

CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Leisure & Amenities 19th February 2019

6.1 BURIAL GROUND

No change since last reported.

It is:

RECOMMENDED that the report be received

6.2 ALLOTMENTS

After the allotment renewals there were several which were not returned. These allotments have now been re allocated by the people on the waiting list, however the waiting list is ever growing. There are seven vacant allotments at Brace Dein and two at Crow Hill. It seems Crow Hill is becoming more popular and the waiting list is much longer for this allotment site. As the weather starts to get warmer the Groundstaff will be turning the water back on ready for the Spring. We have received correspondence from an allotment holder (see below) The Parish Clerk, Office Administrator and Community Development Officer are working with the allotment holder to come up with several ideas which could help build relationships. Please see attached correspondence.

“Hi Kirsty,

I do feel the allotments lack representation at the moment and wondered if we could do something about this to build up a better relationship between the council and the tenants.

Kind regards”

It is:

RECOMMENDED that the report be received, and it be delegated to the Chairman, Parish Clerk, Office Administrator and Community Development Officer to take forward links with Crowe Hill Allotments.

6.3 PLAYGROUNDS, OPEN SPACES, SKATE PARK AND FOOTPATHS

Playgrounds

The playgrounds continue to be well used by all residents. Repairs that were needed from the ROSPA report have been carried out, however the roundabout and cross-beam scales are still in progress.

The annual ROSPA inspection is due to take place April 2019.

Open Spaces

The Groundstaff have started to cut the verges and will be carrying out Hedge pruning and planting around the villages.

The head Groundsman has ordered hardcore and gravel to repair the potholes at Great Cambourne Cricket Pavilion, Upper Cambourne Village green and Great Cambourne Village Green Car Parks.

Skate Park

The council has put in another £25,000 into the budget for 2019-2020 which brings the contribution of the Council to £50,000. The Community Development Officer and Parish Clerk are drawing up a wish list to send to suppliers/installers to get estimates so that they can look into grant funding, which they will submit working with the Youth of Cambourne.

It is:

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6.4 PREMISES

The Office Administrator has been working very hard on getting all premises up to date with cleaning materials. Colour coded carry cases have been ordered and organised so that regular and individual hirers have the necessary equipment they need to leave the buildings clean and tidy. There are instructions with the carry cases on the colour coding system, cleaning materials and expectations. This will not only make it easier for hirers to clean up after themselves, but the colour coding will prevent cross contamination.

The Office Administrator is in the process of contacting Complete Cleaning to organise another deep clean of The Hub, Blue School and Sports Pavilion.

A stocktake of all crockery has been undertaken in all the buildings and there is a large shortfall in numbers. Estimates for the cost of replacement crockery is being considered under item 13.

It is:

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Hub

The Hub continues to be well used by both individual and regular hirers. The Community Development Officer organised Cambourne's first Christmas Market on 24th November 2018. This event was very successful and there will be another Christmas Market this year on 30th November 2019.

Residents were pleased to see that there was a large Christmas tree in The Hub this year and praised the Community Development Officer on decorating the tree.

The Main Hall floor has had a deep clean by the Groundsmen. They used the scrubber which works slightly better than a mop. After doing this it has shown that the lacquer on the floor has become quite worn and perhaps in the future it will need to be re finished.

A blind company has been out to look at the electric blinds in the Hub to advise on the cost of refurbishing/replacing the blinds

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Lower Cambourne Cricket Pavilion

The Lower Cambourne Cricket Pavilion isn't being used as extensively as it has been in the past due to the conditions of the facilities, but continues to be used by the Cricket Club.

It is:

RECOMMENDED that the report be received.

Sports Pavilion

The Sports Pavilion continues to be by both regular and individual hirers. It was brought to our attention that the blinds were in an poor condition. The Parish Clerk and Office Administrator

have been in contact with a blind supplier who have been out to assess the blinds. An estimate for the cost of new blinds is being considered under item 14.

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Great Cambourne Cricket Pavilion

Great Cambourne Cricket continues to be used by both regular and individual hirers. It was brought to our attention that the blinds were in an poor condition. The Parish Clerk and Office Administrator have been in contact with a blind supplier who have been out to assess the blinds. An estimate for the cost of new blinds is being considered under item 14. It is hoped that the blinds in Great Cambourne Cricket Pavilion and the Sports Pavilion will be more durable and will be the same colour in both buildings.

Along with the blinds it may be necessary to complete a re decoration of the Pavilion as due to the popularity and regular use it has minor wear and tear marks on the walls and toilets.

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6.5 CAMBOURNE SPORTS FACILITIES

The Sports Pitches are MUGA continue to be well used.

Due to weather and ground conditions the foot bridge between the two sport pitches has started to rot. The Groundsmen have begun carrying out repair works on the bridge to make is safe and secure using more durable materials.

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6.6 BOWLS CLUB

A report from the Bowls Club.

“We have arranged a full set of fixtures for the Cambridge Business House League (first home match 16th May). The Bowls Club have Club nights starting at 6pm every Monday and Thursday starting 22nd April going through until September 12th.”

It is:

RECOMMENDED that the report be received.

6.7 SPORT IN CAMBOURNE

No further updates.

6.8 TRAILER PARK

The Trailer Park currently has one vacant full plot and one vacant half plot. Those on the waiting list have been contacted and we are awaiting a response.

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