

Minutes of the meeting of the Caldecote Parish Council Sport and Recreation Committee held on Thursday 15th June 2006 at 7.30pm in Caldecote Village Hall

Present: Cllrs.Paul Phillips, Alan Levett,
Mr Frank Wolton and Mr Melvin Pooley
In attendance: Sue Tasker and Roger Hume (Clerk).

Councillor Levett was appointed chairman for this meeting, it is hoped to appoint a permanent chairman at the next meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence** Mr John Newby and Mr Jim Hill.
Absent Cllr Breeze
2. **To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 25th April 2006.**
On a proposition by Cllr Philips, seconded by Cllr Levett the minutes were approved as a true record. The temporary Chairman signed the minutes.
3. **Matters arising**
There were none that were not covered by the agenda.

4 Pavilion

Melvin Pooley had provided a plan of the sports field indicating the space available for the pavilion and extra parking.

Julie Barnes (Architect) is preparing the plans and the clerk will ask if these can be ready for the next meeting.

It was decided that a planning application should be prepared as soon as possible.

5. To consider matters relating to JS Bloor, Banner and Ashwell Homes POS

- 5.1 **JS Bloor** – Work in preparation for handover is not yet completed.
- 5.2 **Banner Homes** - Nothing reported
- 5.3 **Ashwell Development** – The 106 payment is on its way via SCDC £160,000 plus indexation of £12,274.

6 Maintenance of POS.

6.1 Unofficial BMX track.

No responses had been received from the journal article asking the young people for feedback on what they wanted. It was therefore not clear if a BMX track was a priority, it may have been just a temporary fad.

The area around the multi use games area had become very messy and dirt had been cleared off the area several times.

6.2 A working party will be held on Sunday 16th July at 10am, hopefully involving parents and the youth to level off the unofficial bumps on the grass area. If a BMX facility is requested it is hoped to identify a more suitable area. Notices will be posted around the village to encourage community involvement.

6.3 Vandalism - Grease had been applied to all the play equipment surfaces on the Furlong Way playground. This had been cleaned up promptly and the playground was only closed for one evening and a morning. A large grease gun had been found on the site and it was felt that a picture of this should be put in the journal to see if ownership could

be established and possibly lead to the perpetrator of the crime. A report has been made to the police

A panel in the MUGA fencing had been kicked in and replacement parts are needed.

6.4 Kick about area, will need attention to ensure that the grass is maintained, a top dressing will be required, 70-30 dressing (10mm sieve) possibly from British Sugar, In Autumn or early spring.

7. Recreation ground – Update

Mr Pooley had provided a maintenance schedule for winter sports.

1. Aerate and decompact pitches (spring)
2. Chain Harrow or scarify surfaces (Spring & Autumn)
3. Repair worn areas (Spring)
4. Apply fertilizer (Spring & Autumn)
5. Overseed surfaces if required (Spring)
6. Top dress with suitable top dressing (Spring)
7. Work in topdressing with Dragmat or chain harrows (Spring)
8. Mow areas frequently during growth period to minimum height of 25mm (Weekly during growing period)
9. Apply fertilizer when and if required at other times during the year (Possible Twice more)

The surfaces can be chain harrowed at any time to help level the surface when weather conditions allow, **avoid rolling** as this will not level the surface but will cause compaction and affect the drainage.

Spraying may have to take place to deal with weeds, which are best dealt with when they are actively growing. Worms may also cause problems with casts and this can be treated by spraying during the Autumn and again in late Feb.

Some aeration may take place during the playing season if required.

Other notes from meeting

Fertiliser will be applied before handover.

Rugby pitches if used should be left with longer grass 75mm.

Outfield around planting will require strimming.

This area is likely to be handed over in August and when this happens the Parish Council will take over maintenance. The clerk was asked to obtain quotations.

Grassform are currently doing the work

Proscap are currently doing Cambourne

A ride on - triple gang mower was felt to be the minimum required equipment.

Goal post sockets will be needed.

An artificial cricket square will be investigated to enable some youth games to be played initially. An aggregate base (Redgra) £60 per ton (possibly 5 tons required). Total cost is likely to be £7000. A net cage would also be useful.

Marking out of pitches required.

8. Sports Association – Update

Sue Tasker presented a report (attached) , responses to organised events had been mixed, it was hoped that once the sports fields were available there will be more enthusiasm from the village.

There is a meeting next Monday 19th June at 6-30pm, it was hoped that a Parish councillor would be present.

9 Risk Assessment and Safety Inspections

The ROSPA inspection was carried in April. No urgent action is required.

It looks as if ROSPA are generally indicating that play areas are too closely regulated and it may be that there is some relaxation of this control and they can become more informal.

10 Finance. On a proposition by Cllr Philips and seconded by Cllr Levett it was agreed to purchase replacement fixings for the MUGA panel that had been kicked in.

11 To agree the date of the next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting should be held on Wednesday 19th July 2006 at 7-30 in the village hall.

12 Closure of meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 10 pm

Signed ----- (Chairman) Date -----