

CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Leisure & Amenities 21st February 2023

An update on Facilities in Cambourne since 22nd November 2022

6.1 BURIAL GROUND (Cambourne Cemetery)

There have been no internments since the last report.

It is:

RECOMMENDED that the report be received.

6.2 ALLOTMENTS

The waiting list continues to grow for both sites. There are a few overgrown vacant plots and the ground staff have been given a list of the plots that need strimming before they can be relet as those contacted at the top of the waiting list are hesitant to take on such overgrown plots.

Inspections are due to begin within a few weeks and those with unmaintained plots will be contacted.

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RECOMMENDED that the report be received.

6.3 PLAYGROUNDS, OPEN SPACES, SKATE PARK AND FOOTPATHS

Playgrounds

Since the drier weather, works have continued to remove the surfacing at the Great Cambourne Park. The drier weather needs to continue to enable lorries of topsoil to drive on to the grass to move the project along further. Quotes for grass safe mats will be gathered to go under the existing play equipment.

The Town Clerk, Head Groundsman and team leader for open spaces have had further meetings with playground providers and quotes have been received. One more quote is to be received after which a consultation can take place with potential users and grant applications can be submitted. Examples of equipment that will fit in the play area will be available to view at the meeting.

Quotes have also been received to return some of the wet pour at the Eco Park to grass and to replace the swing.

Boards have been replaced at the Lower Cambourne Park and more are to be replaced in the future when needed.

Open Spaces

Seasonal work is being carried out by the grounds team including hedge and shrub trimming.

The Grounds Team are looking to start grass cutting within the next week.

Three memorial benches have been purchased by residents of Cambourne. One is to be sited at the northern end of Sirius Lake, location agreed with the family and two to be sited around the Great Cambourne Cricket Outfield, location to be confirmed with the families involved.

Skate Park

The Skate Park continues to be well used and the youth pod has been erected. The flood lights have been repaired and are now switching on and off at the programmed times.

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6.4 PREMISES

The premises continue to be well used by regular and private hirers.

The Sports Pavilion:

The Dugout Progress report

The Dugout continues to be very popular with the football community over weekends with feedback from opposition teams very good. We have a regular group of parent/carers pop in on a Friday who are very pleased to have a child friendly safe environment for them to enjoy and catch up with each other. Our walking football community also use the Dugout as a social after their sessions on a Friday morning. On Sunday mornings, the Park Run runners and volunteers have benefitted from The Dugout being open.

Monthly events continue to be popular with Bingo at the end of this month already almost being sold out. We are offering free crafts over Easter and a paid for Easter Hunt with Gin tasting coming up in May.

We have now paid back all the startup costs and have started raising funds for the Football Club, which are being reinvested to enhance facilities. An example of this is that we are able to set aside money for additional roll-on goals, saving the Council from having to pay for new goals.

The Football Club can see an opportunity to offer a pop-up bar over the summer, supporting our community group fundraising efforts and also offering the residents of Cambourne another space in which to spend time with their family and encouraging children to use the sports facilities correctly. A proposal is being submitted for consideration at the Town Council Meeting on the 7th March 2023.

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The Hub

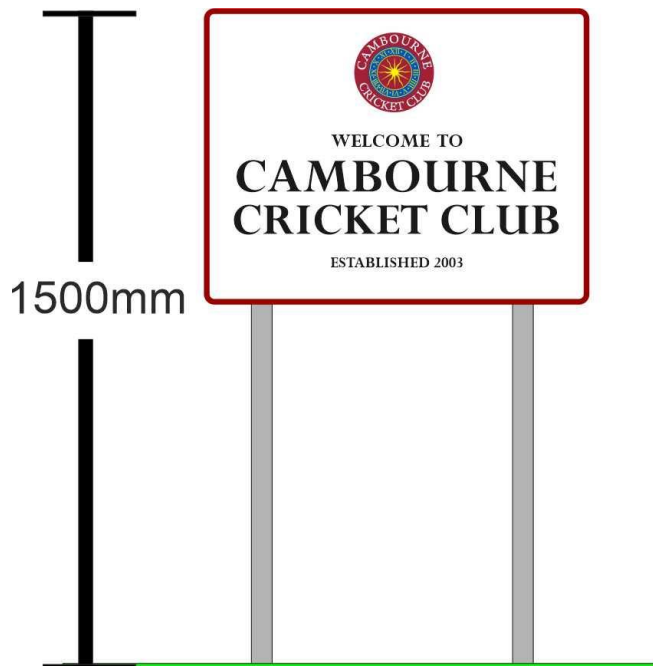
The Town Clerk and Premises Office met with a contractor to discuss/ seek advice on a programme of works for carrying out the first floor extension with regard to how much of the building would need closing, period of closure and the duration of the whole contract. A further report will be given once the information has been received.

