

**Notes of the meeting of the Caldecote Parish Council Sport and Recreation working party  
held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 7.30 pm in Caldecote Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr Jack Lang (Chairman), Cllr John Newby, Sharon Newton (Youth Club), Sue Tasker (Cricket Club), John Miller (Football Club),  
Roger Hume (Parish Clerk).

**1. Apologies for absence,**

Eddie Rivero (Football Club).

**2. To approve the notes of the previous meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2009.**

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

**3. Matters arising from the previous meeting –**

It was agreed that these meetings should continue.

**4. Sports Club Reports**

Cricket Club

The artificial wicket is to be installed on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

Sue Tasker will contact Chris Fuller to ensure the wicket is positioned correctly (far side of square area). It is anticipated that under 15's will use the pitch on Saturday mornings.

The club will need storage and the small container could be used if a secure cabinet is purchased for items being stored there by the clerk.

Football Club

Numbers are increasing and currently there are 2 teams.

The last use of the pitches this season will be May 9<sup>th</sup> and rectification work started.

A request has been received from Hardwick FC (Ally Stewart fixture secretary) to use the pitches on a Saturday afternoon for the remaining part of the season.

Caldecote Parish Council have already considered further use by other local villages and this has been declined, the relatively newly laid pitches still require extensive work to keep them in good condition and it was felt that use should be limited.

A request has also been received by the football club from Steve Doidge from Cambourne who has recently resigned from Cambourne Eagles FC and would like to join Caldecote FC and continue to run a team of under 15's in the Cambs and District Colts league next season.

The meeting agreed that as long as the team was playing for Caldecote FC then it was up to Caldecote FC to decide if they wanted to agree to the request.

**5. Youth club**

Sharon Newton gave a report on the youth club; the club has now closed for the summer break, and will reopen in September.

The club is still seeking new leaders. The clerk agreed to contact the County Council to see if they can support paid youth workers, and also see if there is anything that can be done for the summer school holidays.

A resident has expressed an interest in helping and the clerk will follow this up.

**6. To consider matters relating to Public Open Space**

### **6.1 JS Bloor.**

A resident has asked for the Parish Council to repair a boundary fence on the Greyway Close public open space. This request will be considered at the next meeting but the clerk is sure after confirmation from the Bloor Consultant Bob Tash and checking transfer plans that the fence is not Parish council property. All fences erected by Bloor were conveyed to residents and the panel construction of this fence is not the type they would install, they would use post/rail/board as is evident on other areas of the site.

### **6.2 Banner 2**

A planning application is still awaited

**6.3 Ashwell's** – The start of the grass cutting was delayed, the fence at the end of the footpath is also in hand.

### **6.4 Taylor Woodrow**

The chairman and the clerk are trying to progress the transfer with the help of South Cambs legal officer Catriona Dunnett and Gerry Roper property surveyor and recently James Fisher, A meeting was held just before Easter with South Cambs. Wimpey's solicitor recently sent the old transfer plan again, the clerk has written asking them to stop wasting everyone's time.

## **7. Recreation ground (Sports Area)**

Maintenance schedule – The contract for the sports fields was awarded to Herald Contract Services. A new schedule has been agreed.

The first application of fertiliser has been applied.

Some small grass areas are growing too quickly, probably where dogs are peeing.

It will be necessary to exclude public use for around 2 weeks while herbicide is applied.

The contractor will erect warning signs.

Golfers have been seen using the field and this is damaging the surface, signs are required.

It was suggested that a bridge should be provided from Porthmore Close to the strip of land adjacent to the field drainage ditch.

This ditch will require maintaining as the sides are collapsing.

The fencing near the badger set (owned by the land owner Mr. Taylor) has been damaged and youth appear to be using the gap to gain access to the area beyond. The clerk will notify the police.

There is evidence of bullying among the youth and this will also be reported.

The area of hedgerow from the tennis court area and sports field is being damaged by youth who are building dens and will require attention when the sports area is transferred.

The bollards around the car park should be installed soon.

**8 Village Open Space maintenance** – There is a rolling contract with the current contractor, MD Landscapes and grass cutting has commenced.

The road verges need cutting now that the excellent display of daffodils has finished.

A paling has been replaced by Cllr Newby.

**9. Pavilion (including cabin)** -Pavilion – awaiting transfer of land.

The clerk reported that the electrical cabinet had been left unlocked recently.

**10. To note the possible dates of the next working party meetings**  
14th September, 2nd November, 14<sup>th</sup> December

**11 Closure of meeting**, there being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8-45 pm

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