**MINUTES FROM A MEETING OF**

**RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 6.30PM**

**AT CAM PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE, 4 NOEL LEE WAY, CAM**

**Present: G Gough (Chair), J Fulcher, S Temlett, K Chandler, J Dormer, M Clifton, M Morton, J Bishop, D Andrewartha,**

**Apologies:**

**Absent:**

**In attendance: L Biddle (Deputy Clerk), J Edwards (Projects Officer)**

Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

1. **To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies were noted as above

1. **To receive declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.**

None

1. **To receive any questions, statements, or submissions from members of the public in**

**attendance (20 minutes total).**

None present

1. **Approve and sign minutes of the meeting held January 2024 as a correct record.**

Minutes were approved as a correct record.

1. **To note any matters arising from the minutes and not covered by agenda Items, for information only**

None to note

1. **To note any progress made on the action plan and agree resulting actions**

* Westend kissing gate. Horse owner has reported issues with the gate being tied open. Deputy has put a notice on the gate to ask that the gate is kept closed at all times. If this situation doesn’t improve, the Cotswold wardens will replace the gate with a kissing gate.
* Grit strips for the Boardwalk at Rackleaze have been ordered.
* Update actions on the Jubilee Pavilion
* Events working has met to progress plans for D-Day
* Add Oak Saplings action point

1. **Projects**
2. **To receive recommendation from the working party regards the Youth call out and agree next steps**

Deferred to extra Full Council meeting on Friday.

1. **To note update on Biodiversity audit and agree actions**

Gloucestershire County Council are leading on this. More information is available from <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/nature-strategy?fbclid=IwAR3jUbFi05EWfSRw8WPRyMrJMXUDgUQwlJyRQxEaBQoVyaKpVCPO1U1wyq4_aem_AXoaE4abHod6e9PiF9XxT-iJLpli2zhjlrIu2R_qmMSTxqZGlMzpsL4LB2Cq2N-B-jw>

Committee RESOLVED to ask GCC Local Nature Recovery Strategy to attend and give us a joint briefing with other local councils.

Committee RESOLVED to allow the Projects Officer to continue with investigations of costs for a parish biodiversity audit.

1. **Play Areas**
2. **To note Handyperson inspections and agree actions**

Noted

1. **To note reply from contractor regards the gravel paths at Jubilee and agree actions**

Committee RESOLVED to carry on sweeping as a precautionary measure but to push the contractor for a permanent solution.

1. **Allotments**
2. **Receive allotment report from Chair/ Deputy and agree actions**

Inspections will recommence in March

1. **Discuss any issues of concern and agree actions**

None to note other than the waiting list is short.

1. **Consider arrangements for an allotment holders meeting and agree actions**

Cllr Clifton will contact someone from the CIC Wild Acres to attend as a guest speaker on a convenient day in March. This will be advertised to the allotment holders via email/ letter to those not on email.

1. **Receive progress report on Rackleaze and agree resulting actions**

Working days have not been held due to poor weather conditions. Grit strips have been ordered and will be fitted by SVP volunteers.

1. **To consider solutions to the ongoing issues at Jubilee Pavilion and playing field and agree actions**

Deputy/ Cllr Gough has met 3 companies on site to review options to improve the plumbing at the pavilion. 1 quote received to replace as is, a second quote to renew all pipework and bring it down from the roof space and replace at ceiling height. A second quote to replace pipework and ceiling height is pending.

Deputy has contacted 5 companies to carryout a structural survey of the building. Only 1 quote received for £1,200.

The pavilion has been checked by the electrician and the plumber. Building remains in use with the water permanently on. I had planned to lock the cubicle door but it has expanded and no longer shuts. I’ve therefore put tape across the door to prevent access.

Handyman and Cllr Gough have keys to the building and will periodically check that the pipes are not leaking.

Clerk is investigating whether gigiclear could fit Wi-Fi at the pavilion as compensation for them digging up Hopton Green. If this is completed, it would be possible to control valves remotely. This may require a secure connection.

Chair expressed a desire to investigate all weather pitches at the Jubilee with flood lights and caretaking funded by CIL. Committee discussed all recreational facilities in the parish including Cam Sports Club, Norman Hill and Jubilee. Committee RESOLVED to not focus on installing all weather pitches at the Jubilee but look instead at Norman Hill play area. Deputy will start investigations.

1. **To consider request to host event at Jubilee fields and associated matters and agree action**

World Jungle have approached Cam Parish Council to request to hold a local government funded free school holiday session on Tuesday 2 April 2024, 1030 – 1300 at Jubilee Playing Field.

Committee RESOLVED to allow this request free of charge subject to our Terms and Conditions of hire. Cllr Gough, Cllr Chandler and possibly Cllr Clifton will attend with the gazebo to have a council presents.

1. **To review the budget and agree actions**

Reviewed and noted.

1. **Any further R&L issues for information or referral only**

Waste land at the scout hut along Everlands is privately owned so there is nothing the council can do with it.

There was a brief disruption due to a disagreement between Councillors before the Chair brought the meeting to a close at 20:30