

MINUTES OF JUBILEE FIELD USER GROUP MEETING

1st FEBRUARY 2016 19:45 to 21:10

Present:

Graham Levers (Secretary)	Ron Loveless (Sway Senior Football Club) (chair)
Andrew Blackwell (Sway Senior Football Club)	David Gibbons (Sway Tennis Club)
Mike Reynolds (Sway Tennis Club)	Steve Drayton (Sway Junior Football Club)
Cllr Melanie Seacombe	Mike Steadman (Sway Senior Football Club)
Cllr Ted Fleat	Cllr Kevin Cripps
Terry Simpson (Social Club sub-group)(part)	Chris Baughan (Sway Cricket Club)
Cllr Barry Rickman	Brian Batchelor (Facilities)
Ian Gale (Sway Social Club trustee)(part)	Steve Wilkinson (Carnival Committee)(part)
Sue Williams (Carnival Committee)(part)	

1. Apologies

- John Bailey

2. Minutes of last meeting (26th October 2015)

- Ron proposed to take these as given, as the last meeting was so long ago and there were no action points from those minutes – agreed.

3. Matters Arising

- None.

4. Amenities update

- The chairman invited Cllr Seacombe to update the group on what the Amenities Working Group had been doing recently.
- Melanie explained that the Amenities Working Group and the full council had looked at the cleaning and maintenance of the Jubilee Pavilion. Along with Brian Batchelor a number of issues had been identified. It had recently been agreed to spend £3,000 on remedial works, including a deep clean of certain parts of the building at a cost of approx. £800.
- The council were keen to increase lettings of the pavilion to increase revenue and had identified funeral wakes as a market worth targeting. It was recognised that the user groups had first claim on use of the pavilion but in order to facilitate ease of bookings and make the process more efficient it had been agreed to implement a Google Calendar, alongside a paper version for pavilion bookings.
- A job description for the clerk had been drawn up. This was almost complete and the council

will be looking to recruit a new clerk soon.

- One of the councillors had taken the council website in hand and virtually all information is being made available there as soon as possible.

5. S106 Consultation

- Cllr Seacombe explained that the opening date for phase 2 of the consultation had been brought forward. The council was making a big effort to get input from all sectors of the population and is very grateful for the user groups' publicising the consultation process. Voting is available online (preferred option) or through outlets in the village. As of 1st February there had been over 200 votes cast.
- Terry Simpson questioned the fact that one option was to put a dog training facility at the Jubilee Field. Melanie explained that this was an option that made it on to the short list as it had quite a lot of support in the first phase of the consultation and it was a feasible option (some proposed ideas were not). There was much discussion about the whole issue of dogs on the Jubilee Field. It was pointed out that the Parish Council will have the final say over how the S106 money is spent and is not necessarily bound by the voting in this consultation. Melanie was at pains to confirm that the council are fully aware of the issues of dogs and play areas and, if this option was selected, the dog area would be strictly self-contained.
- Melanie is encouraging everyone to vote and to spread the word around all of the user groups.

6. Social Club Trustees update

- Ian Gale advised that progress was being made on settling the final financial details; at the moment it looked as though approx. £512,000 would be the figure that the trustees have to use on behalf of the village, although CGT was still being discussed with HMRC.
- Ian has had discussions with the Youth Centre, Village Hall chairman and with the JFUG.
- His conclusion is that there are too many social centres/halls in Sway (probably two too many). He reported that the Village Hall committee "had its head in the sand" and was ignoring its vulnerable situation.
- Ian has produced a personal report as a basis for encouraging future discussion.
- His view is that the Scout Hut and Village Hall are two vulnerable sites in the village that would probably benefit from joining forces with other groups to utilise shared facilities in the village.
- Ian feels that the Village Hall has a limited life and suggested that the Village Hall committee work with others, but the feedback is to carry on as they are.
- The trustees are asking the user groups at the Jubilee Field how they would like to see the pavilion and other facilities developed. A deadline of 31st March was set for this input.
- Ian believes there are two probable options – a major development of the JF Pavilion to meet many of the requirements from elsewhere in the village, or a smaller scheme which would seek to enhance the existing Jubilee Field facilities.

- Cllr Rickman said it was important to look at the longer-term needs of the village. He had been looking at options for replacing the Scout Hut or relocating the Scouts, as the lease on the hut only has two years to run.
- Ron asked what the trustees needed from the JFUG. Ian asked for a list of items that the user groups want together with approx. costings, expected benefits and what other funding they might have towards the costs.
- It was agreed that each of the user groups would submit their individual requirements to Ron with details of what is required and what percentage of the total cost they are looking for from the Trustees.
- Mike Steadman questioned who is representing the ex-Social Club members in this process. Ian replied that the trustees had been given direction and a mandate at the Village Hall meeting last year and as the trustees were still pursuing that direction there was no need to refer back at the moment.
- Mike Reynolds thought that the plans for the Jubilee Field requirements should be submitted as one unit by the JFUG – the groups should work together and not submit individual plans. This was agreed.
- Cllr Rickman reiterated that the Parish Council has to respect all views from across the parish about the use of the Jubilee Field.

