

Draft Notes of the meeting of the Caldecote Parish Council Sport and Recreation working party held on Monday 13th September 2010 at 7.30 pm in Caldecote Village Hall

Present: Cllr Jack Lang, Cllr Alan Levett, Cllr John Newby, Cllr Steve Breeze, Mr John Miller (Caldecote FC) and Mrs Virginia Carroll (Parish Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence, Mrs Sue Tasker (Cricket), Cllr Doreen Francis, Mr M Perkins (Caldecote FC).

2. To approve the notes of the previous meeting on 14th April 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

Prior to the individual reports, a discussion was held regarding the maintenance and booking of the recreation ground. An overall body is needed to manage the maintenance of the field and, at present, that has to be the Sport and Recreation Working Party/Parish Council. Bookings from organizations outside the village will be co-ordinated by the relevant clubs but John Miller made the point that if they are to run the bookings then they would like some money to go back to the clubs. John Miller is to provide proposed fees to the clerk for agreement by the Parish Council. The decision as to whether or not to hire the pitches out is at the discretion of the football club as they have the best knowledge as to whether the pitches are fit, etc. The request from Comberton Crusaders is to be passed on to John Miller.

The point was made that any fee charged should cover the cost of cleaning the cabin, marking of pitches, etc together with any special maintenance required for usage over and above village groups as Caldecote cannot subsidise outside teams.

The pitch has been on maintenance only this year (cutting only). We will maintain the two small pitches and the main pitch. There is no intention to start a 9-a-side for this season.

Match fixtures are posted on the club website – use this for dates for cleaning of the changing rooms.

Hardwick and Caldecote Cricket Club

The report from Chris Fuller was read out.

‘With regards to the management for the recreation ground around the cricket square for 2011. Games will commence late April through to mid September. During this period the grass around the square will need to be cut to between 12 -25mm at least once a week and preferably in the latter part of the week otherwise we will have to make a second cut during periods when the grass is growing rapidly. I suspect that the higher level will be the norm given that there will still be a number of bumps in the ground still. The area will only have to be vertidraind if it used for football or there are patches of bad drainage although I haven't noticed any

problems. You will need to fertilise the grass for a while to maintain the strength although this could be limited to one or two a year.

I am currently experimenting (at Hardwick) getting the grass cut from the square collected in a large eurobin by the council. They provided the bin and we pay for the collections once a week. During the start and end of the season this would be filled quite regularly. The collections could finish in October and start again in April.

The club will maintain the square with twice weekly cutting, weed treatment, fertiliser, worm treatment etc at no cost to the PC.'

The clerk is to liaise with Chris Fuller about the possibility of having the grass disposed of in the same way as Hardwick as disposal of grass cuttings is still a problem.

Caldecote Football Club

There are three league teams currently playing, the under 8, under 9 and under 10s. The Caldecote Academy has also started. About fifty children are involved in football in the village and CRB checks and coaching training have been received. All three teams have received sponsorship for their kit.

5. Youth Bus

Following on from the Parish Council meeting on 2nd September, the clerk has received a response from the Connections Bus Project as to possible ways forward. Two options for the short term were offered by Connections :

Option A – continue weekly sessions as before but at an increased cost of £110 per session (currently £50). Only available until the end of December.

Option B – provide two youth workers and some limited basic equipment for a centre based youth club. £63 per session.

It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that Option A be adopted for the remainder of the year but that Option B may be a possibility in the new year in conjunction with the new children's centre at the school. The centre would be available from 6.30pm and has computers and internet access. The Parish Council already owns some equipment. Clerk to get Alan Webb to liaise with the headmaster over possibly running a youth club from the children's centre.

6. To consider matters relating to Public Open Space

John Newby raised the point that the Parish Council will have to think more about maintenance of the open spaces that have been transferred. It was agreed that nothing can be done on the area by the MUGA until the drainage has been sorted out. We do need a major pruning of the village shrubs. Clerk to find a map of what land is currently the responsibility of the Parish Council and ask existing contractors and Urban Landscapes (used by Taylor Wimpey) to quote for the maintenance of the shrubs.

Banner

Two trees need replacing on the former Banner estate.

Taylor Wimpey

Clerk to contact Alan Squirrell and confirm that matters are progressing our end but ask for the dead limes to be replaced on Strympole Way, shrubs along the pathways to be trimmed and the cracked cycle paths to be fixed (and raised ironworks attended to).

Clerk to chase David Hamilton about Orchid area report.

7. Recreation ground

John Newby to let John Miller know when the grass is being cut on the pitches so that he can organise re-lining as necessary.

The shelter belt/dog walking area/ditch is deteriorating. The bridge across the dry ditch has collapsed. Clerk to obtain a quote for opening up the access through the hedge and building small plank bridge with handrail, maintaining the paths either side of the shelter belt and opening up the path at the end by the houses.

There are several potholed where the gravel road meets the tarmac on the entrance road to the recreation ground.

The hedge between the recreation ground and playground will need attention.

Dog bins are required for the recreation ground.

8. Village Open Space maintenance and verges

A date for daffodil planting needs to be set. Ideas for location of daffodils to the clerk.

9 Pavilion (including cabins)

It is not known whether Hardwick Football Club still have keys to the cabin. Clerk to check. Clerk also to look into the cost of changing the locks on the changing cabin as balls etc have gone missing. The roof repair on the storage cabin is in hand.

10. Pavilion fundraising

John Miller reported that he had had no success with funding requests from the Football Association. An application to Donarbon was denied due to the Football Club being unable to confirm that they would be given a long term lease to use the facilities. Cllr Lang confirmed there was no known reason why a long term lease would not be granted to the Football Club. John Miller to reapply.

Both Football and cricket clubs will be invited to sign off the plans following the Pavilion Committee meeting on Tuesday 14th September.

11. Village Day

Nothing to report.

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

Sport and Recreation working party
Meetings - Monday 1st November and 13th December

13. Closure of meeting

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.55pm.

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