

# CODICOTE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the RECREATION COMMITTEE held on TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019 in the Parish Council Offices, 107a High Street which commenced at 7:30pm

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**PRESENT:** Chairman, Councillor J Warwick, with Councillors J Bundy,  
H Gregory, R Shergold, C Tinner and J Whitbread

**IN ATTENDANCE:** L Ellis (Clerk) and one resident

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillor J Howe (illness).

2. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:**

It was proposed by Councillor Gregory and seconded by Councillor Shergold that Councillor Warwick be Chairman of the Recreation Committee for 2019/20.

3. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT AND STANDING ORDERS:**

Councillor Bundy declared an interest in item 5 – Codicote Football Club.

4. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> MAY 2019:**

The minutes of the above meeting were read and duly noted.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

**Update on new waste pipes into main sewer at the sports field:** Councillor Shergold agreed to liaise with Taylor Wimpey and the JCSCC Trustees on the possible connection of the two buildings to their waste pipes. It is imperative that the drop level be at the correct height, currently the septic tank is not functioning properly.

6. **TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THE JCSCC TO INSTALL CCTV AT THE SPORTS FIELD:**

**R058** It was noted that fly tipping of nitrous oxide capsules had occurred recently at the Bury Lane car park. Jim Park, JCSCC Trustee asked the Committee to consider installing an additional CCTV camera on their building as this would cover the car park area. The Trustees would be prepared to pay the on-going electricity costs.

The Committee **agreed** to obtain costs for the installation of a CCTV camera including signage being displayed as a further deterrent.

The resident left the meeting at this juncture.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES cont'd:**

**Junior pitch goal posts:** The Clerk reported that to apply to the Football Foundation for a grant contact must be made with an Engagement Manager or the network of County FAs around England. An email had been sent to the Head of Football Development and Investment but unfortunately no response has yet been received. Councillor Bundy **agreed** to provide the Clerk with an alternative contact in order to pursue a grant application from the Parish Council.

The Clerk reported that a resident had requested having a memorial for her late husband and had suggested donating more substantial goals that can be moved around the sports field. The Committee **agreed** that this would be acceptable on the understanding that the Committee were able to choose specific ones. Councillor Bundy to provide the relevant information and the Clerk would then liaise with the resident.

**Update on the Valley Road play area lease:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Codicote Football Club including the proposed sports field maintenance work:**

The Clerk reported that CFC had provided a breakdown of the proposed maintenance to the sports field. It was noted that all sports clubs were aware of the programme and when it would take place.

The Committee **agreed** to contribute £1,000 towards the overall cost of the proposed work from the Committee's pitch maintenance budget.

**S106 projects:** Councillor Gregory reported that with the Clerk and District Councillor Moody a meeting had been held with the NHDC Planning Officer to discuss the projects put forward by the Council.

It was noted that the Planning Officer has been liaising with the developers and that one of the developers has been requested to contribute 44.5% towards the projects (rebuild scout hut & pavilion refurbishment) and they haven't declined his request. He will seek the relevant proportions from the developers of the other three sites in due course.

**Fireworks event – 02.11.19:** Item deferred to the July meeting.

**Codicote Playground Support Group funds:** The Clerk reported that the CPSG were disappointed that the Committee would not be spending their funds on benches for the St Albans Road recreation ground.

It was **agreed** that the funds should be returned to the CPSG's nominated bank account as soon as possible.

**Bury Lane sportsfield 'tidy up':** Councillor Gregory reported that with Councillor Howe an assessment has been made of the rubbish currently on site which is still being added to.

The Clerk to contact the sports clubs and the village day committee to ensure sufficient volunteers will assist in the tidy-up. Councillor Howe to advise the Clerk on the type/size of skip required.

**7. TO DISCUSS THE CONDITION OF THE FENCING AT THE VALLEY ROAD PLAY AREA:**

**R059**

The Clerk reported that a request had been received from a resident regarding the condition of the wire fencing and the possibility of installing some additional boundary fencing including a gate.

It was **agreed** that this item be deferred to the July meeting to enable Councillors the opportunity to visit the site to assess what work would be possible to improve the safety at this play area.

**8. TO RE-CONSIDER UNDERTAKING TREE WORKS AT THE BURY LANE SPORTS FIELD:**

**R060**

It was noted that Codicote Tennis Club had requested tree works be undertaken to avoid an obstruction to their floodlights. The Cricket Club had also requested the lifting of two cherry trees.

It was **agreed** that a meeting should be held on site with a tree surgeon with a view to removing and pollarding a number of the trees.

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

**R061**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8:44pm.

Signed..... **Chairman**

Date..... **2019**