

**DRAFT Notes of the meeting of the Caldecote Parish Council Sport and Recreation working party held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 7.30 pm in Caldecote Village Hall**

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

**1. Apologies for Absence**

None received.

**2. Sports Association Update** – Transferring the accounts to a new treasurer has been delayed.

**Football Club**

The club is thriving and has a new web site <http://www.caldecotefc.org.uk>

The clerk was asked to contact the football club to see if they could send a representative to these meetings, or at least send a report.

John Miller has indicated that he would still be willing to help the fundraising effort for the Pavilion.

**Tennis**

Mrs Janice Bloomfield gave a presentation on a coaching scheme she would like to run with Dean Sibley. (Notes are attached).

The Parish Council will be asked to confirm that the courts can be used for free.

Sue Tasker will get a budget costing for replacement of the nets (probably needed next year).

**Cricket**

The cricket club would like to use the sports area for training and coaching.

**3. Youth Club** – The club is continuing successfully with 40 members on the list !!!

Mainly the younger ones. Some older youth still prefer the bus shelter, sewage pumping station and MUGA to hang out.

Storage of equipment is proving to be a problem, the clerk has made enquiries to 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 14<sup>th</sup> January 2008**

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 now completed for the public open spaces, Road adoption is delayed due to the delay in re-adopting Highfields Road.

**6.2 Banner 1** – Some plants that were overhanging the footpath have been cut back by the clerk.

**6.3 Ashwell Homes** – The clerk presented a written report

**6.4 Taylor Wimpy** - The clerk presented a written report but not much progress.

**7 Litter Bins and collection** – South Cambs District Council have taken over the provision of waste bins (including dog bins). The clerk has reported one litter bin attached to the bus stop on the old A428 which has been damaged.

**8 Maintenance of Public Open Spaces and verges.** – 3 contracts have been awarded. MD Landscapes for public open spaces and road verges, Buchan's for the general maintenance of the Sports Field Area, apart the from Sand Top Dressing which is the most expensive operation, and will be carried out by Pro-Scape who have previous experience and provided a competitive quote.

390 tons of sand will be applied and the work is scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> March.

The clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to Dennis Vacher County Council Highways for arranging prompt repairs to fencing on Highfields Road and Main Street.

2 footpath lights are not working on the footpath near Thorny Way.

### **9. Pavilion**

**9.1 Cabin,** The rates will cost £253.54 for this year and a full year would have been £610.50. The clerk has once again chased the electricity bill.

The Parish Council budget figure for next year was estimated at £660. The rates assessment includes the tennis courts, changing cabin and storage container.

**9.2 Pavilion** – Awaiting transfer of the land. The clerk will make enquiries about the engineering specification for a building control application.

**10. Skate/BMX Park** – No progress.

**11. Recreation ground** – It is hoped that the new contractors will improve the grass. But it seems to be standing up to use. The cabin is proving useful, particularly for toilets and hand washing.

Jack Lang will contact Ian Tracey to see if there is any progress on the land transfer.

South Cambs Legal section have not replied to various communications from the clerk and our solicitor.

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

It may be necessary to lock the courts using a key deposit scheme if the signs do not work.

**13. Date of the next working party meeting,** agreed as Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 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 -----