

Notes of the meeting of the Caldecote Parish Council Sport and Recreation working party held on Monday 25th January at 7.30 pm in Caldecote Village Hall

Present: Cllr John Newby, Cllr Alan Levett, Cllr Doreen Francis, Mr Eddie Rivero (Football), Mr John Miller (Football), and Mr Roger Hume (Parish Clerk).

Mr Tom Tree, and Mr Clive Deardon from Complete Grounds Maintenance (for the first part only).

Before the start of the meeting representatives from CGM (Tom Tree and Clive Deardon) who currently maintain the Sports Field (Recreation Ground) answered questions about their ability to carry out the work schedule for the next period.

They have access to the necessary equipment and have replaced almost all of it from when they took over from Herald Contract Services.

It was explained that there would be a need for some flexibility in the program in the light of experience and use.

CGM were asked to confirm work being carried out, as soon after as practical so that the operations can be monitored for effectiveness and record quantity and type of treatment used. CGM is likely to keep labour charges the same but there may be increases in the cost of fertiliser if quantities or prices are increased.

1. Apologies for absence, Cllr Jack Lang, Cllr Steve Breeze, Mrs Sue Tasker (Cricket), Mrs Sharon Newton (Youth Club).

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 14th December 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 – The final funding for the grass cricket wicket is being sought. No money will be available from the District Council as the Parish Council is asking for funding for the pavilion.

Hardwick Football Club, an offer has been accepted to allow the further use of the pitches in Caldecote for the second half of the season. The offer is a one off payment of £1000 and £20 a game. This was approved by the Parish Council Meeting on 7th January 2010.

5. Youth club – The club is not currently operating.

The Parish Council has resolved to fund the new second Connections youth bus in the village.

6. To consider matters relating to Public Open Space

6.1 JS Bloor. - No contact from the County Council regarding adoption of the roads.

6.2 Banner. - Nothing to report in the Banner 1 development, the Banner 2 proposal for 97 homes has been delayed and may go to planning committee in February.

No details on transfer payments or section 106 have been received.

6.3 Ashwell's – After the demise of the company it is not clear who is supposed to be maintaining the street lamps and highway.

6.4 Taylor Wimpey –

The legal transfer of the sports area and open space around the tennis court has been agreed but await the delayed completion of Taylor Wimpey's engrossment.

7. Recreation ground (Sports Area). - Quite a bit of work has been carried out to ensure the ground recovers after the snow and prepare for matches.

The maintenance costs are still within the budget.

Cllr John Newby and Mr Barry Fletcher will backfill the sunken ground where the pavilion foundation tests were done.

The artificial wicket appears to have stretched but this is normal in cold weather.

8. Village Open Space maintenance and verges – This has been carried out satisfactorily this year and confirmation of next years costs are awaited.

9. Pavilion (including cabin) – There have been no further problems with the locks jamming.

10 Pavilion Fundraising, The working drawings have arrived but will need some amendments to service connections. The Quantity Surveyors report is awaited before grant applications can be made,. The football club has made no progress on their fundraising efforts, but they have produced a development plan.

11 Village Day - a residents meeting was held in January. The event is planned for July 17th. It is hoped to use the village green, the community centre if available and the kick about area near the MUGA. Permission to use the village green should be requested from Taylor Wimpey, and to check the position with insurance.

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

Sport and Recreation working party

Meetings - Monday 8th March, Monday 19th April, Monday 13th September

13. Closure of meeting, there being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9 pm

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