

CAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINIUTES OF A MEETING OF RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD WEDNESDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2011 AT 6.00pm IN THE COUNCIL SHOP

PRESENT: D Andrewartha (Chairman), N Ledoux, M Clifton, J Sherman, P Dutfield, M Stevens, J Fowles, D Jones
B Powell

APOLOGIES: D Pritchard

IN ATTENDANCE: B Tipper, S Hanman (Clerk)

RL.10.142. To receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies as listed above were received and accepted

RL.10.143. To receive Declarations of Interest

None received

RL.10.144. To Accept and Sign Minutes of the Meeting of 12th January as a True and Correct Record

It was RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

RL.10.145. To receive any questions, statements or submissions from members of the public in attendance or from any Councillor in respect of any agenda item in which he/she has a Prejudicial Interest

None received

RL.10.146. To note matters arising from the Minutes and not covered by agenda items for Information Only

None raised

RL.10.147. To note correspondence received

GPFA – 'Playing Field' Newsletter – Available from the Clerk

RL.10.148. To receive and comment on budget report and consider any amendments

The latest budget position was noted. It was agreed that serious consideration should be given to the use of Reserves currently held for the Jubilee Field development and changing rooms. It was considered that some or all of this might be re-allocated, at least in the short to medium term to facilitate the acquisition and preparation of additional land at Chapel Street, if the opportunity arises.

RL.10.149. To note report on inspection of play areas and agree any actions

The professional report had not indicated any unknown problems. Revised quotes were awaited for the repair of the see-saw and all weather surface at Woodfield. It was likely that the swings at Woodfield would be replaced with joint funding from the Parish Council and the Residents' Association.

RL.10.150. To consider Jubilee Field Maintenance and Development issues

- i. **To receive update on anti social behaviour, litter, damage etc and agree any actions** – Nothing had been reported of late; there had been no repeat of the previous problem of cars driving over the field.
- ii. **To consider Council's aspirations for the future of changing facilities and use/management by clubs** – A brief summary of the issues regarding the changing rooms was provided. It was noted that Everside YFC was now looking into the possibility of developing its own new facility on the site, and would be meeting with this Committee in March to discuss this further. It was felt likely that they would be seeking a financial contribution from this Council towards this project. Members agreed that such a contribution should only be considered as match funding for other funds secured from elsewhere, and should not be provided as an 'up front' payment. It was felt that, under these terms, it would be likely to be some time before the contribution is needed, although the club might need to be able to provide evidence that they have secured it for any funding bid they make. It might thus be possible to borrow from the Reserve in the shorter term to finance other capital projects. It was considered that, if the Parish Council is to contribute in any way to this project for a facility on its land, this should be subject to a written agreement that the facility will be made available to others in the community, not restricted to the Club itself. It was agreed that full consideration should be given to the proposals by Everside before making a decision, but that securing additional land at Chapel Street should be a priority. In this respect, it was queried whether a s.106 or other legal agreement might be secured with regard to the proposed Tesco development towards the cost of acquiring the land, rather for other purposes such as the cycleway- it was agreed that the full Parish Council should consider this aspect.
- iii. **To consider grounds maintenance issues and agree any actions** – It was noted that quotes were being sought for an annual inspection of trees across all Parish Council land holdings, which should be available for consideration at the next meeting.

RL.10.151. To Note any Comments from Users of Jubilee Field and Agree Actions

None received.

RL.10.152. To receive regular inspection reports for play areas and open spaces and agree any actions

No major problems reported

RL.10.153. To Note any Issues Relating to Allotments

- i) **To consider any applications for structures and note planning implications** – None received. It was noted that there had been some enquiries about sheds on the new site at Ashmead – Members would visit the site before considering an overall policy for this site.
- ii) **To note progress on bringing the new site at Ashmead into use** – It was noted that the site had now been fully marked out and that all but 2 or 3 plots had been allocated. Some confusion had arisen with tenants being unsure of the correct plot, which was being addressed by the Deputy Clerk. Some concern had been raised by local residents regarding parking outside the allotments, with a view expressed that this could be dangerous given the steep hill and sharp bend at the bottom. Professional advice on this would be sought from the Police and Gloucestershire Highways; the resident who had emailed on the subject would be advised of this and tenants would be reminded to park considerately, appropriately and legally. The situation would continue to be monitored and, should a problem be identified or the professional advice indicate it necessary, further consideration would be given to the provision of on-site parking for this site only.
- iii) **To receive inspection reports and agree any actions** – Inspections to be carried out shortly
- iv) **To note and comment on any further allotment issues** – None raised.

RL.10.154. Any Other Urgent R&L Matters for Information or Referral Only

It was agreed that the issue of whether the Council should make undertake any special event to mark the forthcoming Royal Wedding or the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 should be referred to Full Council. There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 7.25pm.