

Burwell Parish Council

Minutes of the Community, Leisure and Sport Meeting of 6.12.2022 at 7.30 pm

Jubilee Reading Room

Present: Michael Swift (Chair), Paul Webb, Geraldine Tate, Liz Swift, and Helen McMenemy-Smith

CL&S/061222/01 Apologies for absences and declarations of interests

Apologies for absence had been received from Jenny Moss and Jim Perry. There were no declarations of interests.

CL&S/061222/02 Approval of the minutes of the 18.10.22

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th October 2022 were approved and signed as a true record.

Proposed by Liz Swift and seconded by Paul Webb.

CL&S/061222/03 Action Sheet Updates on the following were noted:

PROJECT	
Recreation Ground Inc. improvement project, Grant Funding and liaison with Football Clubs and other users	Meeting in the new year arranged with the Football Club. FA/FF visiting the Recreation Ground and Newmarket Road Sports Hub on 13.12.2022. No dates yet for the installation of lighting and fencing.
Sports Provision Group, Inc. liaison with Football Clubs, other sports groups and users including Margaret Field	Ground maintenance work agreed by Council for Margaret Field. Vertical draining may be carried out over the Christmas break and scarifying may be left until the spring.
Spring Close Management Group	Issue with tree on Tan House bank resolved. Successful working day held in November. More work to be carried out in the spring. Fencing gaps infilled.
Pauline's Swamp	The replacement seat has been installed. Meeting needed soon re planting of hedging. Wild Burwell can provide some hedging plants but around 100 plants will need to be purchased. Canes will need to be purchased, protectors will be supplied by Wild Burwell. Jenny Moss to arrange the purchase of the hedging plants. Open Day planned for Sunday 3 rd September 2023. Carnival could be involved as long as their input is relevant. Screws have been removed from the picnic benches. Maintenance Officer to be asked to repair.
BAFY	Seems to be around 15 youths attending. There had been some conflict with those attending different secondary schools, but this appears to be sorted. Possibility of an end of term disco. Have been making stars for the Church Project and doing some cooking. Lizzy Wales due to attend session and offer advice. Still a lack of volunteers to help at sessions. Development of frame work and fundraising to be looked at.

Community Orchard	Damaged tree has been tidied and re-protected. Updated information board now in place.
Community Garden	Matting has been removed and buried around the edge. £400 has been donated by Burwell Carnival. Ben David is going to do the pathways. Meads can provide the materials. There should be no need to ask the Council for any funds to cover the work. Jim Perry has offered to purchase a bench and Paul Hawes is willing to make a covered area with seat.
Liaison with Sports Centre	New manager is very good. The Astro-turf has been renewed. New committee is working well. Not known if the management strategy has been sorted yet. Much more friendly feeling at the Sports Hall.
Climate Change Policy	To be reviewed by Paul Webb and Jenny Moss in the new year.
A to B1102 Group	Buses agreed to the end of March. Lots of different strands to the Group. Working on Active Travel Plan (buses, hubs, and zipper buses). Parishes getting together. Fordham may be interested in joining the group. A face to face meeting with GCP trying to be arranged for before Christmas.
Westhorpe Play Area	Katherine Hyett would like a meeting early new year. Clerk to organise. Christmas Fair raised £800. Could split the project into stages. Need to start looking at grant funding. Possibility of having a sensory area within the play area.
Repair Cafe	The insurance for the Café is very expensive. First session went really well with 38 bookings and a few people turning up on the day. Next Café will be held in February. Need a meeting soon to discuss.
Paddle the Lode	100 people attended the fundraising comedy night with around £500 being made on ticket sales. £900 raised from bar run by the carnival.
Newmarket Road Sports Hub	See below

CL&S/061222/04 Carols around the Tree

To be held on Friday 16th December. Newmarket Town Band will be playing. Collection will be made by Helen McMenamin-Smith for the Air Ambulance.

A recommendation to be made to Full Council that a donation of £100 is made to

Newmarket Town Band for attending the event.

CL&S/061222/05 Newmarket Road Sports Hub – Transfer of land

A meeting has taken place with This Land, Craig Muhall, Burwell Football Club, and representatives from Burwell Parish Council. There is concern over who will pay for the hub and the ongoing maintenance costs. Burwell Parish Council do not have enough funding or resources to take on and it would be unfair to burden parishioners with the costs through the precept. Representatives from the Football Association and Football Foundation are due to visit both the Recreation Ground and the proposed Sports Hub on the 13th December. A representative from the Council and Football Club will also be in attendance, along with Craig Muhall. It is thought that a realistic cost for the Sports Hub would be somewhere in the region of £2,000,000. This Land have said that they will level the site, put in drainage, and install services to the boundary entrance of the site. The Football Club is talking about options of running the hub with the possibility of the Parish Council owning the land but leasing it to the club on a long-term basis. Although favoured by the community, a swimming pool is not an option due to costs. It may be possible to work with a commercial business to be able to provide a gym. It was agreed that more information would need to be available prior to the Council being in a position to make a decision on if the Council should agree to accept ownership of the land.

CL&S/061222/06 Donations for Consideration

There were no requests for donations

CL&S/061222/07 Any other business

There was no other business.

CL&S/061222/08 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 21st February 2023 at the Jubilee Reading Room.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Signed

Dated