

## **WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL.**

Minutes of a meeting of the Recreation Users Advisory Group of Waterbeach Parish Council held on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 7.30 p.m. at the Old Pavilion, Cambridge Road, Waterbeach.

### **PRESENT**

Councillor Bull, Chairman,  
Councillors Howlett, Kay and Lloyd  
Mr Pinion, Waterbeach Parish Council Senior Groundsman.  
Mr Davies, Waterbeach Cricket Club  
Mr Wells, representing Waterbeach Colts Football Club  
Mr Lawton, Waterbeach Football Club  
Mr Evans, Waterbeach Colts Cricket Club

### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence submitted on behalf of Mr Reuben, Waterbeach Bowls Club and Mr Fletcher, Waterbeach Colts Football Team

### **NOT PRESENT**

Cllr Smart, Ms Durrant (Playpark), Mr Hancey (Tennis), Mr Humphrey

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

E. Jones, Parish Clerk

### **13/09 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

It was RESOLVED that Cllr Bull be elected Chair of the User Group for the remainder of the municipal year.

Proposed: Cllr Howlett, Seconded Cllr Lloyd. Unanimous.

### **13/10 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Users Advisory Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr Kay, Seconded Cllr Bull. In Favour 2. Abstentions 2 (Cllrs Lloyd and Howlett not present at previous meeting)

### **13/11 MEMBERS INTERESTS**

No declarations of interest were made in respect of items appearing on the agenda.

### **13/12 SPORTS CLUB FEES**

The matter was discussed at some length. Whilst the Parish Council needs to receive contributions from the sports clubs towards the cost of the upkeep of the Recreation Ground, the higher priority is not to lose any sports clubs from the village. Fees therefore need to be geared accordingly.

Whilst football and cricket Colts teams are healthy, adult football and cricket clubs are reduced – both in overall numbers and number of teams

It was explained that: -

- Waterbeach Colts Football Club Old Boys (adult team playing on Saturdays) is affiliated through the Colts but is self-funded, receiving no money from the Colts. Members pay fees for matches, pitches, referees, kit washing etc.
- Waterbeach Colts Football Club Veterans is a separate adult team, also affiliated through the Colts, but they had no games this year. Members pay a signing on fee and fees for each match, referee, kit washing etc.
- Gary Reynolds is Match Secretary for Waterbeach Colts Sunday (Adult) team. They pay a fee plus mileage for the referees
- There is now 1 adult Saturday cricket team and a mid-week team. They pay the CCA for affiliation costs, balls etc. Members pay a basic fee. Ongoing equipment costs – stumps etc. are shared between all teams. When umpires are appointed by the CA there is a fee and mileage to pay. The home club also pays for the teas.
- Whilst football matches are rescheduled, when a cricket match is cancelled it is not usually rescheduled.
- There is only 1 Colts cricket team.

It was agreed that it would be fairer to the adult clubs to make a charge per match.

There was a long discussion about costs. Cllr Lloyd advocated the cost of matches involving children and training of children should be absorbed by the Parish Council. However others stated that the Football Colts juniors are cash rich. Cricket Colts pay a match fee. Colts Football pay per season

It was proposed that it be recommended to the Finance Committee that there should be a fee payable per match for each of the adult sports teams.

### **13/13 MATTERS RAISED BY THE COUNCIL**

It was pointed out that there are still issues with lights being left on in the Pavilion and toilets are often blocked. It was agreed that the Clerk should email all users asking the adults in charge of teams to always check the lights, toilets and pavilion doors when locking up and to let the Clerk know of any problems.

It was agreed that signs also be posted in each toilet to ask people to advise us if there is a problem

## 13/14 MATTERS RAISED BY USERS

- (i) **Bowls Club** – Tony Reuben not present
- (ii) **Cricket Club** – An email had been circulated about portable cricket nets. The team was encouraged to look into costs and possible funding. Currently balls go through and over hedges but putting netting along the hedge may not be practical. Thanks were expressed to Robert Pinion for clearing moss from the matting.  
Clearing weeds on the square and outfield is a problem as it can't be used for 3 days after spraying.  
Mowing of the outfield was requested when possible  
It was agreed to try and find some way to maintain a shared diary to ensure fixtures can be properly synchronised.
- (iii) **Colts Cricket**  
Andrew Evans reiterated the issues about costs for the Colts team. There is only 1 team this year.
- (iv) **Colts Football**  
Keith Wells spoke about the Beer Festival arrangements including car parking - it had been agreed, weather permitting, that cars could be parked along the "hedge side" of the Recreation Ground.  
Another key is needed for the sports storage shed.  
Last year the "adult" Colts trained at Chesterton but they can't really afford this and want to train here next winter. This would mean a need to improve floodlighting. Portable lights are usable but need to be amended to be higher. It would be possible to use other areas with portable lights so not all would be using the same pitch.  
A referee had complained that goals on one pitch were leaning back and Robert Pinion was asked to see if he can do anything about this during the closed season.  
There will be a Charity day 676 (minutes) to raise money for Cambridge United Youth and Community Trust in May.
- (v) **Waterbeach Football Club**  
Tom Lawton also mentioned costs.  
There was a discussion about how to get the Waterbeach Charity Cup returned. Tom will email the club that currently has this.
- (vi) **Tennis** – no representative was present
- (vii) **Playpark** – no representative was present
- (viii) **Skatepark** – no representative was present, but the potential location was discussed.

It was pointed out that this is a very expensive project and it would be good to have an independent expert to give us a view about the location of the skatepark in the area. There are many competing views on the location. It should also be noted that we will almost certainly need planning permission  
The possible lost opportunity for a MUGA should also be considered. One company had said using an existing site like the tennis courts for a MUGA would

mean the groundwork was already in place. Anywhere else would involve a massive difference in cost.

### **13/08 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

No items were suggested.

The meeting closed at 8.50p.m.

**Chairman**

Unapproved