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Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting with Users held on Thursday 31st October, 2013 at St Vincent's Close Community Centre, at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs: Simpson (Chairman), Godby (from start of item 13/06), Noble, Thorrold, Williams.
G Clare, L Miller, C Wilson (Co-Opted Members)

A Richardson (Girton Tennis Club)

In attendance: S Cumming (Clerk)

13/01 Welcome and apologies for absence The Committee Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Cockley, de Lacey, Garner and Westley, and the Committee Chairman accepted their reasons for absence.

13/02 Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda None.

13/03 To approve the Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Committee Meeting with Users' held on 5th September, 2012. The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr Simpson, seconded by Cllr Thorrold, approved unanimously and signed by the Committee Chairman.

13/04 Matters arising from Minutes (for information only)

12/08.3 A replacement changing mat and replacement finger guard for the kitchen have been purchased and installed.

Noted by the Committee.

13/05 Booking Administrator's Report (*Appendix A*)

Mrs Miller read through her report. Following usage of the courts on Monday evenings, tennis nets are to be left on the ground and posts put back by the Groundsman and tennis club members on Tuesday mornings.

13/06 Sport and Recreation Committee Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked Mrs Miller for keeping the bookings well-organised and the Groundsman for keeping the grounds in good condition. There have been a number of events using the Recreation Ground and Pavilion this year, including a successful Feast Week. Having looked at the cost of MUGA works in Spring 2013, full replacement works are beyond the current budget, and so may be deferred another year. The tennis courts may be re-sprayed to treat moss growth later this year. The tennis courts need to be repainted after 5 years and resurfaced every ten years and it will be checked as to when this would be. New wire has been purchased to redo sections of the MUGA netting and the Health and Safety Officer will monitor where boards may need resealing. With new sports facilities planned at the NW Cambridge site, Darwin Green and Anglia Ruskin University's Howes Place over the next few years, the MUGA will need to be kept up to standard to remain competitive. At Wellbrook Way, the maintenance of the new Bowls Green and Community Hall area will need to be negotiated with the Bowls Club.

13/07 Correspondence

1. 14 Oct 2013: Correspondence about raising the covers of post holes on the tennis/netball courts
The Clerk read out the correspondence..

13/08 Users' Session for Questions and Comments

It was requested that costings be sourced for a new perspex front for the noticeboard on the tennis court side of the Pavilion. A question was raised regarding the division of contracts between committees, the open spaces contracts historically being the responsibility of the Environment Committee, and contracts for the Recreation Ground and Pavilion being administered by the Sports and Recreation Committee.

The meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.

APPENDIX A

Bookings Administrator's Report **Sport & Recreation Meeting with Users** **Thursday 31st October 2013**

Pavilion Hall

Hall bookings continue to be very good. This year we were joined by two new Users. Due to the WI Hall closing, the Ballet Classes that had been held there transferred to us in January on Monday afternoons/early evening. A new fitness class started using the hall on Tuesday evenings in April. During the past year there have been bookings for both adult and children's parties and also many other functions. The Pavilion has also proved to be a successful venue to have as a Polling Station for local elections.

MUGA

The MUGA continues to be very well used by our local football teams and we are pleased to have two new bookings for this coming autumn/winter by other village colts teams. Girton Glebe School, Goose Club and the Cambridge Academy of English use the facility for after-school activities.

Cricket

I am pleased to report that due to the very good summer, very few cricket matches had to be cancelled due to bad weather this year. The Cricket Club day was held at the end of the season on Sunday 1st September 2013. I am sure, that the club have enjoyed using the cricket practice nets that were installed in July 2012.

Tennis Courts

Again, due to the good summer this year, the tennis courts have been busy with Users. Several bookings were made by local families to use the courts on a 'one-off' occasion. Pupils from Girton Glebe School enjoyed tennis lessons and pupils from the Cambridge Academy of English also enjoyed using the facilities. The courts are due to be sprayed in the coming months to remove the moss which has just started to grow.

Netball

We were pleased to welcome back a new netball club recently formed, which use the tennis courts on Monday evenings.

Football

Sad to report, that one of our local village football teams, Girton Eagles, had to disband at the end of last season. It had been a struggle to keep the club going due to many factors. They were due to celebrate 50 years of the club being formed this year. Girton United FC have also decided to only run one team this season. Histon Football Club have returned back to using the 10 acre field for training, after just a short break in the summer. Footballers, referees, away teams and visitors alike praise our wonderful facilities. Thanks should be said to our groundsman and grounds maintenance contractors for making all our recreation areas so enjoyable to use.

Linda Miller

31st October 2013