

DRAFT Notes of the meeting of the Caldecote Parish Council Sport and Recreation working party held on Monday 29th October 2007 at 7.30 pm in Caldecote Village Hall

Present: John Miller, Sue Tasker, John Newby, Sharon Newton (Youth Club).

In attendance: Roger Hume (Clerk).

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Paul Phillips, Cllr Alan Levett.

It was agreed that Mr John Newby should be chairman for this meeting

2. Sports association Update – An opening event for the Cabin is planned for early December, John Miller presented a schedule for the event and a request for funding to the Parish Council.

3. Youth Club – There is no one willing to supervise portable skate ramp equipment during youth club sessions so the purchase would be put on hold. Possible request in the Journal for a volunteer.

4. To approve the notes of the previous meeting on 10th September 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, legal transfer documents have been signed, commuted sum has been paid.

6.2 Banner 2 – The Planning application refused by South Cambs but an appeal has been lodged by the applicant.

6.3 Ashwell Homes – Ashwell's have indicated that they are to take out indemnity insurance to cover access issues for the housing area and for the Parish Council access for maintenance in case the land owner is ever found for the first part of Grafton drive.

Awaiting reply regarding extra public open spaces (specified as POS 3 and 4) and that they want the Parish Council to take over.

Uncertainty about the access to the sports field, it is a planning condition for the field to be accessed from the housing areas, and now the bridge has been removed it would be over private retained land (ransom strip). It would not then NOT be covered by the Parish Council liability insurance. Access to the hedge (POS 5 marked A B in the legal agreement) is not possible at present. And the planting is not acceptable on POS 1.

6.4 Taylor Wimpy - The matter of the separate transfer of the sports field is now in the hands of SCDC legal department, and possibly our own solicitor (awaiting replies).

A meeting is being arranged with officers from SCDC. The clerk has provided a summary of all the transfer problems.

7 Litter Bins and collection – SCDC are to take over the supply and collection of litter and dog bins, but the clerk is seeking clarification over possible charges for some public open space bins. A bin is required at the far end of East Drive, (Bridleway end).

8 Maintenance of Public Open Spaces and verges.

There had been a delay in grass cutting due to the contractor being in hospital.

The grass is being cut too short and the contractor has promised to raise the cutter.

The football club are finding playing on the surface difficult.

John Newby offered to get a grass specialist to give a report on the grass.

A Herbicide spray will be needed in the spring

See also item 11.

The Taylor Wimpy area grass around the tennis court area is being left too long
The handle has been replaced on one of the nets in the tennis court.

9. Pavilion

9.1 Cabin, services are all installed and the Cabin is in use - waiting for hand driers to be installed, the 24 hour timers will be replaced with 7 day ones. The Parish Council cleaner is now cleaning the cabin.

9.2 Pavilion – awaiting information from the Engineering consultant and tender specification. Bollards have been ordered for the car park area.

John Miller offered to look at the funding application for the SCDC grant and possibly the football foundation.

10. Skate/BMX Park –The area at the A428 end of the village released by the new road is unlikely to be available as no one knows who owns the land under the old road position.

Sue Tasker will consult with the original youth applicants of the grant with the options for changing the grant application.

The choices are to return the grant or to change the specification to an earth bank circuit in a fenced off area at the far end of the sports fields. Sue Tasker will try and get the cricket area marked out so that a location for the fenced area can be decided, either on the left side between the artificial badger set and the cricket boundary to the right of the set at the bottom end of the field.

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.

A report has been received from Mel Pooley SCDC consultant confirming that the grass is probably being cut too short and recommendations for top dressing (with sand/soil) in the spring. The pH level is normal.

A general Sports area notice board would be useful.

12. Date of the next working party meeting, agreed as Monday 14th January at 7-30 in the village hall meeting room.

13. Closure of meeting.

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

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