

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of a meeting of the Recreation Users Advisory Group of Waterbeach Parish Council held on 27 November 2014 at 7.30 p.m. at the Old Pavilion, Cambridge Road, Waterbeach.

PRESENT

Councillor Bull, Chairman,
Councillors Gaunt, Williams
Mr R Pinion, Waterbeach Parish Council Senior Groundsman.
Mr A Evans, Waterbeach Colts Cricket Club
Mr K Wells, Waterbeach Colts Football Club Old Boys
Mr W Clough & Mr T Pawley, Waterbeach Bowls Club
Mr G Fletcher, Waterbeach Colts Football Club
Mr P Hancey, representing users of the Tennis courts

IN ATTENDANCE

E Jones, Parish Clerk

OPEN FORUM

No member of the public wished to speak

APOLOGIES

Cllrs Howlett & B Johnson, Mr J Davies, Waterbeach Cricket Club and Ms J Durrant Waterbeach PlayPark

14 / 8 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Users Advisory Group held on 9 September 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr Bull. Seconded: Cllr Gaunt
3 In favour. 1 Abstention (Cllr Williams not present at the September meeting.)

14 / 9 MEMBERS INTERESTS

Cllr Williams advised that he coaches Colts Football

14 / 10 MATTERS RAISED BY THE COUNCIL

- (a) Lights in the toilets in the New Pavilion have now been changed to working on sensors.

(b) Councillor Bull reported that the following matters had been agreed at the main Parish Council meeting on 7 October 2014 :-

- i) the group of referees linked to Waterbeach Colts using the recreation ground for training purposes be allowed to use the Sports Pavilion facilities as these are ancillary to the use of the recreation ground. There would be no charge for the remainder of the current year but this is to be reviewed next year.
- ii) in addition to greasing the runners on the shutter door to the Pavilion the lock is to be replaced.
- iii) the Clerk is awaiting a report about the options for improving the lighting along the recreation ground footpaths and in the car park.
- iv) it was agreed in principle that sockets could be placed in the ground near the hedge where poles could be inserted to bolt portable flood lighting to them but the council needs a more detailed proposal to be able to authorise such work.
- v) a major professional clean and treatment of the tennis courts is to be carried out in spring 2015 ready for the new season
- vi) a marked run route is to be created around the Recreation Ground for runners to be able to measure the distance run. Care needs to be taken about how the marking is done so that it does not impede grass cutting.

Regarding point (iv) above, users advised that there are six portable lights so 6 holes are proposed

Regarding point (vi) Gary Fletcher will assist the Clerk in planning the marking of the running route.

- (c) Cllr Williams reported that there was a discussion taking place with Urban & Civic about the possibility of a hangar at the old barracks site being made available as a gym, but it was by no means certain this could work.

14 / 11 MATTERS RAISED BY USERS

(i) Bowls Club

The new representatives reiterated previously raised concerns about the use of the same mower for both cricket and bowls. This double use means that the mower blades really need a regrind halfway through the season but this is not possible as the mower would be out of use for too long so the result is cutting with blunt blades which rips and leaves the grass vulnerable to disease.

(The Atco mower can no longer be used effectively as its high vibration rate means Health & Safety regulations only permit its use for 20 minutes at a time). Options are

- (a) A separate wicket mower (possibly second hand)
- (b) A second cassette for the Allett mower

Potential (approximate) costs:

£1800 for a second hand mower

£3700 for a new mower with a 2 year guarantee

£1800 for a new cartridge

Mr Pinion agreed to put together a paper explaining the pros and cons of the different options to be presented to the council along with a supporting letter from the Bowls club

The bowls' representatives thanked Mr Pinion for nonetheless doing a great job and said the Bowls Green is one of the best in the league.

The first match in 2015 will be on 1st May and they asked if the green could be ready for mid April.

**(ii) Cricket Club and
(iii) Colts Cricket**

Andy Evans spoke also on behalf of Justin Davies and asked if some s106 money could be spent on the provision of mobile nets

He also reported that he is looking for an opportunity for the Under 11s side to train somewhere locally and wondered if there might be a possibility of using the gym mentioned above.

(iv) Colts Football

Gary Fletcher reported that there had been only 1 cancelled game so far this season.

They had been advised NOT to buy wheeled goals but to get separate dollies. The cost of these would be around £12000 for 2 adult goals, 2 smaller and 2 minimum sizes. These would all be adaptable to goal dollies. This would make it easier to move pitches when there is wet weather

Keith Wells reported that a broom had gone missing from the New Pavilion as well as the dustpan and brush. He also requested a mop for the floor as sweeping mud just spreads it.

It was confirmed that there is now 1 adult team playing on a Saturday and 3 on a Sunday.

Following an enquiry from the Clerk, it was agreed that there was no capacity for further teams to make Waterbeach Recreation Ground their base.

It was noted that if and when mobile goals were obtained, there would be a need for a secure area for them to be locked up to be protected from damage; also for the mobile nets.

(v) Tennis

It was felt that the contractors should be booked as soon as possible for the cleaning referred to above,

(vi) Play Park – There was no user representative present

- (vii) **Skate Park** – There was no user representative present and nothing new to report.

There was a general discussion about the possibility of having a MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) which could be used for football, netball, tennis, bowls and cricket.

[A 3G area was also mentioned but it was agreed that the cost of this would be prohibitive – possible as much as £500,000.]

It was agreed to set up a working party to look into the possible location and costs of a MUGA, including organisational issues such as a booking system. It would need to have a representative of the Parish Council as well as a cross-section of members of the different sports clubs. The Youth Club should also be asked if they would be interested in participating. The following volunteered to take part:

Brian Williams (Parish Council)

Phil Hancey (Tennis)

Andy Evans (Cricket)

Keith Wells (Football)

Gary Fletcher (Football)

Also Robert Pinion should be consulted and used by the working party as a source of information.

Keith Wells will take the lead in organising the working party.

14/12 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

There should be a report back from the Muga working party to the next User Group meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Chairman