



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 20th February 2018. Meeting commenced at 19.35pm

Present:

Cllr G Thompson (Chairman)

Cllr Dr S Bhattacharya

Cllr T Hudson

Cllr Dr G Mehboob

Cllr J O'Dwyer

Cllr J Patel

Cllr Mrs R Poulton

In attendance:

John Vickery Parish Clerk

Heather Nigbur – Day Deputy Parish Clerk

1 member of the Public was in attendance for the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies received. All Councillors present.

2. MINUTES

It was:

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21st November 2017 (M73) 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 Dr S Bhattacharya a personal non-disclosable interest in item 6.2 as an allotment holder.

Cllr J Patel declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 5 as Treasurer of the Cambourne Youth Partnership.

Cllr G Thompson declared a personal non-disclosable interest in item 6.5 as a gym member of Everyone Active.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Volunteers litter picking event held in December was a great success, as approximately 20 sacks of rubbish was gathered throughout Cambourne by the Volunteer litter Pickers who attended. The Chairman wished to thank all the Volunteers for their hard work and continued support and it is intended to hold further events such as this in 2018

Signed
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Date 17th April 2018

5. CYP

Please see attached report from Nigel Taylor.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

6. REPORT ON FACILITIES

6.1 BURIAL GROUND

There have been no further burials or enquiries.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

6.2 ALLOTMENTS

This year's allotment inspections will begin soon to monitor tenants progress and ensure they are maintaining regularly. Vacant plots will be checked to see if they require clearing again before they are re-let.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received, and that the website be updated to provide all relevant information regarding allotments in Cambourne.

6.3 PLAYGROUNDS, OPEN SPACES, SKATE PARK AND FOOTPATHS

Playgrounds

The annual RoSPA inspections have been booked in to be carried out during April/May. Once the reports have been received, these will be copied in to the Head Groundsman and the Chairman of the L&A Committee.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received

Open Spaces

The work on Jeavons Wood has progressed well and we will be hoping to open this at the beginning on May once the grass has become established. The Head Groundsman is submitting an application towards funding towards signage and developing community involvement.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received, and an update be given at the next meeting in regards to the success of the grant application.

6.4 PREMISES

Hub

The automatic door gears have been installed to the meeting room and main hall doors to improve accessibility.

The Caretaker is in the process of redecorating the toilets.

The temporary shelter for the mobile post office is being installed.

Mid-January the air conditioning failed. Originally this was thought to be the belts or the filters. All have been replaced, but there is still an issue with a relay within the control panel that has failed. Issues have been raised during the inspection regarding the control panel as the relays are beginning to fail and does not offer the control or provide an alarm for the faults in the heating and cooling due to its age. A control company is looking at options to offer a revised panel which gives greater control reducing the running costs of heating and cooling systems by making them more efficient.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received and that the Parish Chairman and Committee Chairman be delegated authority to consider quotations for upgrading the control panel up to a maximum of £3,000.

Sports Pavilion

The boiler has now been replaced and there have been no further issues reported to date.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

Lower Cambourne Cricket Pavilion

The Caretaker has started to redecorate the inside of the cricket pavilion.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

New Cricket Pavilion

The Cricket Club had requested that the Parish Council consider buying a TV licence for the premises. It was discussed and agreed that the Committee would not approve the purchase of a TV license but would not object to the cricket club purchasing one.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received, and the Committee would not buy the TV licence on behalf of the Cricket Club.

6.5 CAMBOURNE SPORTS FACILITIES

No further updates. The committee requested that a summary report be obtained before the next meeting.

The Chairman requested to see the latest financial information from Everyone Active which the Parish Clerk will share.

6.6 BOWLS CLUB

Email received from Robin Bailey, secretary for the Bowls Club.

"Dear PC Team,

I thought I would bring you up to date with Cambourne Bowls for 2018.

After much thought, we have decided to enter a team in the Cambridge Business Houses League, Men's Division. Although we do not have a large

membership, we feel we should be able to put out a team each week as we only require 4 players (two pairs). Wherever possible I have arranged our home games for either Mondays or Thursdays which are our club nights anyway. We have in the past, opened our outdoor bowls season towards the end of April and our league fixtures start on 3rdth May. I attach to this E mail our fixtures list.*

We are forever hopeful that we will continue to increase our membership this coming season.

**I think last year we started on 24th April so for this coming season I suggest Monday 23rd April. Please confirm with the ground staff that this is acceptable.*

Thank you for your continued support.

Robin Bailey Bowls Sec."

The Chairman wished to congratulate the Bowls Club on behalf of the Committee, on their decision to join the league and wished them success in the coming Bowls season.

It was noted that the Ground Staff were aware of the dates.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

6.7 SPORT IN CAMBOURNE

No report received

6.8 TRAILER PARK

There have been several enquiries about trailer park spaces from both Cambourne residents and non-residents.

As requested by the trailer park holders, a surveyor from Cassoa came to inspect the trailer park this month to give advice on what can be done to become a Gold Award site. The surveyor suggested the following additions to the site be made:

- Vermin boxes be installed on site
- Cable alarm be installed along the back fence and hedge by the Greenway and public footpath
- Anti-ram bollard be installed at the gate entrance (enough room to allow a person entry in to the trailer park and push the bollard down to allow Caravan through).

