

Notes of the meeting of the Caldecote Parish Council Sport and Recreation working party held on Monday 10th September 2007 at 7.30 pm in Caldecote Village Hall

Present: Cllr.Paul Phillips, Cllr Alan Levett, Cllr Jack Lang, John Miller, Sue Tasker Sharon Newton (Youth Club).

In attendance: Roger Hume (Clerk).

1. Apologies for Absence

Mr John Newby, Mr Chris Fuller, Steve Breeze, Eddie Rivero.

2. Sports association Update – Junior Football sessions and matches are running successfully, Caldecote Football Club under 7's team is playing in the Huntingdon mini-league. The grant from the Parish Council has helped significantly.

3. Youth Club – Is starting in October on a Tuesday evening, due to the numbers of new year 7 children who attend Comberton, it may be necessary to split the age groups.

4. To approve the notes of the previous meeting on 25th June 2007

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

5. Matters arising

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

6. To consider matters relating to Public Open Spaces

6.1 JS Bloor, still awaiting legal transfer – The Parish Council have notified South Cambs that the commuted sum is acceptable.

6.2 Banner 1 – The verge of Blythe Way has been cut back. **Banner (2)**, New Application awaiting decision from South Cambs, the latest application is still using entrance opposite school.

6.3 Ashwell Homes – Letter from Ashwell's solicitor pointing out that South Cambs had initially agreed the planting was satisfactory. This had been withdrawn after the Parish Council indicated that this was not the case. The matter is now in the hands of SCDC legal department.

7 Litter Bins and collection – Wheeled bin is installed in the village hall, the clerk will do a survey to find out if dog bin waste is being collected satisfactorily. The Sports field area has a problem with dog waste, a zero tolerance policy might work, Sue Tasker will put an item in the Journal. Dog owners should be encouraged to go on the field after their dog has fouled. The football team had been troubled by dogs running around while they were playing.

8 Maintenance of Public Open Spaces and verges.

There had been a slight delay in grass cutting due to the contractor being in hospital, this is now resolved. Sports area - The clerk has asked for an autumn top dressing of phosphate and potash. It was felt that the grass is being cut too short.

A handle is missing on one of the nets in the tennis court.

9. Pavilion

9.1 Cabin, installed and just waiting for final connections on plumbing, electricity is installed but not yet connected to consumer unit. Water is awaiting final connection.

An opening ceremony will be held on the day of the first football match in October, Barry Fletcher will be invited to cut the ribbon.

9.2 Pavilion - planning permission obtained, awaiting quote for the Engineering consultant and tender specification. Bollards have been ordered for the car park area. Final position is to be agreed.

10. Skate/BMX Park –The area at the A428 end of the village released by the new road is unlikely to be available.

The Sports Association are likely to lose the grant obtained for the BMX facility unless they can show progress by the new year.

11. Recreation ground – The sports field grass is still not flourishing, another nitrogen application has been made. No report has been received from Mel Pooley SCDC consultant.

A method of permanently marking pitches needs investigating as it takes several hours work starting from scratch. It currently does not last between matches.

A general Sports area notice board would be useful.

12. Date of the next working party meeting, agreed as Monday 29th October at 7-30 in the village hall meeting room.

13. Closure of meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8-50 pm

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