

**Notes of the meeting of the Caldecote Parish Council Sport and Recreation working party  
held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 7.30 pm in Caldecote Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr Jack Lang, Cllr John Newby, Cllr Alan Levett, Mrs Sue Tasker (Cricket), Mr John Miller (Caldecote FC) and Mr Roger Hume (Parish Clerk).

**1. Apologies for absence,** Cllr John Newby, Cllr Doreen Francis.

**2. To approve the notes of the previous meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

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

There had been a good response from adverts in Caldecote and Hardwick and new members recruited.

It is hoped that it will be possible to arrange a water pipe from the new pavilion to the cricket square which is due to be laid later this month.

Caldecote Football Club,

A successful season is coming to a close.

Hopefully there will be 3 teams next year and an academy for under 7's.

**5. Youth Bus**

Appears to be popular, one week was missed due to a bus breakdown.

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

**6.1 JS Bloor.** – No word on road adoption.

**6.2 Banner.** No details on transfer payments or section 106 have been received for the new development, but it was mentioned at a recent transfer meeting at South Cambs that discussions are taking place with the developer.

**6.3 Ashwell's** –. Nothing to report.

**6.4 Taylor Wimpey** – The legal transfer of the sports area and open space around the tennis court has been completed and transfer sum banked.

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

A fertilizer application on 8th April - had spread 1250 kg 20:10:10 (50 x 25 kg bags). The charge is in line with that for last autumn's application of 1250 kg (different formulation but probably same cost) clearer information has been requested on invoices of work carried out and materials used so we can build up an agronomy record for decision making.

John Newby is convinced we have to increase nitrogen application significantly. There is absolutely no Spring growth yet and although this may be due in part to total lack of rain since application on 8th April (the moist mid-March window was missed) the thick lush growth in dog/badger urine patches is a strong indicator of nitrogen deficiency. He plans to take soil samples for analysis to make sure the reason is not due to another factor, perhaps trace element

deficiency.

We always knew this heavy boulder clay was going to be difficult to manage and not ideal for sports turf but the appearance of the turf at this stage is disappointing. The lack of vigour and low plant population is allowing moss and annual meadow grass to encroach.

We have reached the end of the budgeted management year on the sports field which started with Spring fertilizer application on the 16th April 2009 (CGM Invoice 129) and ends with the aborted 'first cut' on Friday last after Spring fertilizer application on the 8th April (CGM Invoice 881).

Within the budgeted cost.

It will be necessary to organise soil sample testing – John will get a quote for the next PC meeting.

**8 Village Open Space maintenance and verges** – MD Landscapes have agreed the same rates as last season and have also given a pro-rata rate for the new area near the tennis court. Work on the planted borders was delayed due to the weather. Congratulations were offered to the group who planted the daffodils resulting in an excellent display this year.

**9. Pavilion (including cabin)** – There have been no further problems with the locks jamming, but the doors have been left unlocked two weeks running (probably after football sessions).

Some graffiti has appeared on the rear of the building and will be painted over when the weather improves. An attempt to set fire to the Cabin has been reported to the police.

#### **10 Pavilion Fundraising.**

One tender has been received and others expected by 30<sup>th</sup> April – Tenders will be opened at the Parish Council meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May in private session.

The planning permission is likely to run out before the building commences, so it may be necessary to re-submit.

John Miller reported that he is applying for grants from Donarbon £20k, Wrens £25k and the Football Foundation £20k.

**11 Village Day** - The event is planned for July 17<sup>th</sup>. Pavilion plans will be on display and donations accepted. Offers of help on the day are needed for all the events.

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

#### **Sport and Recreation working party**

#### **Meetings - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 1<sup>st</sup> November and 13<sup>th</sup> December**

**13. Closure of meeting**, there being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8-50 pm

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