

Notes of the meeting of the Caldecote Parish Council Sport and Recreation working party held on Monday 18th December 2006 at 7.45pm in Caldecote Village Hall

Present: Cllr.Paul Phillips, Cllr Alan Levett, Mr John Newby, Mrs Sue Tasker, Mr Frank Wolton (Chairman)

In attendance: Roger Hume (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence None

Absent Cllr Ian McArdle.

2. To approve the notes of the previous meeting on 16th November 2006.

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

3. Matters arising

There were none that were not covered later by the agenda items-.

4. To consider matters relating to Taylor Woodrow, JS Bloor, Banner and Ashwell Homes Public Open Spaces

4.1 JS Bloor – The bollard lighting will probably be removed by the end of this week, the transfer plan sent was incorrect and will be replaced.

4.2 Banner Homes - Nothing to report

4.3 Ashwell Development – Grafton Drive, Geoff Barnes from the County Council said that he thought that part of this road can be S38 adopted, but only the part previously named West Drive.

4.4 Taylor Woodrow – Ian Tracey from Taylor Woodrow is inspecting the area tomorrow with the planting consultant. He is aware of the serious drainage problems. The driveway bollards have been re-fixed but the area needs re-seeding when the weather gets warmer.

Trees are dying due to the water logging.

Before areas are taken on by the Parish Council it should be ensured that rights of access are agreed as it is unlikely the roads will be adopted before the transfer.

5 Maintenance of POS.

5.1 The hedgerow - between the public open space for the MUGA and new sports field will be cut back, the Parish Council have approved the spending and the order placed. The tennis court side will be addressed later.

5.2 The Litter bin on the MUGA area has been pulled off its floor mounted fixings and needs replacing. To be added to agenda of the council.

5.3 Anglian Playgrounds have started to repair the play equipment. They drove over the grass to get closer to the equipment and left ruts in the grass, the clerk will ask them not to use the grassed area for access in future.

6 Pavilion The planning application is being prepared, the planning officers at SCDC have visited the site and considered the plans, they queried parking but they were not sure if it was intended to use existing the hard standing D.

This area would be adequate initially for the application. It may also be necessary to provide cycle parking but the MUGA has a rack.

7 Skate Park The village youngsters have presented some initial sketches which were a bit ambitious. Using their shopping list the park would cost around £55k plus hard standing at about £30k.

There are a considerable number of different equipment surfaces, metal, marine plywood and various synthetic surfaces.

The recommended area size (tarmac) is similar to the MUGA at 30 mtrs x 20 mtrs (minimum 15).

Consultation will be carried out with the villages youth. The youth club when established should be a good venue for the consultation. Contact will also be made with other villages who have recently built skate parks to try and learn from their experiences.

8. Recreation ground Outfall from the drains to the ditch may not be up to the specification agreed in the 106 legal agreement. The clerk will contact Ian Tracey who has a meeting with his manager on January 5th. He will raise the issue of transferring the sports area first.

The Sports area layout plan was considered, it may be that it will be necessary to overlap the main pitches slightly with the cricket outfield, depending on the required sizes for the soccer leagues, FA recommended minimum pitch sizes can be smaller than the sizes used in the layout but different leagues can have different requirements.

9. Sports Association It was agreed that the Sports association would nominate someone to drive funding for the skate park with support from the Parish Council.

The Parish Council will include a budget item for the skate park but it was hoped that much of the funding will be raised from grants along with the pavilion,

It is hoped to improve communications with other village groups, a letter will be sent to all the major contacts in the village.

It is hoped to get Chris Fuller from Hardwick along to meetings as it was felt he would be able to make a significant contribution.

10 To agree the date of the next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting should be held on Monday 22nd January 2007 at 7-30 in the village hall.

11 Closure of meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9-10 pm

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