



CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

A meeting of this Committee was held at The Hub Community Centre, Cambourne on Tuesday 18th June 2019. Meeting commenced at 19:33pm

Present:

Cllr G Thompson (Chairman)

Cllr R Poulton

Cllr A Ahmed

Cllr J Simpson

Cllr J O'Dwyer

In attendance:

John Vickery-Town Clerk

Ellie Lydon- Office Administrator

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr A Fisher, Cllr Dr S Bhattacharya and Cllr J Patel and Cllr D Sharma. Acceptable reasons for absence have been given.

It was:

RESOLVED that the apologies for absence from Cllr A Fisher, Cllr Dr S Bhattacharya and Cllr J Patel and Cllr D Sharma had been received and approved.

2. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Leisure and Amenities Meeting LA/M80 held on 23rd April 2019.

It was:

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23rd April 2019 (M80) were approved and signed.

3. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST OR REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION for items on the agenda.

Cllr Simpson disclosed a non-disclosable interest in Item 6.2 as an allotment holder.

Cllr Thompson disclosed a personal non-disclosable interest in Item 6.5 as a gym member of Everyone Active.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The chairman made no announcements.

Signed

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5. **CYP**

An update was received from Nigel Taylor. (Attached to minutes)

The Cambourne Youth Partnership ran a residential to improve football behaviour. The Youth partnership have their own group that meet on The MUGA and they hold football training sessions for teenagers to get them involved and more social in the community.

A question was raised as to who can join. The Town Clerk informed that is usually targeted towards 16-19-year olds.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

6. **REPORT ON FACILITIES**

6.1 BURIAL GROUND

No change since last reported.

A question was asked as to whether the burial ground had flooded considering the recent heavy rain. The Town Clerk said that it hasn't.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

6.2 ALLOTMENTS

There are three vacant allotments at Brace Dein and no vacant plots at Crow Hill. Three people on the waiting list have been approached to fill the vacant plots at Brace Dein. There is a further 1 on Brace Dein and 2 on Crow Hill waiting lists.

A question was raised as to whether there is a reason for there being more vacant plots on Brace Dein than Crow Hill. The Town Clerk explained that as Brace Dein has more plots than Crow Hill there is more of a turnover. Crow Hill also has more long-term tenants on it.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

6.3 PLAYGROUNDS, OPEN SPACES, SKATE PARK AND FOOTPATHS

Playgrounds

ROSPA carried out the safety inspection on 25th April 2019 and copies of the report have been given to the Head Groundsman and the team looking after play areas to carry out any works identified in the report. The Chairman of the L&A Committee has been given a copy as well.

The accessible roundabout on Great Cambourne Green has been repaired and reopened. A resident has raised an issue with the location of the accessible swing in the Eco Park Play Area. There should be a 20-metre margin between a dwelling and a piece of equipment. Unfortunately, the swing is just over a metre too close to the dwelling and will need relocating. However, this will still be too close for the resident as they feel that some of the users are being too noisy and ruining the enjoyment of their garden.

A letter from a resident was handed out to Councillors to inform the committee

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of antisocial behaviour and a nuisance problem at the LEAP on School Lane opposite the Monkfield Park School.

A question was raised about the signs at the playparks. The Town Clerk Informed Councillors that work had been started on reproducing all the notices around Cambourne and are in the process of getting quotes for these. The signs for the parks currently state the time the park 'closes' is at dusk. The Town Clerk proposed we amend the signs to remind users to be more mindful of residents nearby. He also recommended the signs be enlarged from A4 to A3 to make them more visible.

A point was raised that time was needed to think of the best permanent solution. One solution would be to move the whole length of the swing 3 metres. The original holes can then be used for one end and only two more holes would need to be created. This would only involve moving a couple of tables and the position of the swing would meet the regulations.

Another proposal was to move the swing set to the other end of the park, which would mean releveling a piece of land.