7. Carnival Committee

- Sue Williams and Steve Wilkinson had two main questions for the JFUG in relation to the Carnival Fete to be held at the Jubilee Field:
- Can the senior football pitch be used for light games and light stalls? Cllr Cripps pointed out that the council's insurers had advised that there should be no bouncy castles so the Carnival Committee must take note of that. Andrew Blackwell explained that there were concerns over the current state of the pitch and some extensive remedial work was needed to be carried out on the goalmouth areas of the pitch after the end of the season. It would be important not to disturb these areas until the grass had become established, which to a large extent is weather dependent. It may be possible to use the pitch but they would not know for sure until about ten days before the fete. He therefore proposed that the Carnival Committee avoid planning to use the pitch, although it might be possible at the last minute.
- Teas and refreshments – can the Tennis Club run this again? Andrew agreed that the Senior Football Club would not open up their bar until 4pm that day and the football club were very happy for the Tennis Club to do this. Agreed.
- Following discussions about the possibility of using St Luke's school in the future Cllr Seacombe invited the Carnival Committee representatives to attend an Amenities meeting in order to explore alternatives for hosting the fete

8. Club Reports

Senior Football (Andrew Blackwell)

- The weather had wreaked havoc on fixtures recently. The first team had only been able to

play two games in two months (won 1, lost 1). The U-18s similarly had only played two matches (drawn 1, lost 1). The second team had actually managed five games in the same period winning 2, drawing 2 and losing 1. The U-18s had found their new league particularly tough; the first and second teams had managed to maintain their league positions.

Junior Football (Steve Drayton)

- Steve went through, and expanded on, John Bailey's written report
- The U-15s are top of their division and the U-13s are pushing for promotion but are facing a mounting backlog of cancelled matches.
- The U-11s team were top of their division before the midwinter Futsal break – the U-9, U-11 and U-12 teams are now playing indoor Futsal competitions until later in February when part 2 of the outdoor season commences.
- The U-12 Girls team have yet to win their first point playing outdoors but have finished runners-up in the indoor league competition without conceding a goal.
- With a change of league the U16s have been enjoying their final season in youth football this season. Several of the U-16s tried out for the U-18 team and some have been selected to play, which is good for bringing youngsters through from the junior to senior football clubs.
- So far a total of 12 consecutive weeks' matches and training sessions have been lost due to the Back Field being waterlogged and unplayable. The grass has continued to grow but the ground conditions have prevented mowing of it. Matches have also been cancelled at Pitmore Lane for the last four weeks. Astro pitches at Lymington have had to be hired for the younger age groups to train, at a cost of £60 per week. The Club will be seeking a rent rebate from the Parish Council in accordance with the terms of their lease. The Club urges the council to consider implementing some of the drainage proposals that were recommended in the Sports Agronomy Services report from their survey in 2013.
- Cllr Cripps asked that the Junior Football Club submit their request for the rent rebate as soon as possible, and in any case to get it in before the beginning of April when the council's new financial year begins.

Tennis Club (Mike Reynolds)

- The poor weather has affected some league matches. The Men's team has got most matches played and are currently mid-table. The Ladies team are top of their league, pending other results, and the Ladies Friendly team are also top of their league. In response to a question about the teams being fielded Mike replied that this reflected the basic demographic of the tennis club which is roughly 60% ladies and 40% men.
- Mike will be stepping down as chairman in March under the club's three-year rule and the committee are currently seeking someone to take over from Mike.
- Recent heavy rain caused some 'puddling' on the courts and left some sludge on court 3. The club are hoping that this is not a sign of more algae infestation which they suffered from a couple of years ago.
- The club is experiencing good support for its social tournaments programme and is looking forward to moving into its new club room!

Cricket Club (Chris Baughan)

- The club has gained informal agreement to use the Pennington cricket ground for third and

fourth team matches this summer, and through to 2017 when they hope to have a formal arrangement in place.

- There are currently three teams playing indoor cricket.
- Indoor nets practice started last week and has seen a good turnout, particularly for the girls and ladies. The club is employing professionals for all nets coaching and is seeing a marked improvement in quality.
- The wooden pavilion on the Back Field has been holding the first team back from progressing in the leagues in recent seasons and the club has committed to make the changes necessary to meet the HCL rules. This will involve a rear extension and internal remodelling to provide the necessary showers and changing facilities. This is just an interim measure until such time as a full redevelopment project can happen. The cost is expected to be £5,000 to £7,000 if much of the work can be done by volunteers. Additional funding will be very welcome. Cllr Rickman pointed out that the proposed works were minor, in building terms, and will come under ‘permitted development’.

9. Parish Council Report

- It was thought that all potential items had already been covered elsewhere in the meeting.
- Cllr Cripps pointed out that without a clerk in place the council had appointed a Proper Officer to cover essential aspects of the clerk’s role and any communication to the council should currently be addressed to the ‘Proper Officer’.

10. Any Other Business

- None.

11. Date of next meeting

- Monday 4th April 2016 at 19.45 in Jubilee Pavilion.
- A prior meeting will be required to discuss the feedback that will given to the Social Club trustees (item 6 above).

Actions List

Who	Topic	Action
Ron Loveless	Social Club proposal	<i>Arrange meeting to discuss joint feedback to the trustees.</i>
All Clubs	Social Club proposal	<i>Submit their requirements to Ron by 29th February.</i>

Graham Levers

Distribution

Those present

Parish councillors and noticeboard (via Clerk)

4th February 2016