

Notes of the meeting of the Caldecote Parish Council Sport and Recreation working party held on Thursday 16th November 2006 at 7.30pm in Caldecote Village Hall

Present: Cllr.Paul Phillips, Cllr Alan Levett, Cllr Jack Lang, Mr John Newby, Mrs Sue Tasker,
In attendance: Roger Hume (Clerk) and Mr Melvin Pooley (SCDC consultant)

1 Appointment of chairman - Cllr Levett agreed to act as chairman for this meeting..

2. Apologies for Absence Mr Chris Fuller, Mr Jim Hill

Absent Cllr Ian McArdle, Cllr Steve Breeze, Mr Frank Wolton, (the clerk failed to ensure that the chairman was still on email after his move and regrettably he did not get the Agenda).

3. To approve the notes of the previous meeting on 26th September 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 Public Open Spaces

5.1 JS Bloor – Ground work in preparation for handover is virtually complete, a site meeting has been held, confirmation on acceptance will be considered at the next full council meeting on December 7th.

5.2 Banner Homes - Nothing to report

5.3 Ashwell Development – Nothing to report

5.3 Taylor Woodrow – Work is in progress on the car park and driveway. No word on transfer.

6 Maintenance of POS.

6.1 Unofficial BMX track.

Work is planned to level the area again.

6.2 Kick about area, the clerk wrote to MD landscapes to ask if the grass could be left a little longer so that it wears better, but they indicated that this may not be possible as it involves extra work.

Top dressing in the spring may help.

6.3 The hedgerow - between the public open space for the MUGA and tennis court needs cutting back the precept budget figure for this is £650 for the MUGA side and £750 for the tennis court side.

6.4 The Litter bin on the MUGA area has been pulled off its floor mounted fixings and may need replacing.

7 Pavilion

The Sports Association had a very successful and well attended AGM meeting last Tuesday.

Residents were consulted over what they wanted to see the sports fields used for.

As a result decisions need to be made to ensure that the current enthusiasm is maintained.

After much discussion the working party agreed to recommend,

a) Plan the area, to indicate where facilities will be put.

b) Make provision initially for 2 football pitches, cricket area, skate/BMX area, one formal and another dirt self build.

c) Ask the Sport association if they can nominate someone to take responsibility for fund raising.

d) Urgently progress a planning application for the Pavilion.

With two suggestions and a change of mind.

The doors to the storage area for mowers should be on the side of the building (better surveillance for security).

There should be a ramp to the floor level of these doors for access by mowers and the like.

The main change is to increase the size of the meeting room by (reducing or even) not having the veranda outside. We do not anticipate a significant increase in costs for this as it only requires one longer wall and a bit of extra flooring.

Instead we could have a decking or seating area later.

We do not anticipate needing any extra parking. Bollards to protect the field area should be specified.

We hope to achieve a significantly lower budget than was indicated originally.

We are advised that this may be possible but we will not know for sure until tenders come in.

One thing is clear that we need to show progress on our plans to keep the current enthusiastic village interest.

The aim to start building in the spring with a target finish date of the football season near the end of summer 2007, or earlier.

We emphasise how important it is to meet these target dates, as for example the junior teams need to be able to show available facilities by July in order to be able to join the leagues for the next season.

We hope to get prices for two construction methods, one using Brick/blocks (for example fair faced block internally) and the other a timber option which is indicated as a cheaper option and may have other benefits.

The timber option is a fall back position if costs are too high or the construction time too long and would require a sprinkler system to be specified for insurance reasons.

The building would meet all insulation and "house type" build standards.

We would require the architect to provide tender documentation once the application is approved.

There is concern that maintenance and vandalism of a timber framed building may be a problem.

The planning application should be using the brick/blocks construction.

We will need to get tenders from at least three builders.

The final go ahead technically depends on a decision of the full parish council meeting on 7th December, but they have already agreed to spending on the initial plans so we can progress the update of the plans and agree a planning application soon after.

If we can keep to the schedule it will avoid the need for a temporary facility. To this end it would be wise to include a penalty clause.

The likely cost of a temporary facility is around £17,000 for purchase. It may also be possible to rent. £162 per week for 104 weeks for a similar total.

Depending on what is available at the time it may be possible to buy a pre-used unit.

Another issue is ownership of the field, currently Taylor Woodrow. This is being chased.

we understand ownership is not necessary for a planning application.

Melvin Pooley offered to act as a project manager, this would require two visits per week during construction at a cost of around £60 per visit (£1000 ?).

e) To ask Taylor Woodrow for electronic plans of the sports area to enable the layout to be planned more easily.

8. Recreation ground Nothing further to report

9. Sports Association see above item about AGM (item 7). A new committee has been formed.

10 To agree the date of the next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting should be held on Monday 18th December 2006 at 7-30 in the village hall.

11 Closure of meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9-50 pm

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