

The Gransdens Sportsfield and Recreational Association
Minutes of the Committee meeting 10/03
Held at the Crown and Cushion on Wednesday 28 April 2010

1. Present

Claire Walton (CWa), Charlie Whinney (CWh), Barry Girling (BG), Celia Chignell (CC), Paul Thomas (PT), Stuart Titmus (ST), Nik Johnson (NJ), Tina Elkington (TE)

2. Apologies

Andy Paul (AP) and Ian Darroch (ID)

3. CWh proposed to change the bank account address from Chris Turner to Andy Paul's address. CWa seconded the proposal. All were in agreement.

4. Matters arising from the minutes:

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

09/07.6: CWh has read the meter and will repeat each quarter.

09/08.1: Kevin Diss holds the original keys.

10/01.1 CWh has spoken to HDC about the increase in rates. The 2010/11 charge is only £850, after the charities' discount is deducted, which is a 20% increase year on year. This was considered acceptable given that rates have increased by 33% nationwide.

10/01.2 It was agreed to hold the action to erect netting until it has been decided where the pitch will be next season and what drainage action is to be taken.

10/01.3 The tennis and football clubs reported that there had been an informal meeting of the clubs to discuss sharing resources which had gone well.

10/01.8 A cheque was received from the Scouts from Bonfire night and the balance of funds has been paid out.

10/01.9 Kevin Cleary will do next year's firework display with the understanding that he wants to make it a much bigger event in the future with paid bar and burger vans. This would require a different location and it was agreed that the only real alternative would be Mike Capps' field where the Gransden Show is held. **NJ to ask Mike Capps.**

10/01.10 The Environment Agency approved the installation and discharge into Gransden Brook on 26 March 2010. CWa is named as the holder of the consent to discharge up to 4 cubic meters treated sewage effluent daily. She will transfer this to the GSRA and CWh will sign as Chairman on behalf of the association. In fact, as of 6 April 2010, there is no requirement to obtain consent to discharge when the daily discharge is less than 5 cubic meters. However to save costs the EA have decided not to inform holders. Binder have now ordered the tank and it will be installed in May. **CWa will inform the nursery when a date is confirmed.**

10/01.12 The aggregate to fill the holes in the Caxton Road car park has been spread. The GSRA will be invoiced for £200 + VAT by Des Merrill and the GSRA will then ask the play group for its contribution of half the cost.

10/01.13 The football clubs will not be able to participate in the sportsfield fun day on 12 September because of league fixtures.

10/02.1 CWa has contacted Diane Taylor, Barbara Boddington and Richard West about funding raising for the sportsfield and followed up on their suggestions. She attended the Hunts Funding Forum fair in March and has provided the committee with a document of the findings. Pam Davenport from the Forum is willing to come to a meeting to discuss funding.

10/02.2 Alan Poulet from the Hunts FA came to present the Youth FC with their award. He walked around the field discussing the plans for the club and field with PT, CWa and Martin Bennett.

10/02.3 BG and CWh to obtain estimates of the cost to improve drainage from Peter Round and Cambridge Drainage – see Cricket below.

10/02.4 CWh to obtain a tighter estimate of the extension costs from Al Dodds – **action on hold until plans for development of the field have been decided.**

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

6. Cricket

BG met with a representative of the English Cricket Board on 26 May 2010. She was very impressed with the field and can arrange for the soil to be tested for £70. The field needs treating for clover and dandelion. Drainage must be done very carefully so that the field does not dry out and crack. Mole drains can wreck the sub structure. The drainage problems could be due to compaction so tining and spiking might be necessary to aerate the sub soil. The artificial pitch can be rolled back and brushed for use.

For funding Donarbon, WREN, Sports for England were recommended. Lords Taverners have money for Junior cricket kits. Girls' cricket is encouraged.

There was a discussion about who would want to play cricket on the sportsfield. Waresley and Longstowe have established cricket clubs. There is youth cricket in Cambourne. The school's needs should be considered. There are a group of adults in the village who want to play. To renovate the square would cost around £7K. **[ACTION 1: CC to quantify interest (including a Roundabout enquiry) and establish how cricket will be organised and funded. ACTION 2: BG to investigate the soil analysis cost and drainage options.]**

7. Plans for the field

Martin Bennett and PT met with ID and Trevor Peer. The tennis club plan to build a knock up wall and floodlights. The football club could benefit from these and share the costs.

On 21 May there will be a SGM to combine the adult and youth football clubs in to Gransden FC. The club will have around 100 members and having the adult team will increase the prospects of funding from the FA. The Sunday team manager is leaving at the end of the season.

PT proposed that the village be surveyed to assess how the field should be developed. It was pointed out that the last survey had been very poorly taken up. The use of the electoral role and emailing the survey was discussed. CWh proposed that PT produce 6 questions that can be asked of current and known potential users of the field. **[ACTION 3: TE to find out what sports the school would like to promote that the sportsfield can provide and how the field could be developed. ACTION 4: PT to find out what the FC and tennis**

clubs want. ACTION 5: CC to ask the 6 aside FC and cricketers. ACTION 6: TE, PT and CC to present ideas to the committee at the next meeting.]

8. AOB

12 June the committee are running a World Cup soccer evening at the Reading Rooms. It is a 7:30 kick off. Beer, soft drinks, hot dogs and pizza will be served. CC will organise the licence in CWh's name which costs £20. There is room for 80 spectators (50 seated). Tickets will be sold a £1 each. Adults and school aged children will be invited.

A 5 aside football team are now playing regularly on the sportsfield and a pitch will be marked up.

The sports day will be on 12 September 12-4pm. **[ACTION 7: CWa to advertise]**

The Ball Committee will carry out electrical work costing £1500 necessary for the event. The ball is not a fund raising event.

9. Next meeting:

Thursday 24 June – Sports Day meeting.

Monday 2 August 8pm – Committee meeting.