

Sport and Recreation Committee Annual Report

Nas Hayat, Chair

The actions that come under this committee have been likely been the most significant for many years in Girton. The focus of the Council, the budget and the operational workload of the staff team has focussed on recreation in the village has been wellbeing via Recreation. Girton Recreation Ground Pavilion being for many years the greatest asset of Girton Parish Council and overseen by this Committee, but for the past few years Full Council. The committee last met on Thursday 29th February 2024.

The Toilets and Clubhouse have now been installed at the Wellbrook Way site. A special thanks to the Clerk Yvonne and Facilities Manager Angie for all their effort in making this happen. It is hoped that we can have an official opening ceremony soon.

The installation of table tennis tables has now been completed and an opening ceremony took place on the afternoon of the Girton Parish Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 15th May 2024. Chris Bryden from table Tennis England kindly cut the ribbon and brought along Ewa and Simon to show us how to play the game (I am told that Ewa is ranked ladies' number 2 in Poland and Simon is ranked in the men's veteran's category number 2 in England.). I have invited them both to the Girton Feast in July to play an exhibition match for us and maybe award prizes to winners of the Table Tennis competition. The Sports and Rec Committee are hoping that this facility will be well used and will encourage a table tennis club to be formed around the tables with the backing of the Parish Council and Table Tennis England.

The Basketball court was also opened on Wednesday 15th May by the Girton Glebe school children who wrote to the Parish Council requesting that they were refurbished. Again, I would like to thank our Clerk (Yvonne) and our Facilities Manager (Angie) for helping to co-ordinating the above opening ceremonies.

The Master Planner has been appointed to help identify, prioritise, and plan the key projects that the council should undertake over the coming years. The master planner attended the Annual Parish Meeting on 15th May to talk about her role as Master Planner and some of her findings to date. A priority for the Master Planner is to look at the Girton Pavilion and make recommendations, based on the Parish's requirements collected, on the best use of the funds available to improve our facilities. We are awaiting her recommendations.

At the Annual General Meeting several people indicated that we needed to look at more facilities on the recreation ground for the elderly (e.g. exercise equipment) and for teenagers (e.g. Zipwire). We are hoping to discuss this at the next Sports and Rec Committee meeting.

It is hoped that the next meeting will take place at the end of this month or early next.

This report highlights some of the key items carried out this year by the Committee but in addition the below items should be considered. Many of these are highlighted in the Chairman's report.

- Surfacing of the Wellbrook Way Recreation Ground
- Bollards for Safety in Girton Recreation Car Park
- Girton Glebe Field
- Work carried out in Girton Pavilion as a result of a Fire Risk Assessment
- Parish Ranger temporary post now approved as permanent and ready for advertising.
- Parish Ranger support on the Operational work extending from the Recreation Ground to the wider village.
- Inspection of the Pavilion by the Master Planner Surveyor