There was a spate of incidents with youngsters entering the building and hanging around in the entrance corridor. On most occasions they were well behaved, but on few occasions, they were banging on doors and causing concern for hirers. The hirers have been reminded about the security arrangements and have started locking the maglocks to ensure only authorised people can enter the building.

The incidents have been reported to the police and we are awaiting a follow up to share the CCTV footage.

Great Cambourne Cricket Pavilion

With the new Cricket season approaching the cricket club will be reopening The Third Man from the 7th April 2023. The Cricket Club have made a request to place some signs in the car park so that opposing teams are aware of the pavilion and cricket ground location. The proposed signs for both pavilions signs are 915mm x700mm diabond panels, similar to that used on the football pitches.



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6.5 CAMBOURNE SPORTS FACILITIES

Report received from Simon Clasby, Manager at Cambourne Fitness and Sports Centre.

1. Everyone Active at Cambourne Fitness and Sports Centre now has a membership of 738 in Jan 22. This number is from 689 members in Mar-22. Attrition continues to be high across the industry and we are no exception to this. For example, our attrition was at 3.6% in Jan 2020 and rose to 7.4% in Jan 2022.
2. We have introduced a colleague engagement initiative called 'Bright Ideas' – the initiative encourages team members to propose energy saving ideas for the site. The best or most successful idea brings a reward to the colleague. This initiative is one of the many actions we are taking to reduce our energy consumption due to the high prices which poses a threat to the success of the business.
3. In collaboration with the above, we have also introduced a 'Colleague of the Year' award – this operates alongside our long running 'Colleague of the Month' award. Colleague Phil Deaves was Cambourne FSC's nominee for 2022.

4. We are pleased to report that Cambourne FSC has raised nearly £1,000 for Dementia UK since Apr-22.
5. The management has previously asked about the Council's interest in the Sport England financial assistance for a utility consumption assessment (SE cover letter attached). Deadline is 28th Feb 2023 at 17:00, so time is short I'm afraid.
6. The management here kindly ask for an update on the 3G safe unit for the key to the toilet facility access.
7. As ever, Everyone Active thanks Cambourne Town Council and the L and A Committee for their continued support and advice.

Regards,

Simon Clasby | General Manager
Cambourne Fitness and Sports Centre

Managing the impact of higher energy costs on community leisure provision – A guide for local authorities

We understand that many leisure operators are concerned about rising energy costs. To help, we've developed a guidance note which is particularly relevant for local authorities who have outsourced the management of their facilities to external operators. The advice may also help local authorities that manage their leisure facilities in-house and leisure operators.

It identifies some actions that can be taken to help mitigate the impact and risk of rising costs. The hints and tips contained within the guidance note are drawn from discussions with multiple leisure operators and local authorities across England.

The guidance note is available on the Sport England web site and can be accessed by using the following link:

<https://www.sportengland.org/energyguidance>

In the guidance several areas have been identified for local authorities to consider which includes information on the energy market, how to manage finances and reviewing your current contract position.

Sport England Support

Sport England can provide financial support to local authorities of up to £5,000 to assess their utilities position locally through the deployment of some consultancy services. If the consultancy costs exceed £5,000 any shortfall will be payable by the local authority.

This consultancy support should be used to help the local authority assess the risks and issues be they contractual, or to do with financial stability and therefore inform decision making locally. The focus will be on helping to ensure services can be retained and protected and that both parties are able to meet the challenges in coming months.

The output of the consultancy support will be a report summarising the local authorities position and a report will need to be produced within 3 months of your acceptance of the funding offer.

The consultant procured should be one of those on Lot A of the Sport England Active Environments Framework which would allow most local authorities to use the direct award process for work under £10,000. Any local authorities not signed up to the framework can do so

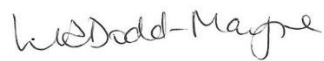
by completing the access agreement which can be obtained at the same time as the expression of interest.

If you'd like to express an interest in this offer send an e-mail to activeenvironmentsframework@sportengland.org in the first instance and include:

- Local Authority Name
- Name, address, email and telephone number of the key contact, number of contracts

You may also wish to raise concerns and issues with your regional [Local Government Association Principal Adviser](#).

Yours sincerely,



Lisa Dodd-Mayne
Executive Director, Place

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6.6 TRAILER PARK

The Trailer Park currently has no vacant plots and 2 people on the waiting list.

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