

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WATLINGTON PAVILION AND SPORTS FIELD COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 2ND JULY 2012 AT 7.15PM AT THE PAVILION

Present:

Parish Council members: Barry Adby, Ted Backhouse, Roger Beattie, Tony Williamson

Sports Club members: Chris Allen, Owen Lewis, Mick Lloyd, Bridget Griffiths

Officer: Kristina Tynan

In attendance for Extension Item only: Martin Edis – Watlington Youth Club
Ian Hill- WPC

47/12 Apologies

There were none.

48/12 Site Meeting at Watlington Pavilion with Martin Edis followed by a Discussion of Possible Extension to the Pavilion

The possible site for an extension had been marked out on the site which members looked at. Following the site visit there took place a discussion on this.

Martin Edis gave the background to how the Watlington Youth Committee had been formed, (following requests for volunteers in 'Suggestions for a Better Watlington' in 2002-3).

Previously there was a youth club run by the County Council with a dedicated space, the Ann Brown Centre, which was on the Icknield site. This was closed down in the late 1990's as part of a County Council strategy as it was only used for a small amount of time. At this time lots of Youth Clubs were closed down. The building was then taken over by Rainbow Nursery and their rent was recycled back into Youth funding for Watlington. This was in the region of around £5-6,000pa.

A Youth Management Committee had then to be formed so that OCC could pay an organisation.

ME said that when the Youth Club was first set up it was primarily run by volunteers due to it being very difficult to get and keep Youth Workers. Also a number of venues were tried until they moved to the Pavilion which is a fantastic venue in a perfect location. ME helped set up the Youth Committee and stayed on it for 2 years and was then replaced by Robin Holmes-Smith and then Roger Beattie. He was called back at the end of last year to help again with the Youth Club as funds over the year have accumulated and the Committee are very keen to find secure premises that could be a dedicated space for the youth in Watlington. They have looked at lots of options and with the pavilion being such a brilliant building they came up with asking to have an extension on this building. He met with Neil Boddington who came up with the designs that have been given to this committee prior to this meeting.. He stated that there are 2 designs, one small and one larger design. After looking at the marked up site he said he thought it would be best to go initially with the larger design for the extension.

ME said they have funds put away which would be put towards this extension and they have and will seek grants towards if it is given the go ahead. WPC give a yearly grant to the Youth Club and funding has also been pledged by the PCC, Watlington Business Association. They would also do fundraising for this.

TW said that discussions had been held in about 2003 about the Church Hall as a possible location for Youth Club and Scouts. ME said he had been approached by the WCHC group led by Tim Horton about the Church Hall being used for Youth Club. ME said the Committee did not think this was a very appropriate site for a Youth Club and that the pavilion and recreation area is the best and most appropriate location.

At the moment Youth Club is held on 2 nights a week and ME said his ambition would be to have this facility as a dedicated youth space which can be used on other nights apart from the 2 Youth Club nights, however the useage of this space would have to be discussed.

Discussion took place and it was thought that we need to have detail on the following:

- Cost of building an extension
- How it will be financed
- How it would be used
- Legal ownership issue and how it would be handled.(If on WPC land would be owned by the WPC)
- Agreement between Watlington Youth Management Committee and WPC

It was noted it would be difficult to get WPC approval without this information. It was thought that it would a good idea to set up a core group who could work on this.

RESOLVED: That a core group be set up of 2 WPC Pavilion Committee members and 2 Sport Club Pavilion Committee members with 2 or 3 Youth Management Committee members to look into the detail on this scheme and report to the Pavilion & Sports Field Committee, prior to consideration by Strategy and Finance Committees. Things that would need to be done include talking to a planning officer but not submitting a plan at this time, the cost per square metre, the useage planned, how it is going to be used, does it need a dedicated toilet, storage requirement and a draft agreement between the Youth Committee and WPC

It was noted that if planning permission is to be sought for an extension, the plans would need to be sent to the Football Foundation for their approval.

TW thanked Martin Edis and Ian Hill for attending the meeting and they then left at 8.10pm It was agreed that TW, TB, ML and OL represent the Pavilion Committee on the Core Group.

49/12 Declarations of interest

There were none.

50/12 To Accept the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7th June 2012

Resolved: That these minutes were a correct record of this meeting and that they be signed by the Chairman

51/12 Football Foundation Meeting Feedback

TW gave a copy of the brief that was given at the FF meeting to all members(Report is held on file) which summarized the original bid, the outcome of last year's monitoring meeting and matters to be discussed at this year's monitoring meeting. He said it was very interesting and if members have any comments on it these can be discussed at the next meeting at which we should have a report from the FF meeting held in May 2012. It was noted that if we go for planning permission for an extension the plans would need to be sent to them.

52/12 Football issues – Development Plan

The Football Club has a new Full Committee and they have already had 3 meetings with the Oxon Football Association. Committee members have been given job titles and description and specific roles. ML said this is the first time in years that the Watlington Football Club has a structure in place which is excellent. They are working on the Development Plan which was done in draft form and this should be completed after the summer and which they are working on with the Football Association.

Paul Griffiths to be asked to send the match schedules to KT on a regular basis.

53/12 Charter Standard Membership

It was noted that all relevant people have been booked on the courses that they need to do, except for Rod, who coaches the U16's and needs to complete a 30 hour course which he will do over a few weekends. Once all places have been booked on the courses the form for Charter Standard Membership will be submitted. This is now progressing very well and once the form is put in there is a 6 week turnaround.

54/12 Sports Pavilion Business Plan

Chris Allen and Paul Griffiths are working on this and it should be completed at the end of the summer and then submitted to the Pavilion and Sports Field Committee.

55/12 Pavilion building issues

Electrical Items/Repairs for Pavilion – these have been done by Neil Campbell.

Painting of the inside of the Pavilion – CA is trying to arrange a group of volunteers to do this.

Toilet Seats needed – ML to arrange for these to be purchased and installed.

Ash Tree – CA asked if any works were being done to this tree. KT reported that we have asked for quotes and reports on the tree and when they are received and a decision made as to what works are done she will notify this committee.

Slabs on step by patio area – It was noted that these are loose on the middle steps. It is thought these have been loosened by skateboards being used on the steps; BA and KT to arrange for these to be fixed.

Vegetation on Trackway from B4009- This needs to be cut back and BA and KT to organise for this to be done.

Curtain Pole need replacing – It was noted that the Youth Club purchased some but they are the wrong width. BA will look into this.

Vandalism issues to outside of Pavilion – There was discussion on this and BG said that if there was a lot of damage the WPC as the owners of the building would make a claim. There in the same way that if damage is done to the outside of the building by people using the Parish Council recreation ground the same principle should apply. It was noted that most damage seems to be to the downpipes which have to be replaced on a regular basis.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That any damage done to the outside of the building by users of the recreation ground should be paid by the Parish Council in the same way that if a major amount of damage happened the Parish Council would claim on their insurance.

56/12 Next Meetings: 24 September, 19 November

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.45PM