

## Bures Sportsground Committee Working Party Consideration - Refreshment Unit

### **Experience from last year 2020 –**

Lock down led to some residents - feeling lonely and limited in social interactions  
-needing services provided in the village

The Swap Shop set up to provide opportunities for exchange of books, DVDs and puzzles was hugely valuable. Refreshments were later served from the Swap Shop and this was popular.

**Need** – The demand for refreshments during the 2020 Summer season was well acknowledged. Prior to 2020 the ice cream van had asked for permission to operate from the car park as it was safer than the road. The Sportsground Committee chairman had been asked on previous occasions whether there was a possibility that refreshments could be served during the Summer months.

Conclusion – well established demand for refreshments

**Current provision** – The Deli serves takeaway teas coffees and soft drinks, when open, the pubs serve tea and coffee and the new shop sells drinks and snacks. Only the Three Horseshoes is on the Suffolk side of the village and none of the current providers are particularly convenient for the Recreation Ground.

Conclusion – it would be useful to have a provider of refreshments where people gather to relax in the Summer months.

**Site location** - Previous meetings of the Sportsground Committee had decided that vehicles should not be on the Sportsground. This meant that, if the Refreshment provision was to go ahead the unit must be on the car park.

First position considered – alongside the fence to the left of the Recycling Area. Not considered possible to manoeuvre a vehicle to serve over the fence. Therefore it was thought that serving would need to be from the side of the vehicle parallel with the back fence. It would need a temporary wooden fence such as is used by Noah's to separate the children from the car park. Downside of this position is that children from the play areas would need to go all the way round.

Second position considered – the parking space nearest the Community Centre in the front section of the back row. This gives access to the pedestrian walk though to the play areas.

**Power** – The working party were not keen to have a generator running. Mains power is needed.

For the first position power could come from the green box which takes power down to the cricket pavilion. A locked socket could be fixed to the back of the box with a private meter inside the box. This would show how much the Refreshment provider would need to pay the Cricket Club for electricity. If a separate power supply was needed UK Power Networks would need to fit a meter and there would be an additional charge for this.

For the second position power could come from the pole that feeds the lighting in the car park. This would need a green GRP Electric Cabinet – approx. £500 and connection by UKPN. This may be useful if the Parish Councils decide that Electric car charging points should be provided in the car park. This is a longer term solution to the power issue.

Conclusion – first position may be the only one possible for 2021.

### **Terms of the agreement**

The Working Party suggests the following terms

## **BURES JOINT SPORTSGROUND COMMITTEE Invitation to tender for the Sale of Refreshments**

The above committee, being a Joint Committee of Bures Hamlet and Bures St Mary Parish Councils, invites tenders to provide refreshments from an agreed position in Bures Joint Sportsground Car park, Nayland Road, Bures, Suffolk CO8 5BX

The successful applicant will

- Hold all appropriate permissions to operate a business selling food and drink to members of the public.
- Have public liability insurance.
- Operate from a vehicle approved by the above committee.
- Operate 10.00 – 16.00 (maximum) Monday to Friday April to September 2021.
- Pay £50 to the clerk of the above committee, Jenny Wright, before commencing operation, and £10 per day thereafter. Fees to be paid weekly.
- Provide refreshments comprising tea, coffee, soft drinks, crisps and ice creams only.
- Provide receptacles for rubbish generated by the business and dispose of that rubbish responsibly as general and recycling rubbish accordingly.

- Check the Recreation Ground at the end of each day for litter that may have come from items sold by the business.
- Be respectful of the surroundings.

The contract will run for the Summer season beginning of April to the end of September 2021 but will be subject to a month's trial and will be terminated immediately should any of the above terms be broken.

**Advertising for Expressions of Interest** – subject to being agreed by Bures Joint Sportground Committee expressions of interest will be sought. This will be advertised on the noticeboard, in the Parish Magazine and online.

If Bures Joint Sportground Committee agrees to proceed the decision on the provider should be made at the March meeting.