

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Raleys User Group
7th July 2016 at 7.00 p.m.
Sevenoaks Town Council Offices**

Present:

Cllr Mrs Rachel Parry (Chairman)	Sevenoaks Town Council
Linda Larter, Town Clerk	Sevenoaks Town Council
Bonnie Tarling, Committee Clerk	Sevenoaks Town Council
Cllr Simon Raikes	Sevenoaks Town Council
Henry Pound	Local Resident
Roger Wood	Local Resident
Patrick O'Keefe	Sevenoaks Rugby Football Club
Steve Fitzmaurice	Sevenoaks Rugby Football Club

1. *The Chairman asked everyone to introduce themselves to each other prior to the commencement of the meeting.*

2. Notes of the Previous Meeting held on 28th May 2015.

These were agreed to be a true record of the meeting.

3. Update on works at the old Raleys Gym site.

An update was received from the Town Clerk. The old Raleys Gym site had been sold subject to planning consent. The public consultation on the plans had now closed and a second set of plans had been submitted to the Planning Officer for consideration. Once planning permission had been granted funds would be transferred to the Town Council to re-invest.

4. Update on Sevenoaks RFC proposal for sports pitches, drainage and 3G pitch

An update was received from the Town Clerk. It was noted that the RFU only gives one grant per county and it was unlikely that it would be awarded to Sevenoaks. To date no objections or comments had been received from the public consultation regarding plans to install at 3G pitch.

It was noted that proposed lighting for a 3G pitch would reduce light pollution due to improved, modern lighting being installed.

It was suggested by SRFU that parking at the site would not increase should a 3G pitch be installed. Only the frequency of cars in the area would change.

The proposals for a new 3G pitch would be considered at the Open Spaces & Leisure Committee Meeting at 7pm on Monday 11th July.

5. Matters for future discussion

Funding for a new 3G pitch would need to be discussed with possible money from the Sevenoaks Town Council Sport Strategy Fund, Crowd Funding and Grants being suggested.

A proposal for a pathway from Buckhurst Lane Play Area to the Rugby Club would also be discussed.

SRFC to inform the group at the next meeting of new plans for a children's soft play area in the Club House. The current children's workshop would be moving to Lady Boswell's School shortly.

6. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting should take place in 3 months time.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45 p.m.