

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Recreation Users' Group** held on Monday the 20th of June 2022, held at the Sports Pavilion.

22/01 **THOSE PRESENT / APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Present: Chair – Cllr. David Smart (DS); Cllr Brian Williams (BW); Cllr Martin Howlett; Cllr Mick Bavester (MB); Cllr Kate Grant (KG); Colts – Elly Ruston (ER); Bowls Representative – Terry Pauley (TP); Waterbeach Youth Club - Caroline Ward (CW); Janet Cornwell (JC)

Also Present: Assistant Clerk – Victoria Fowler (VF)

22/02 **OPEN FORUM**

No updates.

22/03 **REPORTS FROM USERS OF THE RECREATION GROUND**

Elly Ruston, Chair of Waterbeach Colts FC, gave an update regarding the Colts. ER noted that there are approximately 200 locals who participate, which includes 150 children and 40/50 adults. New taster sessions have attracted approximately 30 new children from reception age. ER noted that upcoming events include the beer festival at the beginning of September and football training sessions which run between the months of September to May. A summer shed tidy is scheduled for July.

ER questioned whether there would be a need/use for a fridge to be installed within the Sports Pavilion kitchen, as the Colts buy a fridge for various yearly events, which then has to be replaced on a yearly basis. **Action** – Cllr DS to raise the question of whether to purchase a fridge at the full Parish Council meeting 5th July 2022. ER also questioned what the protocol is for when the alarm system on the shed is activated. She noted that she has been called on a number of occasions to turn off the alarm. **Action** – VF to speak to Clerk to see who should be responsible for turning off the alarm at the shed, should it go off.

ER questioned the emergency protocol for the recreation field, regarding keys for access through gates should an emergency vehicle need to get through. ER questioned whether she could have access to keys in case of emergency. **Action** – VF to speak with Clerk to see whether ER can have a set of gate keys to the recreation field.

TP presented a report on behalf of the Bowls Club (written by Chris Rushmer), regarding lack of progress with the replacement hut, and general maintenance since the theft of equipment. Cllr MH agreed to cut the bowls grass in the absence of the groundsman this week. It was agreed that this matter should be taken to the next full Parish Council meeting to be discussed further. **Action** VF to forward the information onto the Clerk.

22/04 **CHITTERING PLAY PARK**

JC reported that Entrust have approved a grant for the work at Chittering. There are a further two grants currently awaiting decision, due August. JC emphasised that once the play park has been built, barriers are needed along the grass verge, as

currently the verge is being used as a passing place by vehicles using the road. It was suggested that approximately 8ft should be left between the park and the road. It was agreed that this would be raised at the next full Parish Council meeting in July
Action – Cllr DS to request permission from the full Council that barriers be installed by the new play park at Chittering.

Maintenance of the new park was discussed, JC stated that councillors used to check on play parks weekly or monthly, and report back any areas of concern. JC also noted that it may be worth asking locals whether they would be prepared to help with maintenance of the new park. Concern was raised about bins being emptied. It was agreed that contact should be made with the District Council to establish whether they could empty the bins regularly at the new park - **Action** VF.

Cllr KG and JC agreed to ask Wicksteed about maintenance contracts - **Action** KW/JC.

22/05

SECTION 106 FUNDING AVAILABLE

Agenda item to be renamed 'Project Updates'.

Cllr KG questioned what had happened to the idea of installing water fountains at the recreation. It was widely agreed that people would not use a water fountain, as most individuals bring their own water bottles. It was questioned whether the skate park would benefit from having a water fountain. **Action** VF to contact skate park users to see whether they would be in favour of a water fountain.

Further questions were raised about a number of items that have previously been discussed but not actioned. **Action** VF – find old project update report and add it to new actions log, so actions can be tracked and reported against.

22/06

PLAYPARK ON CODY ROAD

Cllr BW noted that the management team that were looking after this project changed, and decided that it was unsafe to have a park on Cody Road whilst there was planned works from developers which would mean large vehicles passing. There was also an issue raised regarding access to the park. **Action** Cllr DS to contact the management group for Cody Road playpark and report back.

22/07

CHILDRENS PLAY AREA

It was suggested that the ROSPA reports should be taken to the next full Parish Council meeting, so that actions could be agreed upon, and to allow Parish Councillors to volunteer to undertake regular health and safety checks of the play area. **Action** VF to forward onto the Clerk.

22/08

PAVILION

It was agreed that an action log would be issued, so any items can be tracked and monitored. **Action** VF.

22/09

SITE INSPECTION

It was agreed that the Rec Users Committee group should carry out regular walk arounds throughout the course of the year, and bring any findings to the full Council meetings. This is to be recommended at the next full Parish Council meeting in July
Action DS.

The issue of rubbish between Tillage Hall and the shed was raised, and it was suggested that a bin should be placed there to discourage waste being dumped.

Action Cllr MH to speak to the Clerk regarding the dumping of rubbish.

There is a large heap of branches and brambles in the corner of the recreation field. It was agreed that this needs to be removed as a matter of urgency, as it could be set alight. **Action** VF to speak to Clerk to see if a grab lorry can be arranged to remove the heap.

Other items such as holes in the pathway left from where lights have been removed were raised. It was agreed that this would be added to the list of actions required, when the Rec Users do a walk around.

Cllr BW noted that he had to empty dog waste bins as they were overflowing and stated that a contingency plan should be in place for when the groundsman is unable to empty them. Initially it was agreed that VF should contact SCDC to see how much it would cost to have them empty the dog waste bins – **Action VF**. A closed container was suggested for when the bins need to be emptied.

20/11

ROSPA REPORT

It was agreed earlier in the meeting that this would be tabled at the next full Parish Council meeting.

20/12

ACTIONS

VF to update the actions log and circulate - **Action VF**.

Meeting closed at 20:40.