

Draft Notes of the meeting of the Caldecote Parish Council Sport and Recreation working party held on Monday 2nd November 2009 at 7.30 pm in Caldecote Village Hall

Present: Cllr John Newby, Cllr Alan Levett, Cllr Doreen Francis, Mr Eddie Rivero (Football Club), Cllr Steve Breeze and Mrs Sue Tasker (Cricket club) also in attendance Mr Chris Fuller (Hardwick Cricket Club) and Roger Hume (Parish Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence, Cllr Lang, Sharon Newton

In the absence of the chairman it was agreed that Cllr Newby would be chairman for this meeting

2. To approve the notes of the previous meeting on September 14th 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 – not otherwise on the agenda.

All items are on the agenda.

4. Sports Club Reports

Hardwick and Caldecote Cricket Club – A number of games were played using the artificial wicket.

The boundary is indicated by a rope so that it can vary depending on the age of the teams and the condition of the pitch.

Fund raising for the cricket square is under way by Hardwick Cricket Club and most of the cost has been raised from Grants. The total cost is likely to be £17,000 excluding rolling and other maintenance items. The work should be completed in 2010 and the pitch will not be available at times, it is anticipated that the square should be usable for the 2011 season.

Football Club – A football tournament is being held on Sunday in association with the social club.

A request has been made by Hardwick FC to use two pitches (juniors and seniors); the drainage work recently carried out on their grounds means that their pitches will not be playable for the rest of the season.

The initial period was offered for free as a goodwill gesture and to encourage games to be played in the village but due to the higher cost of maintenance, a charge will be made for games beyond November.

The cost of the maintenance was considered and a recommendation will be made to Caldecote Parish Council to ask the football club and Hardwick Parish Council for a one off contribution of £2000 for the rest of the season and a charge of £25 for each game, to ensure that the residents of Caldecote are not subsidising Hardwick beyond that agreed.

The annual budget for maintaining the whole area, (all football and cricket pitches) is just over £16,000.

This agreement should only be for the rest of the current season and the pitches should not be used for training.

Caldecote Football club and Cllr Newby will monitor the use and ensure that games are called off if the pitches need time to recover.

The clubs need to work together to ensure that game times do not clash and Hardwick will be responsible for ensuring the changing room is cleaned after their games.

5. Youth club – The club is not currently operating. The Parish Council have agreed to fund County Youth workers but so far no workers have been found.

6. To consider matters relating to Public Open Space

6.1 JS Bloor. - Street lights are not being maintained.

6.2 Banner. - A tree needs replacing on the green. The Banner 2 application for 97 homes (eventually 99) has been registered, this is to be considered by the Parish council at the meeting on 12th November. A meeting is being held tomorrow at South Cambs District Council offices to discuss the requirements for the section 106 agreement.

There are two small areas of open space.

6.3 Ashwell's – It is not clear who is supposed to be maintaining the street lamps and highway.

6.4 Taylor Wimpey – A Street light has been damaged by a vehicle in Dorral Dean, 2 street lights and 2 road signs are out in Clare Drive (Social Club end). These have been reported to Taylor Wimpey who is still responsible.

The legal transfer has been agreed and we just await the completion of Taylor Wimpey's engrossment.

7. Recreation ground (Sports Area). - There is still quite a bit of work to be carried out now that the weather has changed. The dry weather has delayed the planned schedule.

8. Village Open Space maintenance – This has been carried out satisfactorily this year.

9. Pavilion (including cabin) – Some graffiti has appeared on the back of the unit and will be reported to the graffiti squad operated by SCDC and the probation service.

10. To note the dates of the next working party meetings

Sport and Recreation working party meetings - Monday 14th December, Monday 25th January 2010, Monday 8th March, Monday 19th April, Monday 13th September

11 Closure of meeting, there being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9-30 pm

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