

Cheveley Pavilion & Recreation Ground Charity

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CHEVELEY PAVILION & RECREATION GROUND **EXTRA-ORDINARY CHARITY MEETING** **HELD IN CHEVELEY COMMUNITY ROOM** **ON MONDAY 26TH MARCH 2018**

MINUTES

Present: Alison Day, Claire Elbrow, Jane Gibson, Jaquilyn Hascombe-Brook, Ian Jackson (Chair), Sheila Marvin, Brent Noble and Tracey Peel.

Secretary: Marilyn Strand

There was 1 member of the public present.

The meeting was opened at 7:30pm.

1. Apologies and approvals for absence - James Hadlow (work commitments), Sallie Thomas (unwell), Sue Willows (personal).

2. Declaration of Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests
None.

3. Open Forum for Public Participation

A member of staff from Acorns Pre-School said that the group is in a much stronger position than it was last year now that it has a manager and full committee. The group would like to have its own dedicated space to allow them to offer more places and longer hours, ideally where they could also leave equipment set up rather than having to pack away every day. Provision of child-friendly cloakrooms, storage and outdoor space would be ideal, as well as safe access and parking. The group would like the Trustees to consider this as part of its plans to improve the pavilion in the future.

4. Finance & Administration

To authorise payment of Collaboration 23 invoice for recreation ground wall restoration - £12,000 (subject to Parish Council funding request) – AGREED.

5. Pavilion & Recreation Ground Matters

To consider options for improvements to Cheveley Pavilion following responses to the Cheveley Community Plan (2016) and the feasibility study carried out by Cambridgeshire ACRE (2017) – Ian Jackson opened the discussion with an overview of what had been done to date towards making improvements to the pavilion in terms of public consultation and the recent feasibility study. It was agreed that the pavilion:

- does not meet accessibility requirements set out in legislation.
- is not fit for purpose as a sports pavilion as it does not meet minimum requirements set out by Sports England.
- does not provide a usable space for groups or residents who wish to hire a community facility.

In its conclusion, the feasibility study conducted in 2017 had recommended refurbishment and reconfiguration of the pavilion to provide a modern community space for local people, but had not identified a need for a large-scale, new-build community centre-style facility. It was agreed that a usable community space would benefit both North and South Ward residents.

County Cllr Mathew Shuter had offered to help push forward with the possible sale of the existing Community Room to CCC for use by the school, meaning that groups using this room could relocate to the pavilion if the facilities there were adequate. He had also said he would be happy to help with funding streams once robust

plans were in place for the pavilion with evidence from the community that the plans would provide what residents wanted.

Matters to consider before proceeding were put forward and discussed: currently approximately 10% of the Parish Council's income is used to fund the upkeep of the pavilion and recreation ground and consideration should be given to whether this would have to be increased; would community groups be able to afford to pay the going rate for use of the facility given that many of them pay a 'peppercorn' rent for use of the Community Room at present; would children's groups require specialist equipment/fenced off areas to enable them to use the facility; given that residents have said they do not wish to pay more through the precept to provide a community facility, and that there is no evidence to suggest there would be enough take-up, is there a danger that this could become a financial burden to the Parish Council in the future as the Charity's main source of income? It was agreed that the position of the pavilion in relation to the recreation ground should remain as it is currently.

Previous architect's plans will be investigated and, if appropriate, re-costed – AGREED.

Quotations to draw up new architect drawings will be obtained in case this is needed – AGREED.

Clause 4(b)(1) of the Deed of Declaration of the Charitable Trust states that the Trustee may 'raise funds and receive contributions provided that in raising funds the Trustee shall not undertake any substantial permanent trading activity...' This needs to be clarified in terms of whether the Parish Council would be able to accept one main stream of funding from a particular group using the pavilion in the future, for example the pre-school. It was agreed that the Secretary would contact SLCC's legal team for advice on this.

6. Date of next meeting

17th April.

7. Matters for future consideration

None.

The meeting was closed at 9:05pm.

Signed: Approved and signed by the Chairman Dated: 17th April 2018