

# Churchill Parish Council



## CHURCHILL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Leisure Committee Meeting 20th February 2023

Present: Committee Members – Councillors Jackie Bush (Chair of Committee), R Baker, J Murray, J Ronicle, R Brafield, M Simpson.

Sally Diaz, Parish Clerk and representatives of the cricket, rugby and football teams.

Public Question time-there were no members of the public present.

- 23-24/LC2A**                    **To receive any apologies of non-attendance.**  
J Lenton from the Cricket Club and C Masters from Cheddar Rugby Club sent their apologies.
- 23-24/LC2B**                    **To receive any declarations of interest on agenda items.**  
Councillor Brafield is a member of the Cricket Club Committee
- 23-24/LC2C**                    **To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022.**  
It was resolved to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022.
- 23-24/LC2D**                    **Clerks report**  
The clerk reported that work on widening the entrance to the car park will begin on 27.2.23. The CCTV system will be put up on the Community Club within the next month and cameras will be placed to view the entrance, car park/skate park, pitch and dug out area.  
The ramp at the skate park has been repaired, further repairs in the play area are scheduled. The water pressure issue in the showers has been fixed. The Village Fund are organising events over the King's Coronation weekend 6-8<sup>th</sup> May. There will be no requirement for the Cricket Club to change any planned matches. The football clubs will plan away matches for that weekend. A new drainage system to improve the pitches and reduce the volume of water causing flooding in the car park is planned to be installed as soon as the weather and ground dries out. Work to restore the bank and hedge will be carried out initially with a trench and a soak away at the hedge on the training pitch. The contractors plan to do the work alongside matches being played away to cause no disruption wherever possible.

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However, the work to the hedge and bank is priority and must be restored asap. Once all plans have been finalised the clerk will find out when work can begin. The Cricket Club will seed their area due to the time frame and the season commencing. The football club have asked if the cricket club/Chris Masters will be able to roll over the football pitch. Councillor Baker wished to thank Councillor Jeacocke for his technical assistance on the drainage work. Work to aerate the cricket outfield and fertilise the pitch is also pending due to drier weather.

## 23-24/LC2E

### **To consider the budget versus spend.**

There has been an overspend on the recreation and community club budget due to work required to improve the quality of the pitches and the increase in utilities. Repairs to the showers have also created a further overspend. The drainage work to the pitches will improve the infrastructure of the recreation field and the Council will use CIL funds as approved by North Somerset Council.

## 23-24/LC2F

### **To receive updates on the football and rugby clubs.**

The Churchill Football Club seniors have only played a few matches so far this season. They have not secured a sponsor. Winscombe Football Club are playing on the 4G pitch at Churchill Academy. This costs £60 per hour day or night to use. The clerk will inform Councillor Keating to raise this with North Somerset Council as the Council believed it is available for community use free of charge. They celebrated their centenary with a ball at Sidcot School recently. The club is twinned with a club in Germany. To celebrate the centenary they would like to use the pitches on 17<sup>th</sup> June and to hold a barbeque and bar and to use the changing rooms and toilets. The Chairman advised they will need their own insurance for the event as there is no member of the club on the Parish Council. Wrington boys' team have not used the pitch since the last meeting due to the weather. This is their last season as a team and playing at Churchill. The portable goals have been moved to the middle of the pitch on the field and the clerk will arrange for the grass to be cut on turnpike paddock and Councillors Ronicle and Baker will move the portable goals there for people to use.

## 23-24/LC2G

### **To receive matters for information and future agenda items.**

Work to the cricket net and patio are planned to begin before the season.

## 23-24/LC2H

### **To consider Cricket Club improvements relating to the Pavilion.**

The Cricket Club would like additional changing rooms and toilets as the club is expanding. Once a plan has been agreed by the Cricket Club it should be presented to the Parish Council for approval. After permission has been given the Cricket Club are able to apply for funding. All plans need to be funded by the Cricket Club. A suitable size would be 100m<sup>2</sup> at the rear of the pavilion and the storage containers will need relocating. The Council

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advised that doors which open on to open spaces will not be permitted due to security reasons, however a fire exit will be required. Councillor Simpson advised that toilets at the Memorial Hall were available for hire if additional facilities are required.

Waste water drainage will be required at the Pavilion and can be linked to the existing pipe work at Turnpike or the Community Club. The club will speak to Somerset Cricket to see if they can get funding for plans to be drawn up.

The clerk will order signs to show visitors to the cricket club where the toilets are located. The Cricket Club were advised that the changing rooms are available at the Community Club for the ladies team.

## 23-24/LC2I

### **To receive the cricket club update.**

The first team have been promoted. The ladies' team will be playing fixtures in a league this season. There are currently children's teams of under 7's, 9's, 11's and 13's. The Cricket Club are helping the academy and allowing them to play matches on the field, they hope they will recruit future players. The Cricket Club would like to work toward Quality Club Mark Accreditation. The club have been paying for members to attend teaching courses. They would like to buy two new practice nets and are replacing the roller and have replaced the mower this year. They have spent over £1000 on the cricket square. The director of Somerset Cricket played against the club last season and was impressed with the talent at Churchill Cricket Club.

**The next Leisure Committee meeting will be Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7.30pm**

**End of minutes**