

proceeding the Council would have to be sure that it would be suitable for use on any new MUGA surface. There was an expectation that even with regular maintenance the MUGA surface would need to be completely replaced in three to four years. Reserve funds were being set aside to enable this to take place.

The Chairman requested that at this point the Clerk present an update on the floodlight problems at the MUGA and steps taken to resolve them originally to be taken as agenda item 09/110. The Clerk confirmed that the floodlights on the MUGA were due to be replaced at the weekend. The work to be carried out by Norman Lewell (Caretaker) and Alan Richardson from the Tennis Club who is a qualified electrical engineer. Replacement parts had arrived this week.

2. Mr Horton suggested that a plaque be mounted in or on the Pavilion honouring Vic Watson (1897-1988) of this village, a former Girton United Player who played for West Ham United and England in the 1920's and 30's, and who remains West Ham's top goal scorer. The Committee expressed support for such a project and would consider a proposal at a future meeting.

3. Mr Horton referred to a previous suggestion that a picnic bench be placed near the play area at the Recreation Ground. The Chair noted that an amount for benches had been included in the draft Sport and Recreation budget for 2010/11 which the Committee were to consider later in the evening.

4. Mr Horton noted that dog faeces on the 10 Acre Field continued to be a problem. The Chairman outlined the strategy for redirecting exercising dogs away from the playing fields should reduce the problem.

5. Mr Horton suggested sign-posting the additional parking provided on busy weekends at Girton Glebe School. It was thought that permanent signs for an occasional event would be counterproductive. The Chair noted that the original proposals had included a suggestion that "home" team traffic should use the School play ground on these days leaving capacity in the main car-park for visiting teams and others. Linda Miller would write to each club asking them for their co-operation in this matter.

6. The Chairman confirmed to Mr Horton that as part of the fee structure agreed at the October meeting "traditionally" uncharged reserved use of the Pavilion or Recreation ground (e.g. School and Playgroup sport-days and the Colts Presentation day) would from 2010 conform to the model of requiring official booking and would cost an appropriate fee.

Chris Horton left the meeting at 9 o'clock

09/102 To confirm the Sport and Recreation Committee Minutes of 14th October 2009.

Cllr Wilson proposed, Cllr Sparling sec. Unanimous

09/103 Matters arising – Minute 09/98 i Visit to Oakington Recreation Ground by Cllrs Wilson, Sparling, L. Miller, C. Wilson and the Clerk had taken place.

Finance

09/104 To approve the Sports and Recreation Committee Budget for 2010/11

A proposed budget (Appendix A) to be presented to the Finance and Budget Committees was tabled and examined line by line.

The following adjustment was agreed: To restore a contingency amount of 2000
Cllr Wilson proposed, Cllr Godby sec. unanimous

Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Committee

09/105 To approve expenditure of £560 for replacement of the rope ladder on the Rainbow Play Equipment

It was reported that a replacement rope ladder may not now need to be sought. The rope ladder would be taken down and sent to the manufacturers for repair. The cost would be under £500 for this repair and postage costs. An amended motion was proposed to change the wording to “To approve expenditure up to £500 for replacement of the rope ladder on the Rainbow Play Equipment”

Amendment: Cllr Wilson prop Cllr Thorrold sec unanimous.

Motion: Cllr Wilson prop Cllr Thorrold sec unanimous.

09/106 To approve Chris Wilson’s and Linda Miller’s travelling expenses to attend the Sports Facility Construction Exhibition at Twickenham on 24th November 2009

Expenditure was approved up to a maximum of £100 to be charged against Contingency
Cllr Wilson prop Cllr Sparling sec unanimous

Health & Safety Reports

09/107 To receive a report on Girton Parish Council’s proposed Dog Control Orders

The Chairman reported a meeting of the Group had yet to be arranged.

09/108 To consider signage needs for the dog walking route and play area

The Chairman noted that he would develop some firm proposals with a view to purchasing within the current financial year.

09/109 To receive an update on the problems with the floodlights on the MUGA and the steps being taken to resolve them

This matter had been discussed at item 09/101

The meeting ended at 10 pm