

Girton Parish Council

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The Pavilion
Girton Recreation Ground
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Minutes of the Sport and Recreation Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 12th October 2011 at Orchard Close Community Centre

Present: Johnson (Acting Chairman), Cockley (PC Vice Chairman), Godby, Thorrold, Noble,

Co-opted members: Wilson and Miller

In attendance: Cllr Gordon, Kevin Roos Vice Chairman and Treasurer Girton Cricket Club

11/38 Apologies: Cllr de Lacey, Graham Clare

11/39 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the 3rd August 2011

Cllr Godby prop, Cllr Noble sec, unanimous

Meeting suspended for discussion of item **11/41** for Kevin Roos to answer salient points of objection as follows:

1)Blocking access on Recreation Ground: The design of the surface is such that tractors/grass cutting machinery will be able to drive over the surface without damage. The poles can be removed and the nets will only be in use in the cricket season. If emergency services need access the poles and nets can be removed. They would be in use for six hours a week between 6 and 9 on match evenings.

2)Filling up an area that is often important to other Users: The area would not be cluttered

3)Would have to be sacrificed if any Pavilion extension went ahead: Nothing has been decided or discussed regarding an extension.

4)Safety concerns, that during net practice being so close to the building is a danger to others: The proximity to the Pavilion is close and there are lots of people about at different times. Is there a danger of other Users being hit by cricket balls? The club is fully covered by insurance with Cambridgeshire Cricket Association (CCA).

5)Would mean moving access to the Tennis Courts: Tennis Court Gate to be moved to another location.

6)Neal Radford (Ezy Radford Limited) installers agreed that the area was tight and work may interfere with Tennis Court/Lights: If the cricket nets are installed there would only be an interruption of 2 – 3 days if extra work was required.

Kevin Roos said that it is Girton Cricket Club's 160th Anniversary next year (2012) and this facility would make a huge difference to the club. The project is being funded by Girton Town Charity. Cllr Gordon asked if the club will be renting out the facility to other clubs and users and if so training would have to be given for them to be able to assemble the nets and poles.

Cllr Johnson re-instated the meeting

11/41 To approve the proposal by Girton Cricket Club for an artificial surface and nets, subject to approval by the Parish Council's Groundsman, and to the project not involving the Parish Council in any cost: Cllr Noble prop, Cllr Thorrold sec, unanimous

Kevin Roos confirmed that security of the equipment would be the Cricket Club's responsibility,

11/40 Matters Arising:

11/35 To agree a response to Girton Tennis Club and resolve the issue of their fees:

Agreement reach on fees and matter now closed

11/36 To approve the schedule of fees for 2012/13:

Fees now agreed and letters sent to Users of fee increases from April 2012

Future Tennis Club fees would be decided and agreed by the Parish Council

11/42 To approve gratefully the Safety Officer's proposal that he perform a weekly inspection of our Play Equipment and report to the Clerk:

11/43 The Chairman invited Cllr Gordon to address the meeting

Cllr Gordon wanted to establish what Committee is responsible for the forthcoming budget in respect of Hedge Cutting on the 10 Acre and St .John's Fields. The brambles are overgrown and are extending out on to the football pitch. A budget of £1500 was proposed. Cllr Gordon said it would be sensible not to leave the cutting to every 4 four years as this would work out more expensive in the long run. Chris Wilson suggested doing a rotation cut of one third of the hedge each year. This would keep down the cost and not be too disruptive to wildlife.

The Environment Committee will take responsibility for all work on the Hedges and Trees on the Recreation Ground and 10 Acre field.

The meeting ended at 8.45