



CHURCHILL PARISH COUNCIL

LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 25th June 2018 at 7.30 pm
Community Club, Churchill.

Present:-

Councillors: Jackie Bush, Brenden Hill, Sue List, Simon Glanfield, Bill Carruthers and Georgie Collett

User Representatives: Michael Tucker, Kieran O'Connor (Churchill Football Club)
Chris Masters, Mike Legg (Churchill Cricket Club) (Chris Masters also representing Cheddar Valley Rugby Club)

Also present: Martin Dolton, Clerk of the Council. Ann Boote, Assistant Clerk and 2 members of the public.

1819/L/001 To elect a Chairman for the ensuing year

Councillor Brenden Hill was nominated and duly seconded to serve as Chairman for the 2018-19 Council year. There being no further nominations, he was elected by unanimous vote.

RESOLVED

Councillor Brenden Hill is elected as Chairman of the Leisure Committee for the 2018-19 year.

1819/L/002 To elect a Vice chairman for the ensuing year.

Councillor Simon Glanfield was nominated and duly seconded to serve as Vice chairman for the 2018-19 Council year. There being no further nominations, he was elected by unanimous vote.

RESOLVED

Councillor Simon Glanfield is elected as Vice Chairman of the Leisure Committee for the 2018-19 year.

1819/L/003 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

1819/L/004 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

1819/L/005 To confirm the meeting held on 26 February 2018.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2018 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

1819/L/006 **To co-opt key user representatives from the Sports Club's to the Committee**

RESOLVED

It was agreed that Michael Tucker and Kieran O'Connor will represent the Football Club.

It was agreed that Chris Masters and Mike Legg will represent the Cricket Club and Chris Masters will also represent Cheddar Valley Rugby Club.

1819/L/007 **Public Participation**

A resident from Turnpike Close attended the meeting and a discussion followed regarding the safety of adults, children and property from stray cricket balls. The resident also mentioned that due to the close proximity of the net to his property the view from his garden was not to his liking. It was also suggested that the cricket net be raised and lowered at each cricket match. This was discussed and agreed that it had been proven not to be practical.

A discussion followed, concerning damage to property and possible insurance claims in the future. Martin Dolton (Clerk to the Council) informed the meeting that should this occur, the resident concerned should initially claim on their own property insurance. In turn their insurance company would likely investigate and possibly try to claim from the Cricket Club or Churchill Parish Council. This would then be a matter for Public Liability Insurance and legal representation.

Another resident attended to ask if the current cricket net was 'bird and bat friendly'. A discussion followed and it was ascertained that there was no evidence that the current net endangered the local bat or bird population.

1819/L/008 **To consider the replacement options for the protective net at the end of Turnpike Close and make any appropriate recommendations to the full council.**

Members discussed the various options to replace the current cricket net.

It was suggested that an option would be to move the cricket pitch itself. If there was a possibility to purchase a piece of alternative land. However, this would be a long-term project of approximately 5 years to prepare a suitable site.

One netting company suggested that regular pruning of the greenery and trees would lengthen the life of any future cricket net

RECOMMENDATION

It was recommended that the quotation from Foresport Fencing to replace the existing net, fixings, pulley wheels and rope lanyards with a cost of approximately £3,870.00 be forwarded to the Full Council Meeting to discuss. It was felt that this would be the best low cost option until further investigation was made into a more long term option of possibly moving the cricket pitch itself. Therefore, avoiding the need to replace the existing net at vast expense.

1819/L/009 **Update of Budget Vs Spend to date 2018/19 Financial Year.**

Members noted that at this early stage in the financial year the spend against budget had been minimal, and planned expenditure to date was within budget.

1818/L/010 **To consider replacing/repairing the White Posts and Poles on the Recreation Field.**

Members discussed the current damaged poles surrounding the football pitch, which are currently causing a safety hazard.

The meeting was informed by Representatives of the Football Club that the poles are a requirement of playing in the County Football League.

RESOLUTION

It was agreed to remove any damaged poles.

It was agreed that Ann Boote (Assistant Clerk) should investigate the cost of recycled poles to replace the current scaffold poles. Ann will liaise with the Football Team representatives concerning numbers and location of replacement poles.

1819/L/011 **Play Areas**

There were no items for action from the latest quarterly inspection by GB Sports.

Other items

Members discussed the safety hazard of the container and waste products left in the car park by the Contractor representing Sovereign Play Systems.

RESOLUTION

It was agreed that Martin Dolton (Clerk to the Council) would contact Sovereign Play Systems to inform them unless their property was removed from the car park by 9.00 am on Tuesday 3rd July 2018 a charge of £10 per day would be incurred for every day the items remain on the Parish Council car park.

1819/L/012 **Football Club Matters**

Going Forward – update on arrangements for the club team etc.

Members discussed the possibility of a defibrillator to be located near the playing fields. It was noted that an electricity supply would be required. It was suggested that the Football Club raise funds to provide a new defibrillator to be located in the car park.

Members discussed the possibility of providing new nets as the current nets had been damaged by local children using them. It was pointed out that the nets were the responsibility of the Football Club & the problem could be avoided by removing the nets after each game.

It was suggested that the Football Club could apply to the Parish Council and/or The Village Fund for a grant to replace the current damaged nets.

Members discussed the recent vandalism to the 'Dug Out', in the form of graffiti. It was agreed to provide some exterior white paint and the Football Club volunteered to paint the dug out themselves.

Ann Boote (Assistant Clerk) to purchase the paint and pass on to the representative of the Football Club

A discussion followed regarding the quality of grass cutting. It was suggested that more frequent and better quality cutting would be preferred. Martin Dolton (Clerk to the Council) pointed out that the grass cutting contract was due to expire in November 2018 and a new

Contractor would be chosen, to provide a much improved service.

The members discussed the possibility of the Football Club using the Recreation Hall bar area after their games. It was pointed out that if alcohol was to be sold then a licence would need to be obtained.

The football club representative explained that no drink would be sold and that only drinks to be consumed on the day would be brought into the bar area and any unused drinks would be removed. It was also agreed that the Club would leave the area clean and tidy. If this did not happen then the facility would be withdrawn. There were no objections from the Council and it was agreed.

It was requested that the Football Club receive the old Cricket Net when a new net is installed.

1819/L/013 **Cricket Club Matters**

To receive an update on progress and plans for the Cricket Club.

The cricket club representative informed the meeting of the following

The club is very happy with the electricity cable provided by the Parish Council. The trench will require top soil and grass seed, which the Cricket Club will provide.

The members discussed the soak away where the rain water runs down the hill and pools at the bottom. This will be discussed at the next Parish Council

It was noted that the Cricket club was not given sufficient notice of the date of the Village Fete to enable them to change their fixture listing and inform the league. If the Village Fete is to be an annual event it was agreed to inform the Cricket Club accordingly.

The members discussed the possibility of the Cricket Club using advertising boards around the pitch. There were no objections on the basis that the advertisements were not permanent and were removed after each match/game.

Mention was made of the lack of care when cutting the grass. This was duly noted and steps are to be taken to rectify this with a new grass cutting contractor.

1819/L/014 **To receive mattes for information and future agenda items.**

Councillor Bill Carruthers suggested promotion of the new Trim Trail on the Parish notice boards. Ann Boote (Assistant clerk) informed the meeting that there would be a promotion of the Trim Trail in the Summer Newsletter with photographs.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Next meeting – 22 October 2018

Signed

Date