

**SWANWICK PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF COMMUNITY SPORT & ACTIVITY COMMITTEE
3 NOVEMBER 2011**

Present: Cllrs Fretwell, Dale, Hardwick, Peacock, Watson

Also Present: Cllrs Barnett, Payne & P Staton
Chris Greenhough; Head of Swanwick School & Sports College (SS & SC)
Phil Basterfield; Amber Valley School Sports Partnership (AVSSP)

1. Apologies:

None needed

2. Terms of Reference of the above Committee

The Chair of the Committee outlined the Terms of Reference to the Committee in particular with reference to the All Weather Pitch, for information of the visitors.

3. All Weather Pitch Management Committee – Nomination of Parish Council representative

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Peacock be the Parish Council representative on the Management Committee for the All Weather Pitch

4. All Weather Pitch – outstanding planning issues & landscaping

Confirmation has been received that the lights are in line with planning conditions and are 10 metres high. The landscaping would soon be completed, Chris Greenhough also confirmed this. Councillors present also commented that since the angles of the lights had been adjusted it was so much better for residents.

5. All Weather Pitch – use of pitch as per agreement with DCC, payment and activities that could be supported.

Cllr Fretwell explained how the agreement between the School & the Parish Council for 'bought hours' had been arrived at.

The use of the pitch still needs to be agreed upon, but would be delegated to be discussed and agreed with the Parish Council representative. Activities that could be held on the pitch were discussed, Phil Basterfield explained that the type of surface made the pitch more useful for football than other sports, hockey would be difficult, and the pitch is marked out for football.

6. Chris Greenhough (Head of Swanwick School & Sports College)

Chris is pleased that the School & the Parish Council are moving forward together, sport is a major priority and since the funding for the AVSSP has been cut, they are based at the school which allows them to continue working.

7. Phil Basterfield (Amber Valley School Sports Partnership)- request for funding.

Phil explained that since a spending review has cut the budget they are now having to look elsewhere for funding, and he has contacted all the Parish Councils' for help with funding towards 2012. It is possible for Parish Councils' to provide this funding under Section 137 Grants.

If the AVSSP no longer exists then there will be no more County Level events, leadership or bikeability schemes.

Since 2005 AVSSP have built on the work that AVBC started. Currently nothing has had to be cut from the programme but the way things are done has been reviewed from; venue hire costs to the cost of certificates, best deals are continually being sought.

Cllr Fretwell explained that all grants are considered by the Parish Council in June of each year, and so the request for funding needs to be made then.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Parish Council consider the request for funding in June of next year, along with the other grant applications.

8. South Street – Recreation Area to the rear of Swanwick Primary School

The Clerk and Cllr Watson had visited the site and carried out an appraisal and taken photographs. There are only 3 items of equipment, the floor of the area is inadequate, the path to get there is very poor, and there are an increasing number of children in that area.

RESOLVED:

That Cllr Watson and the Clerk would pursue this with AVBC's Cllr Jack Brown and Derek Stafford; Officer, Section 106 money would be requested.

9. Suggestions for Activity Support

With the Olympics coming up there should be plenty of ideas for community activities to take place, not all have to be sports based.

Phil Basterfield would pursue this Cllr Peacock.

10. Funding – Sport England Facilities, Sported

The Parish Council wonders if SS & SC will be looking at providing changing facilities for the All Weather Pitch. The School confirmed that they will be looking at these in the future and would be considering making funding bids.

11. Budget provision for 2012/13

Cllr Fretwell asked the meeting to think about the activities for next year and what budget would be needed.

Cllr Fretwell thanked Chris and Phil for attending.

Meeting Closed at 7.45pm.