The surveyor has recommended us for a Gold Award subject to these improvements.

The plot holders agreed to an increase to their annual fee to cover the cost of requirements of upgrading to Gold Award. A 10% increase would cover the cost of the works required. Previously we have agreed a 3 month notice period for any increase. The Gold Award would give the caravan owners a 15% discount on their caravan insurance.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received, and actions agreed.

7. PARISH PLAN

The Parish Plan actions relating to the L&A Committee were discussed and the Parish Council website has now been updated with the latest information on every action.

It was:

RESOLVED that the Plan will be reviewed and updated for the next meeting.

8. FUN FAIR

The Committee discussed the proposal from Larry Gray and it was agreed that a meeting be arranged with Mr Gray, the Chairman and Cllr R Poulton to discuss various options.

It was

RESOLVED that the Chairman and Cllr R Poulton, in conjunction with the Parish Clerk, be delegated authority to discuss and agree various prices and fees with Mr Gray, for the next fair.

9. PLAY PROVISION

The Parish Clerk reported that the installation date will start on the 19th March 2018 but does not have the programme for the installation and completion date. The start was delayed due to the very wet weather and adverse conditions throughout Jan/Feb. There will be an update before the next meeting.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received and that information regarding the programme of installation be uploaded to the Parish Council website, when it is available.

10. LITTER INITIATIVE

Different dates were suggested, and it was discussed that the Litter picking initiative could coincide with the Cleaner Community Pilot Scheme. District Councillor Howell is keen to involve the Parish Council in the scheme and this would work well with our current Litter Picking initiatives.

It was

RESOLVED that the report be received, and the necessary action be taken.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 Sam Corban – Good Friday / Easter Monday Group Food Event Request.

Sam Corban was in attendance and requested that the date be changed to the May bank holiday due to Easter being too near to advertise the event effectively. It was discussed that Sam would be Coordinator for the event and would liaise with the Community Development Officer, Jessica Lydon, to put the event together. The Chairman and the Parish Council Chairman would discuss and agree a flat fee for vendors. Jessica Lydon will work with Sam Corban to facilitate the event.

It was:

RESOLVED that the group event would be supported on May Bank Holiday and that the Chairman and Parish Chairman would agree a flat fee for vendors.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 17th April 2018

The meeting closed at 20.40pm

Cambourne Youth Partnership

Report for Parish Council - February 2018

Staffing and Volunteers

Cambourne Youth Partnership partners with Romsey Mill for the provision of youth workers in Cambourne. Romsey Mill is currently in the middle of some staffing changes within the Youth Development Team across the different geographical areas of work, including Cambourne. We are expecting that at the conclusion of these changes we will have a female youth worker working in Cambourne again and are hoping to have this confirmed within the next couple of weeks. This new member of the team will work alongside Jonathan Buwert (lead development youth worker in Cambourne), Justin Lewis (youth support worker in Cambourne) and other paid and volunteer workers who attend some sessions weekly.

We currently have six volunteers working between the football group (Friday evening), Wednesday evening youth clubs and music group (Wednesday and Thursday), and Jonathan is having conversations with another two potential volunteers who we hope will join the team this month. At the beginning of January, we held a social gathering for our volunteers, to thank them for their involvement and to share news about the other groups which they didn't know much about.

New Computers

We have now ordered 4 new computers using the money given to us by the St Neots and District Royal Naval Association. These computers are due to arrive in the middle of February and will be set up in the IT room, allowing them to be used during any youth groups, activities and Alternative Education classes.

Alternative Education

We have continued the discussions with Cambourne Village College about running an Alternative Education program. The school has now identified four students that they would like to refer to be part of this weekly group and we are at the stage of confirming with them the details of the vocational course that will be run. We are expecting this to start by the end of February.

One-to-one

Jonathan is also in the process of setting up support for a young person from Cambourne attending the Centre School in Cottenham, which would involve weekly sessions during school time. This is being planned to start after February half-term.

Trips

During the February half-term week, we have three trips planned, one for each of the oldest two youth groups and one for a small group of boys from the youngest group. We are expecting to take 22 young people altogether away, some to a trampoline park and

some to a skate-board and scootering event run by Romsey Mill. This will provide positive activities for these young people during a time in which many of them will not be taking part in many other social activities.

New Soul Building

Jonathan has continued to be involved in the discussions and plans for the new Soul building, along with others from CYP, Romsey Mill and the Parish Council. Most of the young people who are regularly involved with the youth groups are familiar with the proposed plans for the new building but the rest of the population of young people across Cambourne will likely not be aware of the project. Jonathan will be leading an assembly for each year group at Cambourne VC at the end of March to share with all the students the plans for Cambourne's new youth center.

Funding

CYP Trustees look forward to receiving the Section 106 money allocated for youth work from the Cambourne developers in the near future and are grateful to the Parish Council for seeking to obtain this on our behalf, to complement the Parish Council grant already received for the current financial year.

Jonathan Buwert (lead youth development worker)
Nigel Taylor (Chair of CYP Trustees)