It was proposed that the Town Clerk, Chairman and Head Groundsmen meet at the park to look at the equipment and consider the best solution to alleviate the issue. It was also proposed to respond to the resident's letter to inform the resident of what the Council plan to do before the work is carried out. Councillors would also like to remind the resident to report any antisocial behaviour to the police as Cambourne has low reporting figures and more reports will help to build crime statistics up.

It was:

RESOLVED that the Chairman, the Head Groundsmen and the Town Clerk look at the equipment to consider the best solution to alleviate the issue.

Open Spaces

Cllr S Bhattacharya sent an email with her apologies and a request from a resident regarding the landscaping a roadside verge in Cambourne.

"With all the new house development expected across the UK - new verges and open space areas on all developments should have wildflowers written into planning policy. Contact your local planning authority to ensure this is written in." originally commented by Peter Armstrong on the "Flowers on roadside verges" group.

A point was raised that having all verges covered in wildflowers instead of mowed grass would be hard to maintain and may end up looking untidy. However, it would be nice to have some of the verges to have wildflowers and some be mowed.

It was proposed that volunteers could help with the planting of the wildflowers on the verges to get more of the community involved.

It was suggested that in response to the letter The Council will thank the resident for their letter and The Council will take the opportunity where it presents itself to have some wildflowers growing.

It was:

RESOLVED that a response will be sent to the resident and The Council also thank Warren and his team for their work on the open spaces.

Skate Park

Work is progressing slowly due to other work commitments

A question was raised on what this statement means.

The Town Clerk informed the committee on the background of the work commitments of the staff.

Councillors proposed that the committee could take on the project and form a working party. Cllr R Poulton and Cllr S Simpson showed interest in joining a working party on the progress of the Skate Park.

It was suggested that the proposed idea is sent to all Councillors to see if there is any more interest in joining a working party for the progress of the Skate Park. If a working party can be formed, Councillors can then see how much progress can be made with it until staffing is back to normal.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received and the idea of setting up a working party on the progress of the Skate Park is circulated to Councillors.

6.4 PREMISES

The Hub blinds should be replaced on the 28th June 2019.

The Lower Cambourne Cricket Pavilion decoration has been completed by the caretaker and he has been thanked by the Cricket Club for the improved atmosphere in the building.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received, and thanks be given to the Caretaker for his decoration on the Lower Cambourne Cricket Pavilion.

6.5 CAMBOURNE SPORTS FACILITIES

The Sports Pitches have received their summer refurbishment with the top dressing, reseeding, weed killing, fertilising and verti draining. This prepares the pitches ready for the next season. This year the need for top dressing was less than previous years due to the good weather over the winter and rotation of the pitches to minimise excessive wear.

Simon Clasby from the Everyone Active Gym sent this report:

Cambourne Fitness and Sports Centre has undergone some equipment changes recently that have proved a huge success. These changes include the addition of a squat rack, preacher curl, an additional bench and 6 spin bicycles suitable for virtual spinning classes.

Group exercise classes, membership, sports hall usage children's parties and activities are all progressing well. The 2018/19 football season proved a testing one for 3G and pitch management, but EA are confident of a smoother season in 2019/20. Everyone Active thank Cambourne Town Council and the L and A

Committee for their continued support.

The Chairman informed the Town Clerk that posters in Sports Centre still have that the Sports Centre is partnered in management with Cambourne Parish Council instead of Cambourne Town Council. The Town Clerk will contact the Sports Centre to inform them about updating the posters from Parish to Town.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

6.6 BOWLS CLUB

No report was received from the Bowls Club.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

6.7 SPORT IN CAMBOURNE

No further updates from the committee.

The Council has been approached by Ellen Bridges Physical Activity Locality Coordinator, Lets Get Moving Cambridgeshire at South Cambs District Council and Allison Ainsworth Parkrun Events Support Ambassador Cambridgeshire on the possibility of having a parkrun in Cambourne. Currently there is issue with being able to provide a 5km parkrun. As the first step they have proposed a junior parkrun which is only 2km. This could be accommodated by a couple of laps of the perimeter of the sports pitches. Attached is a copy of the proposal and what it entails.

