

Minutes of the Leisure and Recreation Committee – 23rd July 2007
Held at The Brockeridge Centre, Woodend Road, Frampton Cotterell

Present: Mr T Clothier (Chairman), Mr W Hendy (in part), Mr D Hockey, Mr P Wilson, Mrs P Bashford, Mr B Thomson and Mr R Underhill

Apologies: Ms S Kitching, Mr D Manfield and Mrs J Rowan

16 Declarations of Interest under the Local Government Act 1972

Cllr D Hockey is a South Gloucestershire Councillor.

Cllr Hendy is an Allotment Holder.

17 Confirmation of Minutes

Following a proposal from Cllr D Hockey, seconded by Cllr P Wilson it was:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Leisure and Recreation Committee Meeting of 25th June 2007 be confirmed and signed.

18 Consideration of Land at Bell Road

The following points were raised:

- How much the land would cost?
- That possibly six half plots could fit into the space.
- To investigate the possibility of the Parish Council renting the land for a peppercorn.
- To investigate how much would it cost to clear the site of existing vegetation and all roots?
- That gates should be placed at both the Bell Road entrance and Ridings Road entrance with keys as this would open up the rear access of the surrounding houses.
- To consult the residents surrounding the land.

Following a proposal from Cllr Underhill, seconded by Cllr Mrs P Bashford it was:

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To obtain three quotations to clear the site of all vegetation and roots.
- To contact MsNeal SGC for advice on contractors and to ask if SGC would clear the site before the Parish Council took possession of it.

19 The Park Sports Consultative Committee Report

a Min 3 Update on Pavilion External Maintenance

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To inform the Cricket Club that painting the exterior of the Cricket Pavilion had not been budgeted for this year.
- That if the Cricket Club were prepared to paint the Cricket Pavilion the Parish Council could make a donation to cover the costs of the materials.
- To amend the constitution of the Park Sports Consultative Committee to read “**THE COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE A QUORUM OF FIVE MEMBERS, TWO OF WHOM MUST BE REPRESENTATIVES OF A SPORTS CLUB**”.

b Min 6 Frampton Cotterell Rangers Football Club

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To place a sign on The Pavilion of a similar size to the Byelaw sign already in situ.
- To list the names of the Sports Club that play at The Park.
- To place the sign on the upper part of The Pavilion.
- To ensure the size of the sign falls within planning constraints.

- To request SGC to place a sign indicating “The Park and Crossbow House” on School Road and one on Bristol Road at its junction with Court Road.
- To inform SGC of the volume of players involved in sport here and the difficulty of finding the ground.

c *Min 9(c) Dog Fouling*

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To request that the Dog Warden from SGC visits The Park and the Centenary Field to issue relevant signs and conduct checks following complaints about dog fouling.

d *Min 9(d) Hedge through the middle of The Park*

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To top the hedge as last year.

20 Mill Lane Allotments Report

Cllr Hendy asked:

- That the Parish Council ask the Allotment Holders Association (AHA) how it intends to tackle the rabbit problem at the allotments for safety reasons.
- If the updated version of the 'Allotment Rules' been circulated to all tenants?
- For this to be placed on the next agenda for consideration.
- What were the terms of reference for the group that appraises the allotments?
- What was meant by the definition "being tidy".

He stated:

- That organic allotments are not tidy.
- If all plots should be tidy it discriminates against organic gardeners
- That this should be placed on the next agenda.

Cllr D Hockey suggested that a small group should be formed with an interest in allotments to deal with the above points.

Cllr Clothier suggested that the points be tackled at a later time especially in view of the possibility of gaining extra land for allotments at Bell Road.

Following a proposal by Cllr Hendy seconded by Cllr D Hockey to set up a working group to look into allotment matters at a later date the Chairman pointed out that as Cllr Hendy had declared an interest in the Allotments that he could not accept the proposal.

In view of this it was:

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To check Cllr Hendy's position with the Standards Board Committee.

It was reported to the committee that no response had been received from Mr and Mrs Schofield, The Globe Public House, Church Road in reference to the collapsed wall.
This was noted.

21 Centenary Field Report

No report was given

22 The Park Report

a *Grasscutting/Maintenance Contract with SGC*

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To write to Ms Helps (Accounting Department, SGC) explaining that there is a

discrepancy of £742.60 in one of the invoices and therefore the Parish Council is unable to settle the account at this present time.

- Also to point out that the Parish Council had previously agreed with SGC to pay annually.
- To copy in Mr Drew (Contracts Manager SGC)
- To write to Mr Drew requesting SGC's work log for grasscutting.
- To request that each time any work is performed it is communicated by email to the Parish Council as this was not currently the case.

b The Scouts Licence-request to amend the Licence

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To inform the Scout Group that as the Parish Council cannot prove ownership the Parish Council agrees to amend the licence.
- To amend the licence accordingly.

c Request to host a five-aside football tournament on behalf of the Co-operative Group, South West/Wales and Borders Region

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To write to all Sports Clubs requesting their views and their fixtures for the up and coming season.
- To request the Co-operative Group provide a business plan explaining how the tournament would work for example – how it would address issues like the rugby posts which will be in situ by 30th September 2007.
- To explain that a decision on this would not be made until 10th September 2007 at the next Parish Council meeting.

23 Beesmoor Road Report

a Frampton Cotterell Playing Fields Committee Report

This was noted.

b Confirmation that all goalposts have been capped

This was noted.

24 Ridings Road Report

No report was given.

25 Correspondence Received

a An email had been received from the C of E School thanking the Assistant Clerk for her help in co-ordinating their recent visit to the allotments.

This was noted.

b Recently fitted light fittings in the Scout Hall

It was reported that since Abacus took away a light fitting in March for testing it had failed to return it and that it had proved very difficult to obtain a response from the Company with regard to the on going problems.

RESOLVED:

- To send a letter to the Company requesting a reply for a solution to the problems with two weeks.
- It was agreed to send the letter immediately by way of a Chairmen's Committee agreement.

Cllr Hendy left the meeting.

c Email from the Scout Group

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To ask the Scout Group if its cleaner could clean on another day for example on a Friday following the Scout meeting and the Beaver meeting.
- To offer the use of the Caretaker/Groundsman's Hoover in exceptional circumstances.

d Accident at the Play Area at The Park

It was reported to the Committee that a young boy had been injured by one of the gates surrounding the play area.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To contact the parent/carer by telephone.
- To explain that RoSPA had conducted the Parish Council's annual check on 11th April 2007.
- That the Caretaker/Groundsman inspects the play area on a weekly basis.
- The Parish Council was not aware that there was a problem with the gates.

e Hedge in need of work

It was reported that a hedge in Park Row was in need of cutting back.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To contact SGC and request the hedges bordering Park Row be cut back.

f Beesmoor Road Playing Field Management Committee

In response to a letter written asking that the Committee check its insurance coverage.

Mr Williams (Chairman) reported he had been advised by the Insurance Company that:

1. Volunteers can't sue each other so this is not needed. There are no employees.
2. All play equipment is metal and is replaced when damaged.
3. The possibility of insuring the pavilion is currently being looked into.
4. This is only needed if a function arranged by the Management Committee is cancelled and the Committee incurs a loss.
5. Not applicable.

g Consideration of a commemoration of the life of Cllr Keel

Mr Williams advised that the bench to commemorate the life of Cllr Keel should be placed in the play area at Beesmoor Road.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- The bench is sited in the play area.
- That it is similar to the ones at The Park with a back.
- That it doesn't have a concrete base in front of it.

26 Date of Next Meeting

MONDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2007 AT 7.30 PM AT THE BROCKERIDGE CENTRE