



CHURCHILL PARISH COUNCIL

LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the
Meeting held remotely on Monday 26 August 2020 at 7.00 pm

Present:-

Councillors: Simon Glanfield. Bill Carruthers. Rick Brafield

User Representatives:

Ollie Taylor (Senior Football Club). Tim Cockram (Junior Football Club).
Mike Pye - Churchill Cricket Club

Also present: Ann Boote (Clerk)

1920/L/040 Apologies for absence

Councillors: Tim Jessiman. Sue List. Jackie Bush.

Mike Tucker (Churchill Football Club)
Matt Hoy-Green (Cheddar Rugby Club)
Mike Legg - Churchill Cricket Club
Chris Masters (Churchill Cricket Club & Cheddar Valley Ladies Rugby Club)

1920/L/041 Declarations of Interest

None

1920/L/042 To confirm the meeting held on 24 February 2020.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2020 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

1920/L/043 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

1920/L/044 Update of Budget Vs Spend to date 2019/20 Financial Year.

Members were provided with copies of the current budget, which are on target and within budget.

1920/L/045 Sports Club Income

The meeting discussed the fact that since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the sports clubs had been unable to use the grounds and facilities at the Community Club. Although some use of the grounds had commenced recently. The committee discussed the subject of reducing current fees paid by the sports clubs.

RESOLVED

It was agreed to reduce the fees for all sports clubs by 50%.

1920/L/046 **Play Areas**

The Committee discussed the most recent Playground Inspection Report. One piece of skateboard park equipment was highlighted for repair (Flat Bank)

RESOLVED

It was agreed to ask the Contractor to include this equipment when undertaking outstanding repairs on the Half Pipe (with Grind box)

1920/L/047 **Playing Field of the Year Award**

The meeting discussed the SPFA Field of the Year Award Presentation Evening.

RESOLVED

No Councillors at this meeting were available to attend the presentation. It was agreed that if no other Councillors were able to attend, the Clerk would inform the SPFA.

1920/L/048 **Football Club Matters**

The meeting discussed the recent issue of the Senior FC removing goal posts & nets to play (on a different pitch), whilst the Junior FC were playing a game.

The Junior Team was unaware that this equipment was owned by the Senior Team, as it appeared to be in place on a permanent basis.

There followed a discussion regarding the need for communication between the sports groups.

The Parish Council confirmed their facilities were available to everyone and it was their wish to encourage sports for all age groups.

RESOLVED

It was agreed that the Parish Council would purchase a new set of nets for all the groups to use.

The Parish Clerk agreed to circulate the contact details of all sports representatives (by mutual agreement), to encourage communication.

Tim Cockram (Junior FC) mentioned the problem of dips in the ground at the goal area. The parents of the players had provided bags of top soil to try to improve the problem. TC asked if CPC would be prepared to provide funds for additional soil to improve the situation.

Councillor Rick Brafield informed the meeting that a large amount (approx. 15 tons) of good quality topsoil had previously been provided for similar issues on the cricket field. The soil is located at the top right hand corner of the cricket field – close to the gate which leads out onto the main Bristol & Dinghurst Roads.

RESOLVED

It was agreed that the Sports Teams were welcome to use this soil to improve the condition of the fields where required.

1920/L/049 Cricket Club Matters

The cricket club discussed their ideas to improve the area where the old practice net was originally located. They would like to renovate the area by laying some artificial grass & providing bench seating for spectators. This work would be undertaken free of charge by a local business, on the basis that an advertisement sign be displayed.

Councillor Simon Glanfield, wanted the Cricket Club to be aware of the recent vandalism & antisocial behavior which had taken place recently in this particular area of the field & to be mindful of this when discussing seating etc.,

RESOLVED

The meeting agreed to this proposal to improve the area with artificial grass and bench seating.

The Cricket Club confirmed that the weed killing of the cricket field, would be best undertaken in the spring. The weed killer had been purchased with the help of the recent CPC donation.

A request was made that the Turnpike field grass be cut, as this field was regularly used for overflow car parking.

RESOLVED

It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would request the additional costs from the grass cutting contractor to increase the frequency of cutting to six times per year.

The cricket club requested an update on the Pavilion project.

Councillor Bill Carruthers informed the group that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the project had been delayed. However, information from the recent Neighbourhood Plan & Questionnaires would be available at the next Parish Council Meeting.

The meeting was informed that the last cricket match would take place on Sunday 6 September. A request was made that the cricket net be taken down stored.

RESOLVED

It was agreed that the Clerk would organise removal of the nets after 6 September.

1920/L/050 Rugby Club Matters

No representatives from the Rugby Club were present.

1920/L/051 To receive matters for information and future agenda items.

The Parish Clerk to provide information on the additional grass cutting costs in increasing the frequency of cutting the Turnpike field to six times per year.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Next meeting – TBA

Signed

Date