

Cheveley Pavilion & Recreation Ground Charity

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CHEVELEY PAVILION & RECREATION GROUND CHARITY MEETING **HELD IN CHEVELEY COMMUNITY ROOM** **ON TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2017**

MINUTES

Present: Claire Elbrow, Jane Gibson, James Hadlow, Ian Jackson (Chair), Sheila Marvin, Brent Noble, Tracey Peel and Sue Willows.

Secretary: Marilyn Strand

The meeting was opened at 9:15pm.

- 1. Apologies and approvals for absence** – apologies received and accepted from Jaquilyn Hascombe-Brook and Sallie Thomas.
- 2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests** – Tracey Peel declared a pecuniary interest in item 6 (b) request for a skate park.
- 3. Approval of Minutes** of the meeting held on 10th October 2017 – AGREED and signed by the Chairman.
- 4. Matters Arising including reports from the Secretary and Trustees.**
 1. The handyman has replaced the lead flashing at the pavilion and cleared and repaired the guttering.

Ian Jackson said that he is in the process of erecting the new signage at the recreation ground (the handyman will be asked to erect the assembly point sign onto the recreation ground wall). Tracey Peel reported that the sensor light's guard needed fixing and this will also be given to the handyman to do.

5. Finance & Administration

- (a) Bank account update – the application to open a Nat West current account is still in progress.
- (b) To consider Cllrs Marvin and Hascombe-Brook's attendance at a CAS seminar on the management of village halls, 2nd November – cost £25 per person plus travel expenses of £21.60 – AGREED.

6. Pavilion & Recreation Ground Matters

- (a) Feasibility Study: discussion of preliminary recommendations – members discussed the findings of the feasibility study and were split over whether there is a necessity for a new or extended community facility at the pavilion. The feasibility study had concluded that "*There is no evidence of need for a new community centre-style facility; neither planned growth or user demand makes this a feasible option. However, Cheveley would benefit from a refurbishment and reconfiguration of its Pavilion to provide an alternative, modern community space for local people to use...*" Ian Jackson said that he would ask Cambridgeshire ACRE to further clarify this statement, in particular in regard to the words 'centre-style facility'. The study had put forward recommendations for the possible refurbishment/reconfiguration of the pavilion and arguments for and against these were put forward by members:
 - The Community Plan had highlighted the need for a village hall with 37.2% of those who took part stating that this was a priority.
 - The Charity is compelled by the Equality Act 2010 to make changes to the pavilion to make it user-friendly for all residents.
 - It is under-used at present because of its condition.
 - Residents in the North Ward who use the recreation ground would also benefit.
 - The feasibility study had concluded that there was no need for a new community centre-style facility.
 - No sporting clubs other than Cheveley Sports Club had expressed an interest in hiring a new facility.

- No other community groups had expressed a need or desire for a new facility. This called into question how the maintenance costs of such a facility would be met in the future.
- A new facility would have no direct benefit to the residents of North Ward.

It was agreed that further discussion would take place at the next Pavilion & Recreation Ground Working Group meeting.

Drawings from the feasibility study had been uploaded to the Facebook page 'Cheveley Chit Chat' and had generated both positive and negative comments from residents.

It was also argued that a new facility would be in direct competition with the Community Room. Ian Jackson will contact County Cllr Mathew Shuter to try to establish the County Council's plans for this room in the future; if CCC intend to expand the school into this room then this would create a need for a suitable community facility elsewhere.

It was agreed that the remainder of the feasibility study (3 days of the 12 allocated by Cambridgeshire ACRE) will be put on hold pending further information from Cllr Shuter.

- (b) To re-consider request for skate park – a group of young people had presented their plans for a skate park at the PC meeting immediately preceding this meeting, along with a petition of over 100 signatures from local children requesting the park. The plans had included a small number of ramps for the purpose of skateboarding, BMX style cycling etc. costing approximately £25k. Ian Jackson also introduced the idea of a small MUGA and basketball hoop for the area to be completed at the same time however, members agreed that, as this hadn't been on the agenda, the skate park would be considered as a stand-alone project at this meeting. Clare Elbrow proposed to take the project forward according to the plans presented by the group at a cost of approximately £25k. Members voted 3 in favour and 3 against and it was thought that the Chairman would have the deciding vote. However, one member (who firstly abstained) voted against and therefore the result was 3 in favour and 4 against with 1 abstention, meaning the proposal was NOT CARRIED.
- (c) To consider quotations for new recreation ground signage – this item was deferred to the December meeting as quotations had not yet been received.
- (d) To consider extension of the car park fencing and replacement of the bollards – it was agreed to investigate further the cost of rising bollards and to bring these back to the December meeting for consideration.
- (e) To consider correspondence from resident re: western boundary – correspondence had been expected in time for the meeting but had not arrived and therefore no response could be made.

7. Date of next meeting

12th December 2017; 9th January 2018.

8. Matters for future consideration

Date of next Working Group meeting; MUGA and skate park proposal; implications for insurance etc. for providing keys for the pavilion to community groups.

The meeting was closed at 10:15pm.

Signed: Approved and signed by the Chairman Dated: 12th December 2017