

DRAFT Notes of the meeting of the Caldecote Parish Council Sport and Recreation working party held on Monday 7th April 2008 at 7.30 pm in Caldecote Village Hall

Present: Cllr Doreen Francis , Cllr John Newby, Mrs Sue Tasker, Mrs Saskia Dart (Sports Assoc. Treasurer), Mr John Miller (Football Club), Sharon Newton (Youth Club).

In attendance: Roger Hume (Clerk).

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Jack Lang, Cllr Alan Levett.

It was agreed that Cllr John Newby would chair this meeting.

2. Sports Association Update – The treasurer presented the accounts.

Football Club

The club is continuing to attract a similar number of participants and has been awarded Charter Standard status by the FA, this should enable them to get access to funding, they are currently playing in the under 7's league and are standing 3rd out of the 12 teams in the league.

Under 6's are playing friendly games and will join the league in September.

The sports field is causing concern as the ground is very hard, they are considering returning to the school field for matches.

They are also having problems with dog owners allowing their dogs off the lead during matches, the clerk will investigate the purchase of information boards that can be erected during matches, to advise dog owners to keep their dogs on a lead.

Tennis

Mrs Janice Bloomfield has arranged the first tennis coaching session for tomorrow but response has been lower than expected (4 only). It is hoped that more will turn up on the day. Sue Tasker is looking at the costs of replacing the nets and is to contact other clubs for information, Cllr Newby offered to fix the fencing mesh which has come adrift in places

Cricket

The cricket club will consider using the sports area for training and hope to hold a summer tournament.

3. Youth Club – The club is continuing successfully with 40 members, sessions finish on May 14th.

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 but has had no reply yet.

4. To approve the notes of the previous meeting on 25th February 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 still delayed due to the delay in re-adopting Highfields Road.

6.2 Banner 1 – Nothing to report

6.3 Ashwell Homes – There has been no recent progress on the transfer.

6.4 Taylor Wimpy – A meeting will be held with Ian Tracey of Taylor Wimpy on Wednesday at mid-day to compare new plans with what exists.

7 Litter Bins and collection – The clerk reported one litter bin attached to the bus stop on the old A428 has now been replaced, the collection of household bins in the village is now on Fridays.

8 Maintenance of Public Open Spaces and verges. – MD Landscapes will be awarded a 3 year term to for POS 1 to 4 and verges to take advantage of a price freeze.

Several trees are causing concern, Cllr Newby offered to check the ties as it was thought that some needed slackening to allow further growth.

Three trees have been wrecked near the litter bin by the MUGA.

The trees generally, are effectively sitting in water due to the way they were planted, some damage was caused during strimming and the water pooling was not helped by the removal of the grass around the trees to avoid the damage. It is now recommended that trees should be planted with a raised surface.

The street lamps are now all working again on the footpath adjacent to the equipped play area.

9. Pavilion

9.1 Cabin, Sue Tasker asked if she could have a key for the cabin, the clerk will deliver them.

The cleaner reported that the service door had been left unlocked when she checked today. Gloves were missing. The clerk will check if anything else is missing

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

10. Skate/BMX Park – The grant from the youth bank has been returned.

11. Recreation ground – It is hoped that the new contractors will improve the grass. But the football club are concerned that the grass will not stand up to heavy use.

The clerk will chase up a fertiliser application as soon as possible. The sand dressing is complete but does need some tidying up.

A report is awaited from the research institute commissioned by Cllr Newby to see what the problem causing the poor grass growth.

Cllr Newby suggested that it may be necessary to employ a manager to oversee the maintenance.

12 Tennis Court, The clerk has ordered some signs and put up some temporary signs. 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 19th May at 7-30 in the village hall meeting room.

14. Closure of meeting. There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8-55 pm

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