

**Notes of the meeting of the Caldecote Parish Council Sport and Recreation working party held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2006 at 7.30pm in Caldecote Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs.Paul Phillips, Steve Breeze,  
Mr Frank Wolton, Mr John Newby, Sue Tasker.

**In attendance:** Mr Barry Fletcher (resident) and Roger Hume (Clerk).

**1 Appointment of chairman** -Mr Frank Wolton agreed to be chairman for the next 6 months.

**2. Apologies for Absence** Cllr Alan Levett, Mr Melvin Pooley.  
Absent Cllr Ian McArdle

**3. To approve the notes of the previous meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2006.**

**The notes were signed by the chairman as a true record of the meeting.**

**4. Matters arising**  
There were none that were not covered later by the agenda items-.

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

**5.1 JS Bloor** – Ground work in preparation for handover is not yet completed, but is scheduled as the contractors next job.

**5.2 Banner Homes** - Correspondence has been received querying the height of shrubs on the public open space on Cavendish Way, to be added to the full council agenda.

**5.3 Ashwell Development** – Email from Nik Barrett (Ashwells).- several issues but .the one relating to this working party (Public Open Space).

*“We are obviously reluctant to gap off the access having initially formed this, with the bridge (and subsequent removal), at the Council’s request. It is our view that the access from our development onto the sports field can still be adequately maintained. In this respect we are proposing to adjust the pavement level within our site so that the current ‘ski’ ramp is lost and this should make for an acceptable ambulant access onto the sports field.”*

The clerk was asked to write again pointing out that the landowner would need to give permission for this access to be used even if it could be made safe, and that when the Council requested the bridge access they were unaware of the retained strip of land.

The conclusion was that a close boarded fence would be necessary on the Ashwell’s side.

It was suggested that a journal item should explain why the bridge was removed.

**5.3 Taylor Woodrow** – there was much rectification work to be carried out for public open spaces that remain to be handed over. It was not known yet if this would delay the handover of the sports pitches.

The area around the tennis court, trees and shrubs have died. The south east corner is constantly waterlogged, including electrical junction boxes. The driveway drainage needs to be rectified and resurfacing done. Footpaths are also cracking and edges breaking away

**6 Maintenance of POS.**

**6.1 Unofficial BMX track.**

One hump had been re-established and needed to be levelled again. Cllr Philips will arrange for this to be done (with help).

**6.2 Kick about area,** The grass is being cut too short and the clerk will write to MD landscapers to ask if it could be left a little longer so that it wears better.

**6.3 The hedgerow** - between the public open space for the MUGA and tennis court needs cutting back and this should be included in next years budget along with top dressing for the kick about area.

## **7 Pavilion**

Views were expressed that the initial design by architect Julie Barnes were too adventurous. and could be a burden on the village both in terms of the construction costs and ongoing running and maintenance costs.

The level of support for organised sports activities has been disappointing and it was uncertain that village sports would require 4 changing rooms. It has not been possible to identify use by other organisations to date.

Julie Barnes will be asked to reduce the size initially but the design should be such that an extension could be added later. It was thought that around 2/3rds of the size would be affordable, retaining only 2 (or possibly 3 with a changed layout) of the changing rooms.

Priority should be given to basic facilities that would comply with good design.

Roof area storage and access stairway.

It would be necessary for a secure store for maintenance equipment but only for the cricket wicket mower and roller as other full maintenance would be contracted out. It could also be possible to add a steel container if the situation changed.

Overall budget should be limited to £350k maximum.

Fundraising would need to be organised by at least 2 volunteers and will be on the next meeting agenda.

## **8. Recreation ground – Update**

A handover meeting was held last Friday, notes attached. It is expected that Grassform will continue with grass cutting until mid-November. Items identified from this meeting are in hand.

There has been no progress on the legal handover apart from an email from Taylor Woodrow to say that Mr Ian Tracey their adoption manager was being briefed and would be in touch this week.

It was felt that solid bollards will need to be erected around the existing car park area to prevent cars driving on the area. - Suggested Budget item for next year.

## **9. Sports Association – Update**

Sue Tasker presented a short verbal report, responses to organised events had been poor, The Salsa evening had not attracted as many as had been hoped.

There had not been any organised sport events during the holiday period.

## **10 To agree the date of the next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting should be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2006 at 7-30 in the village hall.

## **11 Closure of meeting.**

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9-40 pm

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