

**Minutes of the Playing Fields & Open Spaces Committee
Held on 2nd August 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in the Bush Room**

Present: - Cllrs Alison Peters (Chairman), Bernard Willcox, Mike Webb, Kitty Davies, Phil Squires, John Cutland, Terry Hunt.
Bob Phillips (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Evacuation Procedure

Evacuation procedures were noted.

3. Public Participation

Mr Ivor Bryant - observing

4. Declaration of Interests

None

5. Minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2010 and Matters arising

Resolved: The minutes were agreed and signed by the chairman.

5.1. Matters Arising

None

5.2. Outstanding Actions

PF 100510-2 To obtain estimates for Power Washing the surfaces to remove the moss growth in the Lime Kiln Play Area ***Action to Clerk***

Action on hold until Playbuilder project work is defined. (BP)

PF 100510-3 To consult with Landscape Companies to seek ideas to solve the problems of the YC Car Park Bank. Solutions to include estimates. ***Action to Clerk***

Action on hold until Playbuilder project work is defined. (BP)

6. Playing Fields & Play Areas

6.1. Play Areas

6.1.1. Cross Hands Play Area

Nothing specific to report

6.1.2. Lime Kiln Play Area

Nothing specific to report. Any planned work is on hold until Playbuilder Project planning is completed.

6.2. Recreation Ground

Some tree cutting had been completed by EON under their statutory rights. Some minor tidying work is now required.

Grounds Contractor reports that the senior football pitch grass has not recovered well this summer due to a very dry spring. If we have more rain soon, it may recover but we will have to closely monitor in the football season.

Because of the requirements of the Community Show, the senior goalposts are to be erected on the evening of 4th September for the first game on 5th Sept.

6.3. Field Users

Cricket

The pitch has been used almost every Saturday throughout the season. The final match will be played on 28th August. No issues to date.

Football

We have a full fixture list from Thornbury Baptists who will be playing on Saturday mornings. Thornbury Falcons will be fielding four teams playing both pitches on Sundays and their fixtures are gradually being forwarded.

6.4. Grounds Maintenance Report

All contracted work has been satisfactorily completed.

7. Budget Review

7.1. Committee Budget Report 31 July 2010

The budget report was reviewed with explanation of anticipated expenditure.

8. Play-Builder Project

Alison Peters reported that following a meeting with Tina Rainey and her assistant, Emma Parfitt on 16th June, contact had been very difficult. Consultation with St Helen's school children is completed and Tina attended the school fete to seek further opinion. No reports had been received since despite a number of attempts to make contact. Alison expressed some concern although was confident that the lack of contact was largely due to the SG project team's focus on completing Year 1 projects. She would continue to press for an update on progress.

John Cutland was fearful that with the anticipated cuts in South Glos Council, the funding for Playbuilder would disappear.

Alison Peters explained that we had been assured that the funds were ring-fenced and would continue to be available but agreed that some re-assurance should be sought.

PF 100802-1 To continue to seek contact with Tina Rainey for an update on the status of the Alveston Playbuilder Project and to confirm that funding would remain available

Action to Alison Peters

9. Cemetery

The Clerk reported that in the last few months we had been very busy with plot purchases, burials and interments of remains. We had received a number of enquiries from Parish residents about purchasing plots and it was anticipated that we would require opening a new phase of Remains Plots soon.

As the committee had a number of new members and knowledge about the cemetery, future plans and management was probably limited, it was proposed that a committee site visit should be planned.

It was agreed to hold a PF&OS Committee meeting at the Cemetery on Monday 23rd August at 7.00pm.

10. Correspondence

None

11. Any other business

- 11.1. Free bicycle stands – Kitty Davies explained that the bicycle stands at the Youth Centre were in a poor state and as the new stands installed at the Greenhill Parade shops were supplied free, could we consider requesting new stands and replacing the existing.

It was agreed that more information should be sought.

PF 100802-2 To establish the availability of free bicycle stands and the requirements that are attached to their provision.

Action to Kitty Davies

- 11.2. Complaints about cricket balls – Bernard Willcox asked if we had received any complaints or comments from neighbouring householders about “flying cricket balls” as we had last year.

No contacts had been made.

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.