEN SPACES AND FOOTPATHS

General

Warren Bourne has carried out all the minor remedial works that were highlighted on the recent RoSPA report. There are bank rebuilding works still to be carried out at the Great Cambourne Cricket Wicket Play area and some spare parts that have been ordered but not yet delivered.

Concern was raised regarding an over grown tree blocking the path between Monkfield Park School and the Nursery. The Parish Clerk has spoken to Ben Hendry to confirm ownership of the tree and it is on the list of trimming to be done.

Concern was raised regarding some grass not being cut regularly in some areas. The Parish Clerk reported that due to the recent mild winters grass cutting has had to take place year round and there is limit to how much maintenance can be achieved with finite resources and what is paid for by the developers.

Concern was raised regarding sports training sessions that are occurring on the public open spaces. The public open spaces can be used without permission as long as it is not for commercial gain. BBQ's should not be held on public open spaces without permission from the Parish Council due to the need to approve the type of BBQ being used to prevent damage to the grass.

Great Cambourne Play Area

There have been continuous issues with damage to the safety surface where small holes appear and are picked at making the damage greater. This is predominantly by younger children who don't realise the damage they are causing. An article will be placed in next month's Cambourne Crier stating that continued damage to the safety surface could result in the facility being closed. Parents are asked to ensure that younger children are supervised.

It was:

RESOLVED that the reports be received

Upper Cambourne LEAP

Concern had been raised by a local resident about the safety of the provision. Randall Thorpe have been informed of the concerns in relation to the rocks being slippery when wet. There has been considerable correspondence between the Parish Clerk, resident and Randall Thorpe.

It was:

RESOLVED that the Committee Chairman, Cllr T Hudson and Cllr J O'Dwyer (subject to his agreement) be delegated to review the correspondence with the Parish Clerk and make a report to the July Council meeting.

8.4 THE HUB

Further to the request that a price be obtained for the installation of automatic opening gear to the enlarged main access door to the Meeting Room. A price has been obtained from the contractor who carried out the works to the Hub. It has come in at over £4,000. The bulk of the cost is from the necessity to reinforce the door frame and getting electricity to the unit.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received and that two additional quotations be requested.

8.5 CAMBOURNE SPORTS FACILITIES

Shane Railley was in attendance and presented a report to the Committee

Shane Railley reported on the following:

- Generally everything is running well.

- An update on the lollipop signs and light cages is needed.
- There are issues with groups of youths in cars hanging around at the rear of the building which the staff find intimidating. The police have been informed and an ongoing report is in progress and the situation will continue to be monitored

The Chairman thanked Shane for his attendance.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

8.6 BOWLS CLUB

The Bowls Club are finding it difficult to recruit new members. Open sessions are held every Monday evening whereby members of the public can turn up and try their hand at Bowls free of charge. Some of the other Sports Clubs are to hold friendly matches in conjunction with the Bowls Club in order to try and promote the sport to a wider audience especially the youth sections. It would be good for Councillors to attend an open session and try their hand at Bowls.

Shane Railley reported that the Sports Centre currently runs a session for over 60's on Thursday mornings and a bowls session is something that could be incorporated in to this. Contact details will be passed on to Shane.

It was:

RESOLVED that report be received.

8.7 SPORT IN CAMBOURNE

The Chairman reported that a sport in Cambourne meeting had been held recently (copy of the minutes attached)

Concern was raised regarding the enforcement of the rules on the use of the 3g pitch and how this will be implemented. The clubs will be provided with full guidance and it is their duty to ensure that the rules regarding the use of the pitch and footwear are adhered to. The clubs and the residents of Monk Drive will monitor the situation regarding parking in Monk Drive; bollards are to be installed as discussed at the planning application stage. The home teams should be encouraged to walk to the matches whenever possible.

It was:

RESOLVED that report be received and that the enforcement of the rules of use for the 3g pitch be discussed in further detail at a future meeting.

8.8 TRAILER PARK

There are a few spaces available and no waiting list. There have been enquiries from residents and lots of interest from non-residents too. It was noticed that the CaSSOA website does not inform people that Cambourne trailer park is for residents only.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

9. PLAYGROUND BUDGET REPORT

The Parish Clerk reported that the total Public open Space and Play areas repairs and renewals budget for 2016-2017 is £30,000. £10,000 of this is set aside for repairs of which £1,200 has been spent so far this financial year. The

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remaining £20,000 is available to spend on new equipment.

Included in the s106 agreement for the original 3,300 homes a sum of £48,500 was included for an informal MUGA next to the Skatepark. In the original discussions on this it was agreed it would be sensible to have two smaller MUGAs side by side rather than one large one to enable different sports and groups to use the facility at the same time.

It was noted that the budget discussion held at the last meeting should have referred to the 2016-17 budget not the 2017-18 budget. Proposed items to be purchased included outdoor gym equipment, outdoor table tennis and teenage hangout shelters. Grant funding from bodies such as AmeyCespa may be available to enhance the existing budget. There could also be some s106 funding for play provision from the SB02 site on Back Lane.

Concern was raised regarding the business impact on the Sports Centre of the provision of an outdoor gym and table tennis facilities.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received and that the provision of outdoor gym equipment, outdoor table tennis and teenage hangout shelter be brought forward into 2016-17 in conjunction with a grant application to AmeyCespa. The Committee Chairman, Cllr S Crocker and Cllr G Thompson are delegated to form a working party to progress the project.

10. RECYCLING BINS

The Parish Clerk reported that the recycling bins were due for delivery but had not yet arrived. The locations for the bins are to be agreed.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received and that Cllr Thompson and the Parish Clerk be delegated authority to agree the locations for the recycling bins.

11. GRAFFITI VOLUNTEERS

Cllr G Thompson reported that one bus shelter had been completed and that the shelter near to the Hub is to be painted in the next couple of weeks. Cllr P Gavigan has offered to help with the painting.

Great Cambourne Green Play Area has some graffiti. Due to the chemicals being used the playground would need to be temporarily closed or at least fenced off. Early morning would be the best time but this would be dependent on volunteer availability.

The volunteers are all Timebank Members.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

Cambourne Raptors – Letter regarding a proposal for an outdoor basketball court in Cambourne.

James Hartley of Cambourne Raptors was in attendance for this item.

An outdoor basketball court would encourage participation in the sport and would enhance the range of existing sports on offer in Cambourne. A grant application has been submitted to the Parish Council for funds to help the club get started and this will be considered at the Council meeting September.

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It was felt that the new informal MUGA's would be the best site for the provision of basketball facilities. A full size basketball court is 28m x 15m, although the club is not expecting to play league matches at the facility; it is for informal play only. The current planned MUGA is 20m x 12m and the quotes received are within budget. Further quotations will be obtained for a larger facility.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received and that basketball facilities would be incorporated in to the informal MUGA.

13. 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.

14. HYGIENE SERVICES

The Parish Clerk presented a report to the Committee

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received and that the recommended actions are taken.

15. 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.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 20th September 2016