

**DRAFT Notes of the meeting of the Caldecote Parish Council Sport and Recreation working party held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at 7.30 pm in Caldecote Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr Alan Levett, Cllr Jack Lang, Mr John Newby, Mrs Sue Tasker, Mrs Sharon Newton (Youth Club). **In attendance:** Roger Hume (Clerk).

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Paul Phillips.

**2. Sports association Update** – The AGM in December managed to fill all but one officer position. They have a Vice chairman, Secretary and treasurer, an appeal is to made in the next journal to try and increase the membership. It is hoped that the group meetings can integrate more within this working party meeting for the time being. The successful launch of the Caldecote Football club has meant that some previous members have decided to concentrate on the football side.

**3. Youth Club** – The club is continuing successfully with 21 members at the recent first meeting of the new year. Storage of equipment is proving to be a problem, the clerk will make enquiries with the Village Hall Committee to see if it would be possible to replace the 10ft container with a larger one.

**4. To approve the notes of the previous meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> October 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**, Transfer probably now completed The footpath around the smaller POS areas on Clare Drive has now been removed from the transfer, it had originally been included in error. A revised plan has been signed by 2 councillors.

**6.2 Banner 1** – Some plants are overgrowing the footpath and the clerk will investigate.

**6.3 Ashwell Homes** – South Cambs DC Planning Have conceded the need to provide access from the housing area to the sports area. Planting of the public open spaces has been approved by South Cambs DC and the Parish council are seeking recompense from them as it appears their internal controls have failed. Trees and landscapes Officer Roz Richardson has not explained why POS 1 was deemed acceptable when she had written on 21st July 2007 saying that it was definitely not up to standard. Lesley Dickinson (SCDC officer) wrote as far back as June 2005 in response to the Councils concerns about the planting.

Ashwell's are still proposing that the Parish council maintain all 5 areas of public open space.

There is a draft transfer document but it obviously needs revising.

The Parish Council are only prepared to take on POS 1 and POS 2 and the hedge marked A to B., as agreed in the original 106 legal agreement

Access to maintain the hedge marked A B on the other side of the ditch, and marked as POS 5 on the transfer plan, is probably going to be impossible, without permission from the owner of the ditch which has been retained. Some sort of fence will be required to discourage access to the sports field from the footpath.

The Parish Council will NOT agree to maintain the verges on Grafton drive or the grassed (bollarded) area at the end of West Drive.

Maintenance access to the public open spaces using Grafton Drive is no longer a problem.

SCDC Finance Need to calculate the indexing for the POS areas commuted sum. (£15,000 in the 106)

**6.4 Taylor Wimpy - Sports Area** -Transfer of the 13 acre sports area is still being held up as the developer is insisting that the transfer is tied to the POS areas in the housing area (Strympole Way). This sports area was agreed to be up to standard in 2006 by South Cambs DC consultant Melvin Pooley.

The area is being used and maintained by the Parish Council as agreed with TW (from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2007).

It is quite clear in the legal agreement that this area is a separate legal requirement and should be transferred ASAP. South Cambs DC legal department have promised to pursue it as a separate transfer. SCDC Locum solicitor Peter Burns. The parish Council have no powers to enforce it themselves.

The commuted sum needs to be agreed.

This housing area around Strympole Way is not yet up to standard, due to land drainage problems and poor planting.

These are listed in a report by SCDC Landscape Design Officer David Hamilton dated 10<sup>th</sup> September 2007

And Taylor Wimpy have not yet provided an accurate plan of the area. There are signs of a survey being done at the moment.

The developer is suggesting an increased commuted sum for the planting area to be handed over “as is”, and are promising drainage works.

The Parish Council are willing to accept an increased commuted sum (the amount not agreed).

There is another area that has not yet been offered or considered for transfer – The South end of Clare Drive including Orchid Fare, Round House Close, Mill Quern, Samian Close and Roman Drift. Maintenance of the Orchid area will require a significant management scheme.

**7 Litter Bins and collection** – South Cambs District Council have taken over the provision of waste bins (including dog bins). Remote waste collection will be chargeable.

**8 Maintenance of Public Open Spaces and verges.** – a second quotation has been received from a second contractor and will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting

#### **9. Pavilion**

**9.1 Cabin**, All work now completed.

**9.2 Pavilion** – Awaiting transfer of the land. There is no need to move the position.

**10. Skate/BMX Park** – The youth bank grant may have to be returned, a letter has been sent asking for a variation of the grant to create a landscaped BMX track rather than an equipped area.

**11. Recreation ground** – The grass is not thriving and the sand slits are still visible.

**12 Tennis Court**, some damage to the nets is being caused by children using bikes in the area. , signs are required banning bikes and dogs exercising in the area.

**13. Date of the next working party meeting**, agreed as Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 7-30 in the village hall meeting room.

**14. Closure of meeting.** There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8-50 pm

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