A question was raised on how the event will be timed. The Town Clerk Informed Councillors it is most likely to be timed by stopwatches.

A question was also raised on whether it would interfere with the football as the parkrun is proposed to be on the sports pitches. The Town Clerk Informed Councillors that football starts later at the time of year the parkrun is proposed so there wouldn't be a clash.

A concern was raised over parking issues that may arise. It was thought that there shouldn't be too much of a parking impact as it is not an issue in other areas where park runs are held and have less parking.

A question was raised over what the £2500 grant is for. The Town Clerk explained that it would cover the licensing and equipment, such as a laptop to record the times of the runners, which need to be published within a certain time. Ellen Bridges believes the grant would not need to come from The Town Council as they believe they can find funding elsewhere.

The proposed idea also included to have a space to serve tea and coffee. They would look at either hiring a local community business to provide tea and coffee, using the reception at the Sports Centre or the Refs Room in the Sports Pavilion.

A question was raised on whether this would overlap with anything from the Cambourne Running Club. It was resolved that it wouldn't as the Park Run

would be more for children as the sports pitches is one of the only safe areas, they can do a park run as the children cannot cross the roads. The age limit needs to be 14 due to insurance. It was proposed that a question be asked on the age limit of those with special needs.

In the proposal, it is mentioned that a defibrillator would be needed at the finish line. The Town Clerk proposed that if the Cricket Club made an application to South Cambridgeshire District Council, Jason Clarke would be mindful for recommending approval for that. The defibrillator would then be owned by The Town Council. If the Town Council were able to own a defibrillator, word would then need to be widely spread to inform residents of the location.

It was:

RESOLVED to support the idea and principal but further information would be needed for The Council to understand before the proposal is approved. There are a few issues to be considered such as finance and parking. The Chairman and Town Clerk have been delegated to follow up with these issues and make the decision.

6.8 TRAILER PARK

The Trailer Park currently has two vacant full plots. Those on the waiting list 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.

The committee reviewed the action plan to assess progress.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Summer Garden Party to raise money for Monkfield Primary School.

A question was raised on whether they would require borrowing the Town Councils equipment such as gazebos/marquees. The Equipment has not been asked for at the moment, but we presume they may want to borrow from The Town Council.

Councillors were happy to support the idea if the Great Cambourne Green is left in a good condition and all litter is taken with them. Councillors would also like for residents living near the green to be given notice well in advance to inform them of noise on the day.

Another condition is for those attending to walk to the site rather than drive and park to reduce traffic and parking issues.

A question was raised as to why it would not be done on the school play field. It was thought that attendance would not be as great in school and the park is more available for the wider community.

It was:

RESOLVED to support the proposal and inform Friends of Monkfield Park of the terms and conditions.

8.2 Bollards at Monkfield Park Primary School.

It was suggested to to install timber bollards, similar to the ones on at the entrance park.

The County Council suggested a Privately Funded Highway Improvement (PFHI) application, where someone pays for work to be carried out. It would cost £500 to be looked at. Therefore, The Council believes it is best to suggest that the Town Council buy the bollards, the Ground Staff install and maintain the bollards and Monkfield Primary School will fund the payment.

A request was made for a plan to be seen where the bollards will be installed. A question was raised on whether permission is needed from The County Council. The Town Clerk expects them to give their consent.

If the bollards are successful and other schools want to follow suit, the schools would pay for the bollards.

It was:

RESOLVED to support providing the school with bollards and installing on their behalf.

9. 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.

10. WATER COOLERS

It was:

RESOLVED that water coolers should be installed, and The Town Council enter the Refill Scheme and promote it on social media and work with Greater Cambridge Recycling to get it rolled out in to the whole Town.

11. HAND DRYERS

It was:

RESOLVED that the hand dryers be replaced with the new units supplied by initial and the Town Council purchase 3 units in white supply only.

12. 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.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 17th September 2019

It was:

RESOLVED that the revised date be agreed.
The meeting closed at 20:57.