

Draft Notes of the meeting of the Caldecote Parish Council Sport and Recreation working party held on Monday 24th January 2011 at 7.30 pm in Caldecote Village Hall

Present: Cllr Jack Lang (Chairman), Cllr Alan Levett, Cllr John Newby and Mrs Sue Tasker

1. Apologies for absence, Cllr Doreen Francis, Mr John Miller

2. To approve the notes of the previous meeting on 13th December 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 – all items are on the agenda.

4. Sports Club Reports

Caldecote Football Club

No report.

Cllr Newby reported that one of the junior pitches is becoming very worn and it would be a good idea to move the pitch to in front of the half circular carpark. Cllr Newby to talk to John Miller.

Hardwick and Caldecote Cricket Club

A grant has been received for a new cricket roller. Parish Clerk to liaise with Chris Fuller about storage.

Cllr Newby to contact Chris Fuller to find out if the cricket wicket is to be included in the fertiliser spread of the recreation ground. Cllr Newby will also need to know the boundary for the outfield.

The artificial wicket will be used for the younger cricketers. If the square is ready (dependent on manpower to prepare the square and the availability of the roller) then the adults will use it.

5. Youth Bus

The Parish Council has agreed to continue the sessions in 2011/12 at the revised rates.

6. To consider matters relating to Public Open Space

Bloor – nothing to report

Banner – awaiting outcome of appeal.

Ashwells – Clerk to chase MD Landscapes about tidying of POS by no.10 and also clearance of brambles by the willow.

Taylor Wimpey – rectification works are under way on Phase 1. The issue of the wooden edging to the new path along the village green is to be taken up with Taylor Wimpey. The drainage of the MUGA and tennis court areas is to be added to future agenda as a separate item.

7. Recreation ground

The winter has not been kind and there is moss creeping in. We will need a flexible plan of maintenance. Currently there is no surface water and the ground will need vertidrainning in February. Cllr Newby is to undertake soil tests to look for possible mineral deficiencies. Half rate fertiliser will be applied in March (together with moss killer) and full rate fertiliser will be applied in May. Weedkiller will also be applied.

There is no intention to top dress this year as the working party is not convinced of the benefits.

The hedge between the recreation ground and the playground/MUGA needs cutting back to the hedgeline. Advice is to be sought as to the best way forwards to maintain the hedge.

8. Village Open Space maintenance

It is recommended that dog bins are not located on recreation grounds. The recreation ground is currently experiencing problems with owners not clearing up after their dogs. The problem is always worse at this time of the year as it is dark in the early mornings and evenings. The situation may improve once the shelter belt has been cleared and access through the hedge improved so that dog walkers do not need to cross the field to get to the shelter belt. The clerk is to investigate the possibility of dog bag dispensers being provided.

Cllr Newby to obtain brendon gravel to fill the pothole on the entrance to the recreation ground. A more permanent repair will be effected once any heavy traffic arising from the pavilion build has finished.

The clerk has requested a list of all trees with Tree Preservation Orders on them from Andrew Grimmer. Trees on the land designated to be transferred as POS should be reviewed.

9 Changing cabin

Nothing to report.

10 Pavilion

Sue Tasker commented that the pavilion markings seem to put it very close to the existing cabin and the hedge. The cricket club needs access to the back of the cabin for electricity and water. Clerk to give exact details of the site of the new pavilion to Sue Tasker.

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

Sport and Recreation working party meetings – Monday 7th March 2011 and Monday 18th April 2011

It was agreed that the working party should also meet over the summer, with a meeting in June/July.

12. Closure of meeting

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.40pm

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