

**Minutes of the Leisure and Recreation Committee – 26th July 2005
Held at The Pavilion, The Park, School Road, Frampton Cotterell**

Present: Mr D Manfield (Chairman), Mr G Filer, Mrs P Hockey, Mr R King (*part*),
Mrs S Norfolk and Mr C North

Also Present: 20 residents from Park Farm (as per attendance register)

Apologies: Mr G Keel and Mrs S Tubey

263 Declarations of Interest under the Local Government Act 1972

- Cllr P Hockey is a South Gloucestershire Councillor

264 Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Leisure and Recreation Committee Meeting of 28th June 2005 be confirmed and signed.

265 To Appoint a Steering Group for the Purpose of Consultation on Potential Provision of Youth Shelters

Residents from Park Farm had attended to express their concerns at any proposal to install teen shelters at any location, but especially at Park Farm.

It was explained that a meeting had been called by the local beat manager to discuss various options of trying to reduce the anti-social behaviour being experienced in the parish and at Park Farm in particular. As a result of that meeting the SGC Open Spaces Officer had conducted an examination of potential sites throughout the whole village and had made recommendations to an informal meeting of Cllrs. Although these recommendations had been received, no decisions had been made and no consultation undertaken to date.

The purpose of the agenda item was solely to appoint a Steering Group to co-ordinate consultation of the whole parish to consider if this would be a good way forward.

Park Farm residents expressed their concerns ie:

- That even if teen shelters were provided, it would not necessarily resolve the problems, rather may effectively just spread it further.
- Locating such shelters too close to properties would only lead to a recurrence of the previous problems.
- Teen shelters may not be the only suitable solution.
- Any planning proposal at Park Farm would receive objections from Park Farm residents.
- Since the teen shelters were removed from Park Farm the basketball and play areas were not experiencing any problems and were being properly used.
- Why were illegal activities like drug taking not being more strenuously policed?
- The residents will not tolerate a teen shelter on Park Farm.

Residents were assured that no decisions had been made and any Steering Group would be formed to look into the whole matter in more detail. The Parish Council had to consider the whole parish and try to help the police to counter the ongoing anti-social behaviour.

The Park Farm residents left the meeting.

Appointment of Steering Group

The committee considered this and Cllr Filer volunteered to be a part of the Steering Group.

- It was agreed to refer this for further consideration to the Parish Council meeting in September.

Cllr King left the meeting

266 Risk Assessments follow up

Cllr Filer reported that he would be meeting with a representative of the Scouts in the next week to follow this up. To date no response had been received from Mr Cater of the Cricket Club. This was noted.

267 Access Audit

Some information of potential lift installations had been received. The Clerk was asked to:

- Find out if the agency could recommend structural engineers and obtain quotations for them to assess the work needed and recommend the appropriate steps to take.
- Ask UWE if this is a project that a student may like to undertake as part of his/her course.

Following a proposal from Cllr Filer, seconded by Cllr Mrs Norfolk it was

RESOLVED to recommend:

- That the L and R committee be given delegated power within the confines of the budget to take this forward.

268 Centenary Field

Interpretation Board and Litter Bin

It was noted that the Interpretation Board was now in place and the litter bin had been ordered and would be installed as soon as it arrived.

269 Mill Lane Allotments Report of 21st June 2005

Due to the delay between Allotment Appraisals taking place and sanction being given by the Parish Council for recommended actions and

Following a proposal by Cllr Filer it was

RESOLVED to recommend:

- That the allotment site should be rechecked before or on the day of each Parish Council meeting in order that the Parish Council can ratify the appropriate actions.

270 The Park

a Pavilion Security

Mr Whitehead had responded that the Rugby Club could not nominate specific persons to be responsible for the security of the building, but to contact him if there was a problem.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- The Clerk to write to Mr Whitehead, thanking him for the information that he is responsible for the Pavilion's security and that instructions will be given to contact him in case of any problems..

b Rugby Club Barbecue

Mr Whitehead had sought permission for the use of The Park for this occasion only three days before the event.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- The Clerk was asked to write to the Secretary of the Rugby Club and explain that although the short notice had not caused any problems on this occasion, in future a minimum of fourteen days notice would be required.

c Parking of Vehicles on the Park

- The Clerk was asked to write to all the sports clubs and stress that there is to be no parking on the field at any time and that the gateways must be kept clear at all times to allow access for emergency vehicles if required.

d Floodlights

Reports had been received that the floodlight nearest to houses in Park Row was leaning towards the house and causing concern, but had been temporarily secured. A request had been received from the Rugby Club to relocate the floodlights.

- The Clerk was asked to respond that a vague request is not sufficient and that the Parish Council needs detailed plans of the proposals because of the potential planning issues involved.
- The Rugby Club would need to ensure that the light is fully secure in the near future and the Parish Council needs a timescale of when this will be done. A temporary repair may not be sufficient under Health and Safety regulations.

e Tennis Courts

Cllr North reported that the contactors had indicated that they would write and explain that the court surface needs re-spraying, but that this will not be done until next summer. The fault was thought to lie with soft aggregate which was in the mix and repainting should seal it.

- The Clerk was asked to ensure that this was received in writing and to make certain that it was being covered under the terms of the warranty, and that if there has to be a wait for repairs, the warranty must be extended.

f To appoint Cllrs to assess any works needed in The Park Area

This request had been made by Cllr Tubey who had sent her apologies.

- It was agreed to defer this until Cllr Tubey is present, to ask Cllr Tubey to put her proposal in writing, and to place this on the next Parish Council agenda

g Car Park Extension

No response had yet been received. This was noted.

- The Clerk was asked to check that a deadline for response had been given to the contractor.

h Skateboard Ramp

The Clerk was asked to chase Mr Churchill of SGC for a response.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To seek quotations to install seats at the end of the ramps and to ask the Parish Council to consider this urgently.

i Provision of Litter Bin near the bench which is between the Pavilion and the Tennis Courts.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- That a litter bin be installed

271 Beesmoor Road Report

No report was received.

272 Ridings Road Playspace

No report was received.

273 Park Management Committee Report

Offer to assist the Rugby Club with the costs of relocating the pitch adjacent to the Car Park Extension.

- No response had been received and the Clerk was asked to inform the Rugby Club, subject to the next PMC meeting, that the Parish Council therefore assumes that no changes are to be made to the pitches.

274 Date of Next Meeting

TUESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2005 AT 7.30 PM