



CHURCHILL PARISH COUNCIL

LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 22 October 2018 at 7.30 pm
Community Club, Churchill.

Present:-

Councillors: Jackie Bush, Sue List, Bill Caruthers and Brenden Hill

User Representatives: Mike Legg, Rick Brayfield & Chris Masters (Churchill Cricket Club), (Chris Masters also representing Cheddar Valley Rugby Club)

Also present: Ann Boote, Assistant Clerk.

1819/L/015 Apologies for absence

Councillor Simon Glanfield and Georgie Collett.

1819/L/016 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

1819/L/017 To confirm the meeting held on 25 June 2018.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2018 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

1819/L/018 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

1819/L/019 Update on Budget vs Spend to date 2018/19 Financial Year

Members were provided with copies of the current budget status for items relating to the committee.

1819/L/020 **Play Areas.**

Members discussed the finding from the Operational Playground Inspection report issued by GB Sport & Leisure UK Ltd.

RESOLVED

It was agreed that Ann Boote (Assistant clerk) would obtain quotes to repair the following items.

Junior Multiplay Unit – Replace missing do nut cap covers.

Junior Swing - Replace shackles on timbers at ground level.

Quarter Pipe – Replace timber sub base to ramp.

1819/L/021 **Playing field of the Year Award**

Members discussed possible ways to improve the playing fields, with a view to obtaining the Playing Field of the Year Award. It was agreed that during 2018 the fields were not at their best for various reasons including quality of grass cutting, rusty and broken poles around the football pitch.

The meeting also discussed possible leisure equipment for young adults such as a rebound wall, climbing wall.

RESOLVED

It was agreed that Mike Masters would speak to his contact whose specialty included sports fitness and knowledge of what currently appeals to young adults. He would pass on any ideas to Ann Boote (AC), for future discussion.

1818/L/022 **Cricket Field**

Members considered the decaying sycamore tree on the cricket field Ann Boote (AC) reported that the tree had been inspected by a local tree surgeon, who advised that the tree could not be saved and that the best course of action would be to remove it completely.

RESOLVED

The meeting agreed that the tree should be removed as soon as possible for safety reasons. Ann Boote (AC) is to contact the tree surgeon to request the tree be completely removed.

The tree surgeon quoted to trim the trees and hedges backing on to the cricket ball net. This to be actioned at the same time.

1819/L/023 **Football Club Matters**

No members of the football club were present.

It was agreed to discuss the possibility of replacing the spectator barrier around the football pitch at the next Leisure meeting. The meeting would also be interested in hearing the thoughts of the football club regarding raising funds for this project.

1819/L/024 **Cricket Club Matters**

Mike Legg informed the meeting that the cricket club were very appreciative of the new cricket ball stop net and wished to thank all those concerned.

The meeting was informed about the drainage problems with a soakaway to the front of the cricket pavilion.

The meeting was informed that work has been ongoing to ensure the quality of the current cricket square. A discussion took place on the problem of cricket balls landing outside the pitch. The members discussed the possibility of obtaining a small amount of extra land to enable them to move the cricket square, giving the players more room and lessen the chance of balls landing outside their area. The timescale to make any additional land suitable to become part of the cricket pitch was estimated at 5 years.

Rick Brayfield suggested that if the very wide hedge which separates the field and the cricket pitch were cut right back, this would perhaps provide enough land.

The cricket club has received funding of £1 500. A request was made to install artificial cricket practice nets on the field. These would be permanent and therefore, great thought was needed on their placement.

It was reported that the Rugby club have been using the field successfully.

A discussion took place regarding the need to obtain top soil for various areas of the sports fields, in particular filling in the hole where the decayed sycamore tree was standing and the rugby pitch.

RESOLVED

Ann Boote (AC) to discuss with Martin Dolton (Clerk) the latest news on cricket pitch soak away situation and report back to meeting.

Ann Boote (AC) to contact the owner of the field next to the cricket pitch to ask if they would be prepared to sell a small section to Churchill Parish Council.

It was agreed that Councillor Bill Caruthers contact Bellway Homes with a view to obtaining top soil for the rugby pitch.

Ann Boote (AC) to contact Crest Nicholson to ask if they would be willing to provide any top soil (10-15 tonnes if possible) for the sports fields.

1819/L/025 **To receive matters for information and future agenda items.**

Future Agenda Items to include –
Football club white posts
Cricket field soakaway
Artificial cricket practice nets & their placement

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Next meeting – 25th February 2019

Signed

Date