

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PUBLIC LAND & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY  
12<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2007 AT THE OFFICES OF BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL, THE OLD COURT HOUSE,  
SAFFRON ROAD, BIGGLESWADE**

**Present:** Cllr D Smith (Chair), Cllr Mrs R Forbes, Cllr Mrs R Kerfoot, Cllr Mrs J Lawrence,  
Cllr RGC Skinner, Cllr Mrs W Smith, Cllr S Watkins, Cllr G Wilson, Cllr T Woodward  
Also in attendance: Cllrs D Albone, Mrs S Grayston, D Lawrence, P Rook, PF Vickers, P  
Woodward  
Mrs D A King - Town Clerk  
Keith Jackson - Biggleswade United Football Club

**1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

There were no matters discussed during the public open session.

**4. ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF VICE CHAIR**

Cllr T Woodward was appointed to the office of Vice Chair of the Public Lands & Open Spaces Committee for the period 2007/2008.

**5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**a. Discussion on the short and long term plans for the further development of Fairfield Recreation ground facilities.**

Cllr Mrs W Smith stated that in recent years the condition of the shared facilities had deteriorated and it had been agreed that Council would look to bringing Fairfield up to a better standard.

There is a need to improve facilities and the Cricket and Football Clubs have realised that the only long term solution is to work together and maximise grant potential. An outline plan for improving the area was circulated to members. Mr Jackson stated that a grant application to Sport England could provide up to 70% of the overall project.

Members felt they would wish to support the Clubs in improving Fairfield and it was agreed that Mr Jackson would submit a more detailed proposal for the first phase of a long term improvement plan for consideration by the Town Council.

It was also agreed that a capital sum for improvement of Fairfield be included in the 2008/2009 budget.

**b. Problems being caused by a Sycamore tree at Sandy View**

It was **RESOLVED** that the request for the tree to be cut down be granted subject to a suitable tree being planted in its place.

**6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

It was **RESOLVED** that the schedule of facilities with scale of charges for hire be noted.

**7. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

There were no matters discussed during the public open session.