

Notes of the meeting of the Caldecote Parish Council Sport and Recreation working party held on Monday 16th April 2007 at 7.30 pm in Caldecote Village Hall

Present: Cllr.Paul Phillips, Mr John Newby, Cllr Alan Levett, Cllr Steve Breeze.
also - Sharon Newton and Suzy Reed (Youth Club).

In attendance: Roger Hume (Clerk).

1. Apologies for Absence

Mr Frank Wolton (Chairman), Cllr Ian McArdle, Mr Chris Fuller
In the absence of the chairman it was agreed that Cllr Breeze would take the chair

2. Sports association Update – No report

From Chris Fuller - Update on the cricket pitch funding.
I have not heard from any of the funding bodies with regard to support for the square and ancillary equipment. This is not unusual as many only discuss applications three or four times a year. I will update the committee as soon as I hear anything.
Hardwick & Shepreth CC are now looking into the legal aspects of changing its name to incorporate Caldecote. We are making sure that we do not fall foul of league and other streams of funding that have already been given to us.

3. To approve the notes of the previous meeting on 26th February 2007

The notes were signed by the meetings chairman as a true record of the meeting without amendment.

4. Matters arising

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

5. To consider matters relating to Public Open Spaces

5.1 JS Bloor, still awaiting legal transfer – no progress, no firm offer for commuted sum
The basic maintenance cost for the extra 2 new Open space areas in Clare Drive were presented

5.2 Banner (2), awaiting results of new planning application.

5.3 Ashwell's have asked for a meeting. The clerk has written to Ashwell's declining a site meeting until the access to the proposed public open space is resolved (Right of Highway).

5.4 Taylor Woodrow Taylor Woodrow - have replaced trees and planting on the kick about area.
John has done a report that has been sent to Taylor Woodrow, pointing out what further work is necessary before transfer.

5.5 Hedgerow - near the MUGA has been cut back

5.6 MUGA area Litter bin replacement – Cllr Phillips and the clerk have agreed on a location near the cycle racks adjacent to the road from the car park to the sports area.

It has been suggested by SCDC refuse department that a number of larger bins are purchased to provide a place for the village litter pickers to deposit their collections.

It is possible that at some time the District Council will standardise the type of bins used and possibly charge for collection, this is due to the general increase in bins requiring emptying, it is affecting their ability to provide twice yearly street litter pick collections.

The clerk is investigating the cost of a commercial 4 wheeled bin, but this would need a secure location and access for collections.

5.7 CCTV - has not progressed, but it is hoped that Mr Eddie Rivero will agree to offer help and advice.

6 Maintenance of Public Open Spaces and verges.

MD landscapes have agreed to continue for 2007/2008 period without any increase in costs.

7 Pavilion - awaiting planning permission.

Services, to site, all confirmed that Taylor Woodrow have arranged.

Cables laid to field, water pipes currently open ended pipes.

Gas connection to pavilion – quotation received - £1298

Water - £400 plus £27.50 per metre.

Electric to pavilion – up to 10 mtrs £799.24.

Drains – Anglian water services, the clerk has contacted them to ask for estimates.

8. Skate/BMX Park – fund raising, and location.

An initial grant application has been successful, but the amount is not yet confirmed.

After discussion and considering advice from SCDC environmental health, planning and Ecology it was agreed to recommend that the original location was too close to housing, (5 votes to 1) and that the recommended position would now be on the left side (South side). At least 30 mtrs from the badger set and beyond the cricket boundary. It is hoped that the cricket club will mark the boundary and the position of the skate/bmx area. The other area considered was at the far end (West side) but this was considered too remote and near to the hedgerow.

8.1 Youth Club report – Sharon and Suzy said they had an initial meeting with the youth, around 20 names are on the list. It is anticipated that the club will hold regular weekly meetings from September 2007.

Storage is a major issue and it is hoped that the village hall committee will consider a proposal to install a steel container to be used by all groups.

The clerk will check with planning to see if they have any objections and if planning permission is required. The Parish Council will be asked to fund this rather than organising the youth bus this summer.

Cllr Phillips will raise the issue at the next village hall committee meeting, (to be arranged soon).

It is hoped that it will be possible to reactivate the BT phone line for internet access.

There is a table tennis table, snooker table and a bar football game in the table store and these could be used.

Parents have offered help and support, insurance is being investigated.

9. Recreation ground – The sports fields have been attacked by insects and have been sprayed today, cost £400.

10. Date of the next working party meeting, agreed as Monday 4th June at 7-30 in the village hall meeting room.

11. Closure of meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9-00 pm

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