

The Gransdens Sportsfield and Recreational Association
Minutes of the Committee meeting 09/05
Held at 22 Church Street on Wednesday 8 July 2009

1. Present

Claire Walton (CWa), Tina Elkington (TE), Nik Johnson (NJ), Charlie Whinney (CWh)

Guest: Marisa Crook (MC)

2. Apologies

Barry Girling (BG), Chris Turner (CT), Celia Chignell (CC), Ian Darroch (ID), Stuart Titmus (ST)

3. Fund Raising

CWh explained the plan to extend the pavilion to provide a lounge area and toilets and changing facilities that are accessible when the nursery is in session. The work is estimated to cost in the region of £100K. The amount is within the range (£75K-£250K) supported by Waste Recycling Environmental Limited (WREN). WREN is a not-for-profit business that helps benefit the lives of people who live close to landfill sites by awarding grants for environmental, heritage and community projects. As Great Gransden is within 10 miles of the landfill site at Bucken, GRSA can apply to WREN for funding.

To apply for the funds the committee will need to provide a business plan in the required format. The GSRA are required to raise a percentage (around 10%) of the overall funds required. MC pointed out that if we include the sewage project then the funds required are £112K of which we have raised £12K, i.e. 10%.

ACTION1: MC to verify what we need to do for WREN and the best way to do it.

TE pointed out the need to consider the safety of the children if parts of the pavilion can be accessed by the public when the nursery is in operation. It was agreed that the architect hired to design the extension should have experience in designing dual purpose buildings.

MC agreed to attend the next meeting and then left the meeting.

4. Matters arising from the minutes:

09/04.1: The ball committee has agreed that its donation for the car park can be diverted to fund the biodisk.

09/04.2: NJ's article about the fun day appeared in July's Roundabout. All agreed it was very well written.

09/04.3: The nursery has been written to about the drains and has agreed to follow the recommendations.

09/04.4: Sewage was covered later in the meeting.

09/04.5: The football club's contribution to the state of the pavilion is covered later in the meeting.

09/04.6: IH passed on the list to Bob Mitchell at the Chequers.

09/04.7: CWWh has two copies of the ladies toilets key and two copies of the kitchen key to add to CT's two sets of the other pavilion keys. **[ACTION 2: CT to assemble two complete sets]**

09/04.8: Marisa Crook attended the first part of the meeting to discuss fund raising.

09/04.9: Neither ID or ST were present to comment on how the retrieval of footballs from the tennis courts was going.

09/04.10: Ditches were covered later in the meeting.

9/04.11: ID was not present to comment on whether the lighting could be transferred from the tennis courts to the football pitches.

09/04.12: NJ still looking into Waitrose's funding for local community projects.

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

6. Sewage

Following on from the advice of the drain company which did the camera survey the committee decided to look into the possibility of using the existing tank and building a soakaway. **[ACTION 3: CT to contact Huntingdonshire District Council's environmental advisor and gain a non-commercial opinion]**

7. Ditches

CWWh has surveyed the ditches and the job is not suitable to be carried out by hand. A digger is required and the waste will be piled in the corner behind the pavilion. **[ACTION 4: CWWh to contact Martin Adams and Stuart Bygraves]**

8. State of the Pavilion

CWWh met with the football club and has drawn up an agreement (attached).

9. Treasurer's Report

CWWh reported that a direct debit scheme has been set up with the electricity provider that constitutes a considerable saving for the GSRA.

10. AOB

Paul Phoenix has hired the field for a party and has been asked to donate £10-£20 to the GSRA.

NJ has put the bonfire party date, Saturday 7 November, into the village diary. It was agreed that more money should be spent on fireworks this year and Louisa Smith's dad has offered to help with the display.

There was a discussion about having live music at the event again and it was agreed to ask Spillage if they would play. The GSRA will pay for the generator. **[ACTION 4: CWa to ask Spillage]**

There was a discussion about who would run the bar. CWa pointed out that the Revellers are expecting to do the bar and had helped at the Fun Day under the impression that their major fund raising would come from the bonfire event.

CWa asked if anyone knew where the Fun Day banner was. **[ACTION 5: CWa to check with CT and Mick Ward]**

11. Next meeting:

Thursday 13 August, 8pm at 22 Church Street.