



CHURCHILL PARISH COUNCIL LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the
Meeting held on Monday 24th June 2019 at 7.30 pm
at the Community Club, Churchill.

Present:- Councillors: Jackie Bush, Rick Brafield, Tim Jessiman, Simon Glanfield, Bill Carruthers and Georgie Collett.

User Representatives: Matt Hoy-Green (Cheddar Rugby Club)
Mike Legg (Churchill Cricket Club).
Chris Masters (Churchill Cricket Club & Cheddar Valley Ladies Rugby Club)

Also present: Ann Boote (Clerk)

1920/L/001 To elect a Chairman for the ensuing year

There were two nominations for Chairman of the Leisure Committee. A vote was taken, duly seconded and agreed.

RESOLVED

Councillor Bill Carruthers is elected as Chairman of the Leisure Committee for the 2019-20 Council year.

1920/L/002 To elect a Vice chairman for the ensuing year.

Councillor Jackie Bush was nominated and duly seconded to serve as Vice chairman for the 2019-20 Council year. There being no further nominations, she was elected by unanimous vote.

RESOLVED

Councillor Jackie Bush is elected as Vice Chairman of the Leisure Committee for the 2019-20 Council year.

1920/L/003 Apologies for absence

Mike Tucker, representative of the Football Club was absent & sent his apologies.

1920/L/004 Declarations of Interest

None

1920/L/005 To confirm the meeting held on 25 February 2019.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2019 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

1920/L/006 To co-opt key user representatives from the Sports Club's to the Committee

RESOLVED

It was agreed that Mike Tucker will represent the Football Club.

It was agreed that Matt Hoy-Green, Mike Legg & Chris Masters will represent the Cricket Club and Chris Masters will represent the Cheddar Valley Rugby Club.

1920/L/007 Public Participation

Two representatives from Wrington & Redhill under 12s football club requested permission to use the pitches on our playing fields. The meeting was informed that the team was no longer able to use the facilities at Winscombe. The team would prefer to use the Churchill location as many of the players lived locally and attended local schools.

Councillor Jackie Bush informed the meeting that a representative of an under 14s football club had also requested that they be permitted to use a small football pitch on Saturday mornings.

RESOLVED

It was agreed to permit the football teams to use the sports facilities. The teams were made aware they would be responsible for the maintenance of the pitches. It was also suggested that they liaise with the other football teams who currently use the pitches regarding maintenance and storage of equipment.

A proposal in writing was also requested by Councilor Bill Carruthers from the football teams to be forwarded to Ann Boote (Clerk).

1920/L/008 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/009 Play Areas

Members discussed the findings from the Operational Playground Inspection Report by GB Sport & Leisure UK Ltd.

RESOLVED

It was agreed that Ann Boote (Clerk) would liaise with local contractor to implement remedial work on the following pieces of equipment:-

Skate Area

Flat Bank

Attend to the 'Transition plates lifting'.

Half Pipe - With Grind Box

Repair – Concrete edges which are in poor condition.

Play Area

Fitness Items x 3

Investigate cover to protect timber posts from further damage by grass trimming equipment.

Junior Swing

Tighten & Replace loose fixtures on upright to crossbar

Replace rotten timbers on top of supports.

All Timber Equipment

To investigate covers to protect all timber posts from further damage by grass trimming equipment.

1920/L/010 Playing Field of the Year Award

The Committee discussed what was needed to improve the playing fields at the present time. It was mentioned that the grass should be cut much closer to the edge of the fields.

Some of the trim trail equipment requires maintenance as it was noted that some of the bars were bent. It was also noted that grass was growing up through the flooring below the equipment.

It was also mentioned that Councillor Bill Carruthers as Chairman, would be expected to attend the Somerset Playing Field Of The Year Award Ceremony, which takes place each year.

RESOLVED

The Clerk (Ann Boote) would liaise with current grass cutting contractors to request that the grass be cut closer to the edge of the fields.

The Clerk (Ann Boote) to investigate the Trim Trail equipment, with a view to repair or check installation guarantee with installer to instigate repairs.

1920/L/011 Cricket Club Matters

The meeting was informed that a 7-9 year olds Cricket Tournament took place on 9 June. Over 200 people attended from the surrounding areas. It was a very successful event.

The Club would like to thank the Parish Council for allowing spectators to use the Turnpike field as an overflow car park and for cutting the grass.

A request was made to be allowed to use the field for car parking in the future and a discussion took place regarding the possibility of cutting the grass on a more regular basis and the cost implications.

A discussion took place regarding the issues of high water levels on the field near the cricket pavilion and lack of drainage.

It was mentioned that on several occasions there was no soap or toilet rolls available in the WCs. There was a discussion that clubs should bring their own supply in the event that insufficient stocks were available.

RESOLVED

The Clerk (Ann Boote) requested photographs of the Cricket Tournament be sent to her for inclusion in the local Parish Tower Newsletter.

The Clerk (Ann Boote) was asked to contact the current grass cutting contractor to ascertain the costings involved in having the Turnpike Field grass cut regularly.

It was agreed that the Clerk (Ann Boote) liaise with the cleaner of the Community Club to ensure sufficient supplies be made available.

Chris Masters agreed to discuss the high water level situation with an expert and obtain advice on possible resolutions.

1920/L/012 **Football Club Matters**

A request was made that another representative attend the Leisure Committee Meetings should Mike Tucker not be available to attend in the future

1920/L/013 **Rugby Club Matters**

The Committee was informed that the Ladies rugby team were enjoying using the current sports facilities. The Rugby Club Representative asked the committee to discuss that if the rugby club provided suitable posts was there any objection to them enlarging the length of the current pitch. Assurances were made that there would be sufficient space and no encroachment onto any other pitches.

The suggestion was made to mark out the rugby pitch with a different colour to that of the football pitch. This was agreed in principle. The Rugby Club to liaise with the Football club to make them aware of the changes and to share the storage facilities.

The Councillors discussed this at great length and the majority agreed that our facilities should be made available to as many different sporting activities as possible.

1920/L/014 **Community Club**

The committee was shown various suppliers, examples and prices of tables to replace the worn tables currently being used. The meeting agreed that the costs were prohibitive.

RESOLVED

Councillor Jackie Bush agreed to contact a local company (CCL Valuers Ltd) to investigate the options for suitable furniture at a reasonable cost.

1920/L/015 **To receive matters for information and future agenda items.**

The Committee discussed the long-term plans for the Sports Pavilion and Community Club. The view to provide as many sporting activities in the future as possible, hockey, 5-a-side football, netball etc.

Councillor Simon Glanfield expressed to the meeting that seeing all local sports teams using the facilities, doing well and new club arriving was of great benefit to the Parish.

He suggested that it would be prudent to check our current resources, assets and review charges to sporting groups.

Councillor Rick Brafield informed that meeting that he was concerned that he noticed that one of the floodlights on the sports field was not upright, but leaning.

Councillor Jackie Bush informed the meeting that (following an OS&A Meeting) she and the Clerk (Ann Boote) had recently visited a sign supplier in Bristol. The sign would advertise local events such as sporting activities/Village/Music/School etc., on a large interchangeable board to be positioned alongside the bus stop against a fence near the Dinghurst/Bristol Road traffic lights area.

RESOLVED

It was agreed that the Clerk (Ann Boote) is to raise awareness of the Club to Sports England.

It was agreed that the Clerk (Ann Boote) is to investigate the leaning floodlights on the sports field.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Next meeting – 21st October 2019

Signed

Date