

**DRAFT Notes of the meeting of Caldecote Parish Council Sport and Recreation working party held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at 7.30 pm in Caldecote Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr Jack Lang, Cllr John Newby, Sue Tasker (Sports Assoc), Sharon Newton (Youth club).

**In attendance:** Roger Hume (Clerk).

**1. Apologies for Absence**

None were received.

**2. To approve the notes of the previous meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

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

**3. Sports Association Update** – The Association is virtually dormant awaiting developments on the transfer of the 13 acre sports area and the building of the pavilion.

Cricket Club – have been holding training sessions for under 15's with Hardwick, hampered by the lack of an artificial wicket. There have been 25 to 40 participants.

Budget figure for artificial wicket £6500

Budget figure for grass cricket wickets £53,000

Tennis – tennis coaching for youngsters has had limited success, only 6 or 8 children which is not sustainable. Held on Tuesday afternoons at the tennis court.

**4. Football Club** – Hardwick Football Club have a spare set of full sized goal post that they would like to place at Caldecote which can be used by the Caldecote Football Club whenever they want, and in return they would want occasional use of the field when the Hardwick pitch is unplayable which it is sometimes in the winter months.

The goal posts are free standing and meet all British Standards. The risk of damage due to vandalism would be Hardwick's.

Eddie Rivero and John Miller (Caldecote FC) have discussed the finer details of the agreement and are happy.

Subject to approval by the Parish Council the working party recommended that the pitch could be used for a trial period of one season.

There would be a charge to cover cleaning the cabin (if used) and hire of the pitch (to be negotiated with the clerk). Hardwick would be responsible for marking out.

The pitch must NOT be within the projected cricket outfield area.

The users would be responsible for notifying the cleaner that the changing rooms have been used.

Caldecote football club would be responsible for monitoring the condition of the area and notifying any rectification work required.

The Parish Council would need to see the detailed agreement with the football club.

**5 Youth Club** – starts again on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. The new storage container is ideal.

The clerk has removed the words and letters from the container.

Sadly for the club leader Sharon is leaving Caldecote and moving to Cambridge, probably in the new year. The club will be seeking funding from the Parish Council to pay a youth worker employed by the County Council as well looking for volunteers.

The youth club are planning to have a visit from a multimedia van during the normal meeting night.

## 6. Matters arising

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

## 7. To consider matters relating to Public Open Spaces

**7.1 JS Bloor**, The clerk has again asked for the promised hard surfacing of the small piece of land at the junction of Clare Drive, apparently the overgrowth has been cut down very recently.

**7.2 Banner 1** – Nothing to report.

**7.3 Ashwell Homes** – The transfer of 2 POS areas is imminent. Agreement has been reached on an enhanced transfer sum. The verge to the housing area is not being maintained by the Parish Council, or the area at the end of West Drive.

**7.4 Taylor Wimpy** – The clerk has write to Taylor Wimpy pointing out that thorny planting is overhanging footpaths. No updated plans have been received for the transfer areas. The clerk has written asking for the new contact details for maintenance as the previous person has left.

**7.5 New planning application** The Parish Council have been invited for pre application discussions for a new 92 home development in Caldecote.

## 8 Recreation (sports) ground

Cllr Lang will telephone Catriona Dunnett (SCDC legal office) to see if any progress is being made on legal action against Taylor Wimpy for delaying the transfer of the area.

## 9. Pavilion

**9.1 Cabin**, The water flow from the showers has been improved and an exterior tap has been fitted.

**9.2 Pavilion** – Awaiting transfer of the land.

## 10. Skate/BMX Park – On hold

## 11. Recreation ground –.

The grass is in better condition as would be expected in the ideal growing conditions recently. There appears to be some incorrect billing for work carried out and the clerk is investigating. The clerk will write to Taylor Wimpy asking for permission to install an artificial wicket.

**12 Tennis Court**, The white lines and nets may need replacing within the next year and estimates will be obtained for the budget for 2008/2009.

**13. Date of the next working party meetings**, It was agreed that meetings should be set in advance in future, the following dates were agreed

15<sup>th</sup> September, 27<sup>th</sup> October, 15<sup>th</sup> December,  
2009 - 26<sup>th</sup> January, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> April, 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 14<sup>th</sup> December.

**14. Closure of meeting**. There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9-05 pm

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