



St Nicholas-at-Wade with Sarre Parish Council



Draft Minutes of the Virtual Bell Meadow Committee Meeting held via Zoom, on Tuesday 24th November 2020 at 7.30pm. (subject to approval at the next meeting)

Present: Councillor G. Bryant (Interim Chairman), Cllr L. Ageros
Also, Present: Sara Archer – Clerk, plus 6 members of the public.

1. Introductions and thanks (PC Chairman)

Cllr Bryant welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made by each person present.

2. Background history (PC Chairman)

A short history of the Pavilion was shared. The Pavilion was built 38 years ago using various sources of funding, fundraising and local offenders helped with the actual build. The building was used as a private members club for a number of years. The Wantsum Sports Association were the initial body and Committee of the Parish Council, who ran the Pavilion. This evolved into the Wantsum Sports & Community Association (WSCA) approximately 20 years ago, which was extremely successful, holding many community events in the village.

After the dissolution of the WSCA approximately 2 years ago, the Parish Council resumed responsibility for the running of the Pavilion. An increase in Sports usage of the Pavilion has been seen over the past couple of years, with 7 football clubs using the pitches. The re-introduction of cricket is also being explored.

A large investment by the Parish Council has been made in the building, a new heating system has been installed and redecoration throughout.

Terms of Reference for the Committee have been established and it is envisaged the new Committee will work together to bring the Pavilion back to full strength for the benefit of the Community.

3. Election of officers

It was confirmed the quorum for the Committee meeting is four. Cllr Ageros had been appointed as the representative for the Parish Council.

Nominations for the Secretary were taken. Tina Raven volunteered herself to take on this role.

No other nominations were made, this was proposed by Toni Hazard and seconded by Lisa Bryant. A vote was taken and all were in favour.

Nominations for Chair were taken. Sue Irving was nominated by Cllr Ageros and accepted the position, which was seconded by Toni Hazard.

A vote was taken and all were in favour.

The Clerk confirmed she would be available for assistance if needed.

The other members of public present – Toni Hazard, Sonya Smyth, Lisa Bryant, Matt Feekings were also elected on to the Bell Meadow Pavilion Committee.

4. Wish list and any other business

Suggestions were then discussed regarding how to progress the Pavilion in the future.

It was agreed the Pavilion should be promoted and brought back in to the Community's minds. A Community spring event was therefore suggested.

Other items on the 'wish list' included:

- A garage safari, similar to a boot fair in back gardens, was discussed.
- Pancake day races possibly staggered through the day
- A fortnightly club, or evening club
- Coffee Mornings
- Weekly Art/Craft classes
- Replacement front doors & web development
- Renewed kitchen, oven and hand basin.

The meeting was concluded by The Chairman at 8:20pm.