

Facilities

Finance and Policy Committee Meeting 19th December 2022

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9.1 GREAT CAMBOURNE CRICKET PAVILION

Pergola

The Town has been working with Cambourne Cricket Club (CCC) on the installation of the pergola to the front of the pavilion where the decking is.

The Town Clerk met with a representative of the CCC and the proposed installer of the pergola and agreed a suitable installation that does not have a negative impact on the building. (copy of agreed drawings attached).

The Town Clerk has been in Discussion with the Planning Department at South Cambs and it may be considered as permitted development.

It is

Recommended that the Council approve the installation of the pergola subject to Planning.

9.2 CAMBOURNE SOUL

The Town Council has received the following request.

Dear Councillor O'Dwyer and John,

Please can I introduce myself? My name is Clare and I am the Ministry Team Leader for Children and Young People at Cambourne Church. I am relatively new to the role having been in post since June.

Part of my role is to facilitate the children's and youth work that runs alongside our Sunday morning services. With the main service taking place in the church hall, we run a crèche in the foyer and a children's group in the annexe. Our young people and youth leaders head over to Cambourne Soul for their session – we feel privileged to use a building that is purpose built for youth work and it is a space our young people feel comfortable in, particularly given that some attend other youth work activities in the same building.

On Friday, a message was passed onto me that we are no longer allowed to use the Soul building on Sunday mornings. This message was shared with me via our Church Administrators and didn't offer any explanation.

I appreciate that I do not fully know the history of our arrangement to hire this space and so I am willing to work with you to clarify that. What I do know, is that I have a youth group who need a place to meet on a Sunday morning and that consistency is important. It would be such a shame to lose access to the building and the connection with wider Cambourne youth activities.

For further context for future use:

On Sunday mornings, our children, young people and families come to church for our 11am service. We start all together in the church hall then we split into age-based groups. The adults stay in the church hall, we run a crèche in the foyer and a children's group in the annexe. Our young people and youth leaders head over to Cambourne Soul for their session.

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When at the Soul Building, we make hot chocolates, play games and facilitate discussions around the themes of faith, identity and purpose. Each Sunday the group will consist of around 10 young people of secondary school age (11 to 18 year olds) and 2 DBS-checked and safeguarding-trained youth leaders. Participation in this group is voluntary; we treat young people with respect –valuing each young person and acting in a way that does not exploit or negatively discriminate; and we seek to respect and promote young people’s rights to make their own decisions and choices.

The young people stay in our church building for the whole service on the first Sunday of each month, so the next date we’re hoping to use the Soul Building is Sunday 14th January. I can send you dates for the next term if that would be helpful.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to ask.

Best wishes,
Clare

At the meeting between the Town Council and Cambourne Youth Partnership regarding the SLA they were asked if the 1.5hrs on a Sunday morning would have an effect on their plans, they confirmed it would not.

It is
Recommended that the Council consider the request.

9.3 CAMBOURNE VEDIC HERITAGE Midnight Meditation

Hi John,

This email is regarding the discussion that we had with you this afternoon at the Council Office.

Cambourne Vedic Heritage community group is planning a Midnight Meditation.

We would like to book a venue for the meditation which can only be done on a specific date, 8-March-2024. As we are expecting around 100 participants, only the Hub Main Hall or the Blue School, Main Hall will be suitable.

We would need the main hall and an adjacent room, either the Meeting Room at the Hub or Room 3 in the Blue School. There will be no hot food served after 9 pm (and no alcohol at all).

Ideally we need the venue from 5 pm till 5 am. But, we understand there may be other regular bookings till a little later in the evening on the 8th of March. Can you please advise on the availability and the next steps. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Cambourne Vedic Heritage

Best Regards

Arvind Ramachandran

The above request has been received it has been brought to the Council for consideration as we do not normally allow bookings after midnight and not before 6pm in the Hub and Blue space due to the proximity of the retirement homes and the movement of people and vehicles potentially

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causing disruption. Also, we do not have cover in place overnight in case of a call out. If there is a call out this would be double time.

It is

Recommended that the Council consider the request.