

Girton Parish Council

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The Pavilion
Girton Recreation Ground
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Minutes of the meeting of the Sport and Recreation Committee with Users held on Wednesday 10th September 2008 at St.Vincents Close Community Centre

Present: Cllrs M Wilson (in the Chair), L. Sparling, C. Starling, R. Hodgkinson;
CMR Wilson, L Miller (Co-opted Members)

Representatives of User Groups: Bob Killick (Girton Tennis Club), Fiona Hinds (Bobtails Toddler Group), Peter Cunnison (Impington Village College Model Aeroplane Club)

U08/97 Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs. V Godby and Douglas de Lacey; Graham Clare, John Barnett (CAE), S Pawley (Girton Cricket Club), and B Buckley (Bridge Club)

U08/98 Members declaration of interest for items on the agenda

None

U08/99 That Standing Orders be suspended for the duration of the meeting

Cllr Wilson prop, Cllr Starling sec. unanimous

U08/100 To receive the confirmed Minutes of the Meeting of the Sport and Recreation Committee with Users held on 12th March 2008

It was noted that the Minutes had been confirmed and signed at the Sport and Recreation Committee Meeting of the 1st May 2008.

U08/101 Matters arising from Minutes

Bob Killick noted that in regard of U08/37 item 1, it should be understood that the Tennis Club were willing to contribute labour but not money to this project if it proceeds. He also queried whether there were any plans to enlarge the Pavilion due to the need for extra changing facilities especially in the winter months when there are so many football teams using the pitches. Cllr Wilson stated that proposals to enlarge the building had been raised at a previous meeting and was on the agenda for the meeting of the Committee later in the evening.

U08/102 Booking administrator's report and comments from the Committee on the activities of the last six months

This report was tabled and received.

U08/103 Comments from Users/clubs/individuals

Peter Cunnison (IVC Model Club) asked if it would be possible for a litter bin to be placed at the entrance to the ten acre field. Various problems in achieving this were noted including the inability of SCDC to empty bins away from the public highway and the risk that a bin in this location may be a target for arson. Peter Cunnison therefore offered to litter pick when he would be using the field, L Miller was able to offer black bin bags for this purpose.

Fiona Hinds (Bobtails Toddler Group) noted the ongoing problem with lack of appropriate on-site storage for the group and if there had been any further development in installing a lift. Cllr Wilson responded that the lift and storage space were part of the larger issue of enlargement of the Pavilion as mentioned under an earlier item.

Peter Cunnison (IVC Model Club) asked if the saplings which have been planted at the Eastern

End of the 10 acre field could be 'topped'. The trees were not affecting flights at present but probably would do within the next year. This comment would be passed on to the Environment Committee.

Bob Killick (Tennis Club) asked permission for the club to put down concrete slabs in front of the far entrance gate (road side) to the courts as it would help to alleviate mud being carried on to the courts. This would be a temporary measure until a final decision was made about setting out a path from the Pavilion to the court entrance as requested at the previous meeting (Minute U08/37.1).

Bob Killick said that obtaining quotations for the practice wall (see Minutes of previous meeting U08/37.3) was proving very difficult as builders seemed reluctant to take on this type of job. The club would persevere in obtaining information regarding this project and obtain two quotes – L Miller was requested to obtain a third quote based on a specification supplied. Cllr Wilson noted that the Committee had not yet taken a view on the proposals but that initial comments raised by members of the Committee had focused on the possible detrimental effect on the aesthetic appearance of the courts.

The Tennis Club had been unable to promote the club through bulletins / advertising etc. through the Village Website webmaster. They had now managed to set up a website of their own for this purpose. (see Minute U08/37.4)

U08/104 Date of next Users Meeting 11th March 2009

The meeting ended at 8 pm