**Burwell Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Community, Leisure, Health, and Sport Meeting of 17.09.24 at 7.30 pm**

**Gardiner Memorial Hall**

**Present:** Michael Swift (Chair), Paul Webb, Jim Perry, Liz Swift, Clive Leach

**CLH&S/170924/01** **Apologies for absences and declarations of interests**

Apologies were given by Jenny Moss, Ian Woodroofe, Richard Jenkins

**CLH&S/170924/02** **Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2024 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Jim Perry, seconded by Liz Swift and all agreed.

**CLH&S/170924/03** **Action Sheet Updates**

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| PROJECT |  |
| Recreation Ground and Margaret Field  Football Provision and liaison with the Football Club. | Meeting to be held on the 18th with football club and groundsman and parish council representatives. |
| Spring Close and Priory Meadow Management Group | Met last week and set up work days. On the 28th September 2024 there will be a scythe cut at Spring Close. Wild Burwell to find some volunteers. |
| Pauline’s Swamp | Successful open day, Paul Pickles has started to clear the new land. |
| BAFY | Fusion day (organised by ECDC) was very successful on 8th August. Liz Swift confirmed there is grant money from Cambridge County Council (total pot of £26k) and we would be applying for a grant. Connexions bus – there is a grant for 2 new buses from January. There is also a fully equipped minibus with youth worker to run it, however there is a problem with the location as the halls are full. Requesting phoenix room from school. Paul Webb to check about availability of sports centre. Also trying to get a minibus to take youths to pump track at Mildenhall. Looking at firestation space to rent. |
| Community Orchard | Pruning has been carried out. Need to publicise that people can pick fruit. |
| Community Garden | Positive feedback on facebook. Clarify about grass cutting on community garden – Clerk to speak to Helen McMenamin-Smith to ensure outside contractors are not engaged without proper checks. |
| Liaison with Sports Centre | Charlie is now a sports centre committee member, Paul is to become a director on the sports centre group. |
| Climate Change Policy | Nothing to report  Invited Emma Danielson from ECDC to come to next meeting |
| A to B1102 Group | Meeting is to be arranged.  Liz emailed the mayor to find out when the new buses are starting – confirmed definitely starting in November. Andrew Byfield should be sending route maps |
| Westhorpe Play Area | Nothing to report |
| Repair Café/Swish | A week on Sunday, advertised on Facebook and in bus shelters  38 repairs booked  Meeting this week to confirm volunteers  13th October – Swish at GMH |
| Newmarket Road Sports Hub | Meeting held with Charlotte Cane, round table to be organised by Parish Clerk. |
| Trees on the Avenue | There were previous emails confirming that Highways would pay for the trees. Contacts have changed and we cannot now get this confirmed. Clerk is chasing the issue. |

**CLH&S/170924/04 Community Fishing Lake (Soham)**

The idea was noted and it was confirmed that we should respond that they should keep us updated with the proposal but no further action to take at this stage.

**CLH&S/170924/05** **Fitness Rush – Community Fitness Funding**

Request of a subsidy of £960. It was confirmed that we had no further budget to support this idea and that there were other more suitable places in the village that could be approached – the Sports Centre or the Day Centre. Clerk to respond.

**CLH&S/170924/06 Accessible Play Audit**

Agreed to go ahead and didn’t need to go to full council as no cost attached. Proposed by Paul Webb and seconded by Geraldine Tate. Parish Clerk to respond.

**CLH&S/170924/07 Additional Bin Request – the Broads**

Nearest bin is on Dyson drove to serve the broads and bin on corner of Grantchester rise. We need to enquire from East Cambs about position of providing extra bins? Would there be any costs and would it be included in pick ups? Parish Clerk to follow up.

**CLH&S/170924/08 Recreation ground hire for Family fun day**

Proposal for a family fun day on the recreation, very similar to carnival. The group discussed and came to the conclusion that there are unfortunately a few issues with this:

* It is a field in trust – can’t charge for entry, we can charge for pavilion. Should only be used as a recreation ground for the village. It was felt that one large event is enough.
* In July it clashes with local events elsewhere in the village
* Other times of year wouldn’t work due to football.

The person proposing would be welcome to come and speak to a councillor about their ideas but at this stage we would not hire out the recreation ground.

**CLH&S/170924/09 Walks Booklet**

Produced by the History Society – it’s on their agenda. Jim Perry to request that we need something in writing regarding a donation. Also suggest that there may be additional walks to add now. Liz Swift to email Pat Kilbey to find out what is in the welcome to Burwell pack, and request a copy of the plaque walk.

**CLH&S/170924/10 Date of the next meeting: 19th November 2024**

Meeting closed 20.27pm