

District of South Cambridgeshire

# **LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

A meeting of this Committee was held at The Hub Community Centre, Cambourne on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Meeting commenced at 7.33pm

#### Present:

Cllr G Thompson (Chairman)

Cllr J O'Dwyer

Cllr J Patel

Cllr N Akhter

Cllr Mrs R Poulton

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In attendance: John Vickery Parish Clerk

Kirsty Empson – Office Administrator

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

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr A Fisher. Acceptable reasons for absence had been given.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the apologies for absence from Cllr A Fisher had been received and approved.

#### 2. MINUTES

## It was:

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018 (M75) 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 O'Dwyer disclosable pecuniary interest in item 6 6.1 Burial Ground.

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. Also a personal non disclosable interest in item 9.3 as he knows the applicant.

Cllr G Thompson declared a personal non-disclosable interest in item 6.7 as a gym member of Everyone Active.

Cllr D Jones declared a personal non-disclosable interest in item 6.7 as a gym member of Everyone Active.

Cllr A Rana declared a personal non-disclosable interest in item 6.7 as a gym member of Everyone Active.

## 4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

 The Cambourne community clean-up day was very successful and would like to extend a vote of thanks to the Community Development Officer for her organisational work.

#### 5. CYP

Cllr R Poulton proposed we receive a report about the Friday evening outreach workers, their job roles and responsibilities and how it is helping the community.

### It was:

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

Cllr J O'Dwyer left the room for item 6.1

## 6. REPORT ON FACILITIES

## **6.1 BURIAL GROUND**

It was proposed that the time for the headstone is changed from 6 months to 12 months.

#### It was:

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

#### Cllr J O'Dwyer returned to meeting

#### **6.2 ALLOTMENTS**

The allotment inspections are being carried out regularly. There is currently one vacant plot at Brace Dein and two vacant plots at Crow Hill. These have been offered to people on the waiting list and we are awaiting a response.

#### It was:

**RESOLVED** that the report be received

# 6.3 PLAYGROUNDS, OPEN SPACES, SKATE PARK AND FOOTPATHS Playgrounds

The Parish Clerk notified Cllrs that the RoSPA inspection had taken place and the Groundmen are working on carrying out any necessary work starting with higher risk jobs first. The Parish Clerk reported that the rope bridge has failed and has been removed and will be replaced as soon as possible.

The balance beams at Greenhaze Lane has developed large splits since the RoSPA inspection and are being inspected by the manufacture to advise on their condition. The seats have been removed to make it safe until it has been inspected.

#### It was:

**RESOLVED** that the report be received

## **Open Spaces**

The outdoor gym equipment, the one piece of equipment that was damaged by the arson attack is due to be repaired next week as the spare parts have been received and the legs have been recoated. The informal MUGA has been largely completed all that remains is the lining for the courts which is due shortly and the date will be confirmed.

It was requested that a review be carried out once all the invoices had been received for the MUGA and playground improvements, so that the Committee can consider the provision of table tennis tables.

#### It was:

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

## **Footpaths**

No further issues have been raised.

It was reported that some road markings are fading, and it was reported some zebra crossings are also fading.

#### It was:

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

#### **Skate Park**

A question was raised about the replacement of the skate park equipment and that it was looking untidy. It needs replacing as this is a sound place for the youth within the community.

The Parish Clerk confirmed the Community Development Officer will be organising a meeting with the users to support funding and establish what they would like. This meeting will involve the Committee Chairman.

#### It was:

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

## **6.4 PREMISES**

#### Hub

We are still awaiting prices for signage at all buildings.

The lights in the ladies' toilets have now been fixed and are fully working. The external lights have been repaired by the replacement to the timer and now

work in the car park.

It was proposed that a volleyball net be provided within the Main Hall of the Hub.

The Parish Clerk responded with; it may be possible to have a volleyball court going on the markings that are already in the hall.

A question was raised about the amplifier/sound system within the Hub Main Hall.

The Parish Clerk responded with; the amplifier is set to a certain volume to comply with music licence conditions.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the report be received

## **Sports Pavilion**

Work has been carried out on the kitchen, and it is now fully functional.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

#### **Lower Cambourne Cricket Pavilion**

The Caretaker has finished decorating the Lower Cambourne Cricket Pavilion, the only job left is to change the colour of the doors to blue, to match the other buildings. The Pavilion is being used regularly so the Caretaker is fitting this job

The Chairman gave thanks to the Caretaker for his hard work.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

#### **New Cricket Pavilion**

Is continuing to be well used and we have supplied racks for the chairs and tables so that they can be safely stored.

Concern was raised about the acoustic in the building.

The Parish Clerk responded with; getting an acoustic engineer from CYP to look at it may be an option.

Chairman questioned if the bike stand had been erected.

The groundsmen are to sort this as soon as possible.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

#### 6.5 CAMBOURNE SPORTS FACILITIES

No further updates

The Centre Manager has forwarded a request for Amazon delivery lockers outside the Everyone Active Premises.

Proposal was made to object subject to finance and delegate to the Parish Clerk, and the Committee Chairman to make a decision once information on the

financial benefits and planning status had been clarified.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that no further report be received.

#### 6.6 BOWLS CLUB

No further updates

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

#### **6.7 SPORT IN CAMBOURNE**

No report received.

#### **6.8 TRAILER PARK**

The Trailer Park is now full and a waiting list is being made. Those who now join the trailer park are asked to provide a form of identification for security reasons.

The Parish Clerk reported there is now one space available and there are two people on the waiting list. They have been contacted and we are awaiting a response.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

#### 7. PARISH PLAN

To consider the action plan relating to Leisure & Amenities Committee.

Cllr D Beck showed interest in the Youth Partnership.

Cllr S Bhattacharya proposed a Christmas market.

Cllr J O'Dwyer proposed we contact Sam (400 Pizza) and gain his thoughts about a Christmas market within Cambourne.

It was proposed the Community Development Office, Cllr S Bhattacharya and Light Up Cambourne work on this together.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the Plan will be received, and the Council look into a Christmas market.

## 8. CLEANER COMMUNITIES

To receive a report from the Parish Clerk

The Parish Clerk is in correspondence with South Cambs District Council and will continue to chase.

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

1 member of public left

#### 9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Enquiry use facilities

Cam Fish – it was proposed they provide information on their business and they are requested to attend the next meeting before a decision is made.

1 member of public joined

## 9.2 Dog Owners "Walk this way"

The Wildlife Trust have forwarded information on cleaner green spaces dog walking areas.

Cllr's wondered where the scheme would fit within Cambourne, but there was support for the idea.

It was proposed the Council express interest and await a response.

## 9.3 Grant Request

Request for funding for a community group event held at Cambourne Village College hall.

A Councillor expressed their concerns over whether this is a religious or community event.

Meeting adjourned for public to speak at 8:40pm.

It was suggested they have a contribution box to help with funds.

A concern was raised that they need to stick to the correct process and procedures.

Chairman proposed they fill out a grant application form and noticed on their website it is a religious group.

It was proposed application form is prepared and to advertise their event at the village fete.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received,

# 13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 18th September 2018

The meeting closed at 9.00pm