

## **Sport and Recreation Committee Report 2022/2023**

### **PAST**

I joined the Parish Council in May 2022 and immediately started talking to people in the Parish about the council and what they felt about it. Unfortunately, all I got was negative views from people who felt that their views did not count and were not being listened to by a council that was not approachable. This may only have been a perception of the few people I spoke to, however, I felt that I wanted to change this perception moving forward.

Having joined the Council, I choose to put myself forward for the Sports and Recreation Committee as my son plays for Girton Colts and I have been active throughout my life in all forms of bat and ball related sports (i.e. Squash, Cricket, Table Tennis, Badminton and Golf).

I was asked to chair the Sports and Recreation Committee in November 2022 when the previous chair stepped down. As chair my objective was to make the committee more inclusive and more representative of the users of our facilities. We discussed this as a team and decided to reached out to all the main sports groups and asked them to put someone forward to be co-opted onto the committee.

### **PRESENT**

We have now managed to co-opt onto the Sports and Recreation Committee someone from all the main sports groups in our village and have also extended this to all the main facility providers in the village (i.e. WCCC, Cotton hall, Girton College as well as the schools in Girton and the GTC).

We are organising an open day where members of the Parish can come and talk to the Sports and Recreation Committee and Council about the current projects being looked at and any new projects they would like to propose.

We have started compiling a list of all the projects that have been identified so far and we are looking at putting this list online so that everyone can see the list and the status of the projects as they move forward.

The process that has been agreed to work on the projects is:

First we have passed all operational ongoing tasks and health and safety work to the Clerk and her team to look at and work with the Sports and Rec Committee to deliver and agree budget to be taken forward to the full council.

Then capital spend projects have then been split into categories, high, medium and low projects. The high projects are being looked at as projects that can be delivered in the coming year 2023/24. The medium projects are projects that can be delivered within the term of this council and the low projects are potential longer-term projects based on time and maybe dependant on funds available.

### **FUTURE**

The Committee will split the projects amongst the team and individual members will work on building business cases for the projects (including looking at grants available) which will be discussed by the Sports and Rec committee and those approved taking to full council for final approval.

Additional projects will be added onto the list moving forward as these are identified. We intend to work closely with the community to understand their requirements and prioritise projects based on

their input. The strategy is to work with the whole community and try and deliver projects that will help all age groups and all abilities, as well as make use of open spaces across our village, not just restricting our focus to activities on the Sports Rec around the Pavilion.

We are also looking to work closely with all the different stakeholders in our village in a collaborative way and try to deliver more through our existing facilities (no matter who owns them) as well as spending council money wisely to offer the highest quality solutions for the well-being of all in our community. Breaking down the silos and working with everyone will benefit all of us and hopefully mean we can deliver more by pooling all our resources.

The above report was written by Nas Hayat.