

**The Gransdens Sportsfield and Recreational Association
Minutes of the Committee meeting 10/02
Held at 22 Church Street on Wednesday 24 February 2010**

1. Present

Claire Walton (CWA), Charlie Whinney (CWh), Nik Johnson (NJ), Tina Elkington (TE), Barry Girling (BG), Celia Chignell (CC), Ian Darroch (ID), Paul Thomas (PT)

Guest: Jason Dixon

2. Apologies

Chris Turner (CT), Stuart Titmus (ST)

3. Matters arising from the minutes:

09/07.4: Action carried forward to next meeting: **ST to ask Hammy to clear the gutters.**

09/07.6: The meters were installed the last week of November 2008. Action carried forward to next meeting: **CWh to read the meters.**

09/08.1: Action carried forward to next meeting: **CWa to contact Mark Spavins about the Pavilion keys. GYFC require another set for Brian Fox or Mike Bremner to hold. CWh will see whether Kevin Diss holds the originals required for cutting.**

10/01.1 The playgroup does pay rates for their portion of the land. It was not ascertained whether they had increased substantially this year. **CWh will write to HDC and ask for clarification of the increase.**

10/01.2 ST to source the netting and CC to source the poles and find help to fix the netting. **ST to give an update at the next meeting.**

10/01.3 The tennis club gratefully received the £150 from the GSRA towards the cost of the net repair. The tennis club's floodlights need urgent repairs which the club is going ahead with sooner than originally anticipated at a cost of around £10K. There will not be a spare pole to attach the netting.

10/01.4-6 Security lighting at the tennis pavilion: A timer would be very expensive. The bulb has been removed from one light and the system turned off. The other light has been directed towards Sand Road. A letter has been written to Nick Chase and copied to the PC.

10/01.7 Marissa Crook will be leaving the village shortly and is no longer available to help with fundraising.

10/01.8 A cheque from the Scouts from Bonfire night has still not been received. **Action carried forward: ID to supply CWA with email address for Barry Jefferd and CWA to request funds before AGM.**

10/01.9 NJ will confirm this year's bonfire event with Kevin Cleary. **Action carried forward.**

10/01.10 There are £7K in the bank account all of which is allocated to the biodisk. The environmental agency has requested that a soakaway be included to alleviate the problem of the ditch running dry. Binder anticipates that a length of perforated drain and aggregate will cost around £200+VAT. The committee agreed to go ahead. **CWh will warn the nursery**

work is imminent. CWa to inform Binder of the decision and once date set to inform nursery.

10/01.11 **Action carried forward: All to seek nominations for treasurer.**

10/01.12 CC has supplied some aggregate to fill the holes in the Caxton Road car park.

10/01.13 An alternative date for the sports day was discussed. 12 September was decided. **CWa will put the date in the village diary.**

10/01.14 The AGM has been booked in the Reading Rooms for 22 March 8pm and notices have been placed in Roundabout, LGVH and the PC notice boards.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: the minutes were approved.

5. Plans for the Pavilion

Jason Dixon joined the meeting. The pre-application enquiry received a positive response from the planning officer, Clara Kerr. She will require a traffic management and survey report. A highway expert will cost around £300-500 to prepare a design and access report which will include timetables of nursery and sports clubs' use. The car park will probably need a containment grid e.g. tarmac. It is possible that the planning officer is not aware of the Sand Road car park option so this will be highlighted in the report. The next stage will cost around £5K including VAT (i.e. £300 council fee, £600 highways report and £3K Coates-Dixon). The design and access report will require input from the committee and a written summary of the intentions for the extended building's use will be required. The application will take 6 weeks.

The following stage would be to prepare building regulations and health and safety reports (cost £1500). There is a Building Control fee of £1000 to pay to the council. Health and safety is 1% of build cost. A structural engineer to design beams and roof frame will cost around £1000. If planning permission was achieved by the end of July, Jason could have a set of drawings ready by November/December with a schedule of works ready to go to out to tender January 2011. After a 2 month tender period work could start next spring. Building would take about 6 months. It would be possible to phase the work so the nursery would be finished first. Phasing would be more expensive; however temporary accommodation would also be expensive.

There was a concern raised as to whether the new sewage system would be adequate. It is not anticipated that the use after the extension will be any greater than the maximum accounted for when the system was originally planned. The number of showers will not increase.

There was a discussion about the scope of the project and priorities. The GYFC achieved Chartered Standard this week for which it was congratulated. The club is hoping to gain Community Standard within 2-3 years. The club is in contact with Alan Poulet from the Hunts District FA which is the initial stage before approaching the Football Foundation for funding.

The scope of the project was defined as follows:

- Improve the pitches (drainage and surface)
- Create an astroturf pitch with floodlights
- Improve the changing facilities for the benefit of footballers
- Improve the nursery facilities so that it stays to fund the maintenance of the facility.

The question of whether the playgroup was likely to provide nursery care in the future was raised. It was agreed that this was unlikely because of the shortage of space. The playgroup is starting its extension over the Easter holidays to increase space required to cope with increased preschool demand. A holiday club will take place the first two weeks of the playgroup's summer holidays for children already attending.

Funding bodies are likely to want to know what proportion of the cost of the extension is towards improvements for the nursery.

Other sources of funding were discussed including cricket, DASH, HDC, South Cambs DC. No one on the committee has first hand experience with the level of fundraising required.

[ACTION 1: CWa to take advice from Diane Taylor and Elaine Boyd-Watson]

It was agreed that the next steps are to talk to Hunts FA and the Football Foundation and to establish the cost to improve the field's drainage. **[ACTION 2: PT to instigate a meeting with Hunts FA's Alan Poulet, Martin Bennett, CWh and a PC representative]****[ACTION 3: BG and CWh to obtain estimates of the cost to improve drainage from Peter Round and Cambridge Drainage]**

[ACTION 4: CWh to obtain a tighter estimate of the extension costs from Al Dodds]

6. Next meeting:

AGM Monday 22 March 8pm at the Reading Rooms

Wednesday 28 April 8pm, venue to be confirmed.