

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2018

ITEM NO: 12 :

Adoption of the Sports Wall and Basketball Net facilities at the Parish Hall



Summary

The Copythorne Community Group are requesting that the Parish Council adopt the above facilities together with a sum of money, in excess of £500-00, to carry out the recommended works outlined below.

Introduction.

The Copythorne Community Group was formed in August 2012 by members of the Copythorne Jubilee Celebration Group who had organised, alongside the Parish Council, the very successful events to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II during June 2012.

Funds raised during these celebrations allowed the Group to construct the Sports Wall and make gifts of equipment to many local organisations.

The Group continued to organise fun-days, dances etc following the Jubilee and were able to make donations to local groups and provide two public access defibrillators within the Parish as well as adding the basketball net facilities.

The Group decided to cease its operations and is therefore currently managing its dissolution which involves transferring its assets and funds to "local charities or groups".

In this respect, following the transfer of the two defibrillators to the Parish Council, it is seeking agreement of the Parish Council to the adoption of the Group's only remaining assets.

The Copythorne Community Group

The current management team comprises Lois Wells (Chairman), Lady Kara Hawks (Vice-Chairman), Geoff Hancock (Treasurer) and John Goodwin (Secretary).

Group's Financial Position

The latest bank statement shows the Group's balance as £544.42. The Group has no outstanding debts.

Condition of the Sports Wall and Basketball Net facilities

These items have been, since their construction, regularly inspected by the Parish Council.

Following the training session on the new children's play area at the Parish Hall on Friday 5th October a brief inspection of these facilities was carried out. The following items were noted on the basketball net/ backboard for attention:

- The basketball net needs to be replaced;
- A notice to be placed on the basketball backboard stating that users must remove jewellery and not hang from the net/ring, and
- Fixing bolt ends to rear of backboard need to be cut back to nuts to reduce the risk of injury.

The sports wall structure needs no attention but the ground area around needs repair as it now is very well worn. "Gasscrete" type mats were recommended.

Photographs of the equipment are shown below:



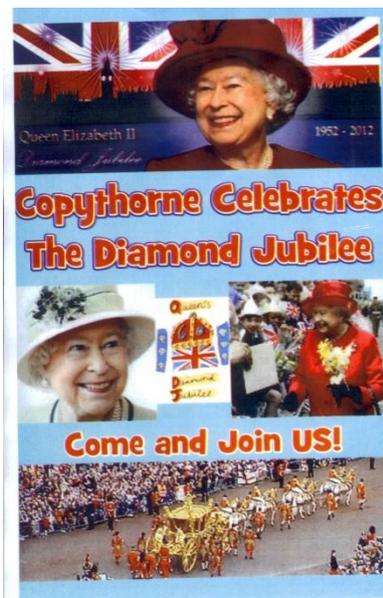


Insurance Ect.

These items are, and have been since their construction, covered by the Parish Council 's insurance. The site is held on a peppercorn rent basis with the Parish Hall Committee.

Conclusion

For the Jubilee celebration a leaflet was printed and a copy delivered, by hand, to every property within the Parish. It may be of interest to read, some six years



later, the two pages related to the work of the Parish Council. Copies of this leaflet will be available for distribution at the meeting.

John Goodwin

6th November 2018