

CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Leisure & Amenities 21st September 2021

An update on Facilities in Cambourne since 22nd June 2021.

6.1 BURIAL GROUND

There have been no recent burials or enquiries.

It is:

RECOMMENDED that the report be received.

6.2 ALLOTMENTS

There has been a delay in sending out Allotment Renewals, whilst the Tenancy Agreement and Eviction Policy is updated. Plots that have recently become available will be relet when the new Tenancy Agreement and Eviction Policy is in place.

There are currently 2 vacant plots at Crow Hill, 1 vacant half plot and 1 vacant full plot at Brace Dein. Allotment inspections have been carried out monthly and those with unmaintained plots are being contacted. There are over 100 people on the waiting list for both sites.

It is:

RECOMMENDED that the report be received.

6.3 PLAYGROUNDS, OPEN SPACES, SKATE PARK AND FOOTPATHS

Playgrounds

We have had multiple incidents of wet pour being ripped up at the Great Cambourne Play Parks, leaving it a trip hazard for park users. The Park was closed whilst the wet pour was ordered, and our ground staff worked quickly to repair the floor.

Lower Cambourne Play Park- The roof of the tower was repaired and reinstalled.

The Town Clerk and Head Groundsman have had some meetings regarding long term issues in the Play Areas with specialists. A full report and recommendations will be taken to a future meeting.

Areas being looked at are:

- Great Cambourne Green replacement of the wet pour with grass and safety matting (similar to Upper Cambourne play area).
- Great Cambourne Green replacement of the tower assembly as it is at the end of its practical life.
- Upper Cambourne replacement of the pump which is beyond economical repair.
- Eco Park trim trail a number of exercise points have been removed due to rotten timbers.
- Eco Park Teenage Hangout play equipment which has failed due to wear and tear.
- Eco Park the single point swing has been removed as there is excessive movement due to timbers deteriorating.

It is:

RECOMMENDED that the report be received.

Skate Park

The contractors are hoping to be on site towards the end of September. It is estimated to take around 2 months for works to be completed. They have also informed us there will be an increase in costs of £1,000 due to the price of steel increasing.

It is:

RECOMMENDED that the report be received.

6.4 PREMISES

The premises continue to be well used by regular hirers. Most of our previous regular hirers have returned to use the venues along with many new hirers.

Private bookings have been able to take place in our venues since July 19th 2021 and The Hub and Pavilions have been well used over the last few months with many more bookings booked in the venues until the end of the year.

There was a flood in the town Council Office which has caused some damage. An insurance claim is being processed we are awaiting quotations for the repairs, to be submitted to the insurers.

The doors at the Hub have had new locks fitted.

There are a number of maintenance issues that are arising which are being dealt with. One that has a large financial impact is the access control systems at the Hub and Blue Space that are now obsolete and will need replacing as we cannot obtain the access fobs going forward. This is being looked into and will be reported at future a meeting.

It is:

RECOMMENDED that the report be received.

6.5 CAMBOURNE SPORTS FACILITIES

No report was received.

6.6 BOWLS CLUB

A report was received from Robin Bailey, Bowls Secretary. Report attached.

It is:

RECOMMENDED that the report be received.

6.7 SPORT IN CAMBOURNE

The Town Clerk met with a representative and the Sport in Cambourne are looking at winding up and transferring the funds to the Council to be used for Sports development. The Committee is going to keep in touch with the Town Clerk on progress.

It is:

RECOMMENDED that the report be received.

6.8 TRAILER PARK

The Trailer Park currently has 6 vacant plots and there are 0 people on the waiting list.

It is:

RECOMMENDED that the report be received.