
Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 13th September 2021

Present Jim Gillett (Chair), Pat Sutcliffe and Hilary Jones.

Apologies Neil Jackson and Jane Hartley.

Absent

21/573 OPEN FORUM - There were no residents present.

21/574 The Minutes of the Meeting on 12th July 2020 were approved and signed by Jim Gillett, Chair.

21/575 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND ANY WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CLERK - There were no interests declared.

21/576 Review the Usage Reports for the Facilities.

The reports and supporting graphs were reviewed and show a promising recovery from the Covid-19 restrictions that had been in place for the buildings. The Committee asked how much the cricket strip had been used and the Assistant Clerk advised there was no use this season. Cllr Jones suggested writing to the previous main user Sonning Junior Cricket Club to ascertain why there had been no use over the last year and if there was anything the CPC could do to encourage their return next season. Assistant Clerk to investigate costs in other local areas to ensure the CPC rates are competitive.

21/577 Consider Park Inspection Weekly Reports

These have been received and no new items to note. The Assistant Clerk reported that the repairs to both East Park Farm and St. Patrick's had been completed, whilst the representative from Playground Facilities was on site he recommended signage be put up on the gates of both parks advising users of the maximum age group the park is suitable for. The Committee agreed this would be a good idea, Assistant Clerk requested to get a quotation for potential signs and check if there is any standard wording for such signs.

Other items for consideration

21/578 Decide whether the current restriction on numbers for casual bookings at the hall and pavilion can be increased to half the usual capacity rather than the limited numbers introduced to adhere to Covid restrictions.

The Committee were still concerned at the continuing increase in Covid cases in the local area and although agree the number should be increased, that rather than raising to half the capacity a maximum of 60 would be suitable for the hall for casual bookings and for organised events by regular hall users the number can be reviewed at the discretion of the Clerk/Assistant Clerk, a maximum of 10 in the Committee Room and increase the Pavilion to 45 again with the possibility of reviewing the numbers for organised events by regular pavilion users at the discretion of the Clerk/Assistant Clerk.

- 21/579 Approve the cost for treating and repairing the goal posts at East Park Farm.**
The Assistant Clerk reported that following the storage over the summer at the maintenance contractor's yard that the goal posts were in a sorry state and needed to be rubbed down, the rust treated, primed/undercoated and painted white. The quotation provided for £420 (materials and labour) was approved.
- 21/580 To decide after the summer usage whether the maximum number of available family annual tennis passes could be increased.**
The Committee asked how popular the courts had been over summer and if there were any conflicts with bookings, the Assistant Clerk reported that every request for a court had been satisfied mostly on the members first choice. The Committee decided that it would be possible to increase by another 20 passes but be restricted to 15 for Charvil residents and 5 for non-residents. This takes the total number of passes to 80 (split 50 Charvil residents and 30 non-residents). Number of passes, structure and pricing to be reviewed before start of next season April 2022-March 2023.
- 21/581 To approve the Risk Assessment for Face to Face Council Meetings.**
The assessment was approved unanimously.
- 21/582 To consider and approve the quotation for repairs required on the roof of the Village Hall.**
The Assistant Clerk reported that a tile had been broken and misplaced causing a leak into the storage cupboard below and that there were several tiles all over the roof that were cracked and needed repair. The quotation by AMP Roofing was approved.
- 21/583 Consider options for additional storage at the pavilion.**
The Committee were already aware that there is a lack of storage in the pavilion and there is a need for storing the goal posts and other equipment belonging to CPC. The Assistant Clerk advised that the Scouting Group may be interested in contributing towards a storage solution depending on how much space they would be allocated. It was requested that the Assistant Clerk seek possible solutions for storage in the form of a container and obtain quotations, ensuring that all associated costs are included – delivery, removal, unit to be sealed, any ground levelling or base required.
- 21/584 Hear from the Assistant Clerk regarding the additional plumbing needs at the pavilion in the shower areas.**
The Assistant Clerk reported that two new leaks had been identified and appeared to be the same issue with the valves like on the last occasion. The plumber is visiting site to give a quotation of the repairs required. The step into the shower in changing room 1 feels spongy and it seems the vinyl may have been compromised, the Village Warden is to be asked to investigate. If the costs are very high for the plumbing, rather than repairs it may be possible to turn off the water on a Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning after use from the football teams and turn it back on Friday afternoons in order for the heaters to be full and warm for the showers that weekend, the Assistant Clerk to liaise with the plumber to see if this would work in the interim and with AquaCare to ensure there would be no implications/risk with Legionella in doing this.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm