

Bishop's Cleeve Parish Council

***Minutes of the Playing Fields Committee
Held at the Parish Office on 13th October 2000***

Present: Cllr. Mike Beresford (Chair)
Cllr. Mrs Pat Hatton
Cllr. Tony Mackinnon
Cllr. Pat Rawlings
Cllr. Ann Lightfoot
Cllr P. Lightfoot (Late Arrival)
Cllr. Irene Hatton

1. Apologies

Cllr. Peter Badham

2. Fee Structure Analysis

The Chairman welcomed Richard Stanley to the meeting and set the scene by explaining to Mr Stanley that the Parish Council as a whole were concerned that there would be a commitment to the whole of the "Fee Package" once the project started and that, if our funds did run out before all we hoped to accomplish was completed, the Council would still be liable to fees for the uncompleted works. He further explained that there is a need to set out what we do want for a scheme as any provisional agreement by Tewkesbury Borough Council to our request for £250k will require detailed costings etc before final approval.

For his part Richard Stanley confirmed that the fees would become payable on a stage by stage basis only and that the Council would, therefore, only pay fees as the work was actually being undertaken on the field.

Concern was expressed that there was a need to be able to explain our costs simply to the next Parish Council meeting and as to our chances of obtaining the TBC monies. As regards the former Richard Stanley undertook to re-submit the Fee Structure Analysis on a stage by stage basis so that it would be more evident as to the Council's commitment and pointed out that the initial commitment would be for the sum of £1.575 in respect of the car park. As regards the latter, Cllr Beresford stated that he was extremely hopeful that our request would be approved. He had spoken unofficially to all parties and had been assured that support would be forthcoming, but, until the matter had passed through the Council formally he could not, of course, guarantee the funds.

Turning to the building, Richard Stanley explained to the meeting that a Gluelam construction would provide an excellent alternative to a traditional building at approximately a third of the cost of a conventional one (i.e. some £300 per cubic metre).

(Cllr P. Lightfoot arrived)

A general discussion followed as to how the project could proceed and it was again emphasised by Mr Stanley that the Council needs to have an overall plan, not only for the

TBC grant but to ensure all elements “slot in” together to form the whole. He will now produce a master plan in time for the 2nd November Council meeting.

At this point Mr Stanley left the meeting after having been thanked by Cllr. Beresford for his attendance.

3. Any Other Business

a) Cllr Beresford reported that Harpbury College were to undertake, with his agreement and at no cost to the Council, a detailed soil and use analysis as an exercise and would report their findings together with a scheme for how the Sportsfield could be used by the end of the year.

b) Cllr. Rawlings mentioned that he had noticed Cheltenham North Rugby Club using the ground and that they had agreed not to do so. Cllr. Beresford stated that he had, at short notice, given his permission for one game as an exceptional matter as the club had no other pitch they could use and would lose points if the game was not played.

c) Cllr. Rawlings raised the subject of the Grange School fencing which had proved unsatisfactory. The ranch style fencing was allowing dogs on to the school grounds and also was not secure in that children could get out of the school grounds through the fencing. He further advised the meeting that the LEA safety office agreed it was not safe and it was proposed by the school governors to install secure metal fencing.

d) Cllr. Rawlings asked if the name of the road had been agreed as yet and Cllr. Pat Hatton advised that the Planning Committee had suggested a name and Cllr. Beresford undertook to see what the position was with TBC who make the final decision.

e) Ropsa Report.

On this subject it was agreed that there should be a full discussion at the next meeting but that in the meantime we should get an estimate for a new safety surface for Nottingham Road Playing Fields although the Chairman pointed out that we have no funds this financial year. Nevertheless, Cllr Lightfoot was concerned that if we did nothing we could be held negligent if there was an accident.

As regard the weeds around the various play areas Cllr. Beresford undertook to take this up with TBC for action.

Cradle swing at Millham Road - the meeting was unsure whether or not Oxbutts had filed down a bolt which could cause injury.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

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DATED THIS

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