

Girton Parish Council

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The Pavilion
Girton Recreation Ground
Cambridge Road, Girton
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Minutes of the Sport and Recreation Committee held on 10th March 2010 at Orchard Close Community Centre

Present : Cllrs M Wilson (Chairman) , V. Godby, J Thorrold, C. Starling, L Sparling
Co-opted Members: CMR Wilson, G. Clare, L Miller

In attendance: Robert Stone

10/24 Apologies for Absence
none

10/25 Members declaration of interest for items on the Agenda
None

10/26 Public session on items on the agenda, and items of mutual interest.
None

10/27 To confirm the Sport and Recreation Committee minutes of 10th February 2010
Cllr Wilson prop, Cllr Sparling sec, unanimous

10/28 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting of 10th February 2010
10/18/iii Heating Investigations: This matter had been discussed earlier at the Users Meeting.

10/18/ v Fencing around LEAP: It had been understood that SCDC Planners were requiring authorisation and a fee to change the colour from black to green. The Clerk advised that a change request would need to start the planning approval process over again.

10/18/vi Bowling Green: A joint committee meeting still to be arranged.

10/18/vii St Johns Field: Lease to be signed after queries resolved

10/21/a Rainbow Play Bridge: Now repaired and re-installed

10/29 Correspondence: None

10/30 Finance:

- i) To receive the finance report for 2009/10 to end of February 2010 : The report was circulated.
- ii) To approve seeking grant funding to provide disabled facilities in the Pavilion: The motion was proposed to permit the Clerk to begin investigations of available funding. Cllr Godby suggested that the Parish Council check with Mark Taylor in respect of the Disability Laws relating to any future building work that may take place at the Pavilion. The Football Foundation could also be approached for any funding available to improve facilities for female

footballers and female referees.
Cllr.Wilson prop. Cllr.Godby sec. unanimous

10/31 Chairman's Report: Comments reported during meeting with Users.

10/32 Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Committee:

- i) To recommend to the Parish Council a subject for the village sculpture (e.g. Girton Geese, or a black squirrel); and possible locations within the village (e.g. adjacent to the Pavilion by the front or rear door, or bike racks; the boundary of the recreation ground and 10 acre field; corner of 10 acre field by footpath to Histon; Hibbert-Ware Garden; outside Town End Close on Woody Green; or within Girton Glebe School or outside Thornton Road Shops(subject to agreement of the landowner).
It was noted that the open space at Mayfield Road had been omitted from the list of locations on the agenda. This site was added to those considered.
Committee voted on each location for the sculpture:
4 Votes: Outside Town End Close
1 Vote: Mayfield Triangle
No other site had any support.

As the subject of the sculpture two options had been suggested. A black squirrel or a goose or geese as on the village sign. The Committee agreed that they preferred "Girton Geese"

The Committee therefore recommend to the Council that a sculpture of Girton Geese be installed at the approach to Town End Close.

- ii) To approve expenditure on the Pavilion, as follows:
a) a plinth heater for the kitchen £175;
b) floodlighting for the hall £175;
c) a child alarm for the double doors leading to the car park £150;
d) replacement for door furniture up to £300;
e) replacement of window furniture up to £250.

These items were taken together Cllr Wilson prop; Cllr Godby sec; unanimous

- iii) To approve expenditure on the recreation ground, as follows:
a) Up to £250 to reinforce grass surfaces at the end to the recreation ground with green plastic mesh £250
b) High pressure water cleaning, and spraying of tennis courts to remove moss - £300 per court
c) Servicing of tennis court lights up to £600
d) Metal posts and fixings for new dog signs up to £500

These items were taken together Cllr Wilson prop; Cllr Sparling sec; unanimous

10/33 Staff Contracts:

- i) To receive notice of the staff contract for the Council's groundsman commencing 1st April 2010 : The Clerk noted that the contract now had been amended at paragraph 9.1 (hours of work):

Your hours of work per month will vary depending on the season, and the requirements of your post. At present it is not anticipated that your hours will exceed 18 hours per month on average throughout the working year.

The Chairman stated his belief that as a resource/staffing matter approval of the contract was beyond the remit of the Committee.

Cllr Starling commented that the contract was not gender neutral and referred to “groundsman” rather than “groundsperson” throughout.

- ii) To receive notice of plans to appoint a short term apprentice groundsperson subject to a period of appointment not exceeding 6 months, and 100% of the Council’s costs being met by Government funding. (Scheme details to be circulated). The Committee welcomed this initiative.

10/34 To receive Health & Safety reports:

There were none

The meeting ended at 9.45

Date of next meeting : Wednesday 14th April 2010