

# Coggeshall Conservative Club



## Recommendations – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022

### Club comments below each numbered item.

1. The neighbours will be issued with a list of all current entertainment bookings.

Details of upcoming events was sent to all interested neighbours on: 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022, dates ran through to end of May 2023. Further list sent on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2023 with dates running through to end of August 2024. The club website also has upcoming events listed.

2. The club will monitor the volume of music on entertainment nights.

This occurs on every band night, the exception was on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023 when there was no committee member available to attend the club. The ongoing electrical rewiring of the club meant that the installed noise limiter wasn't functioning on this band night.

3. Windows will be kept locked shut.

Again, this is something the club does on band nights. The 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023 was an exception.

4. A WhatsApp group with the neighbours will be set up. This will be an emergency number and will be for entertainment nights only.

All interested neighbours participate in this group.

5. A nominated committee member will be 'on call' and contactable throughout the evening.

A committee member has been available on band nights – the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023 was an exception. The committee member has access to the Whatsapp group on the tablet purchased for this purpose.

6. The nominated person will monitor people smoking outside on entertainment nights.

A committee member has kept an eye on people during band nights – the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023 was an exception.

7. Members will have to use the designated smoking area on the drive.

The club committee decided that it would be preferable for members to use the front door of the club on band nights if they wished to exit the building to smoke. Subsequently, they tend to congregate on the pavement out the front of the building. This does, however, minimise noise from the rear door disturbing neighbours.

8. A plastic chain will be purchased to replace the metal one.

The club provided plastic chain for the entrance to the carpark. Unfortunately, users of the carpark don't tend to move the chain to one side, but drive over it instead. 2 No. 25m rolls of plastic chain have been provided and broken over the months. The metal chain provides better security.

9. The chain will be taken down in the evening when the afternoon shift ends –this will either be at 6pm or 7pm. The chain will remain down until the morning.

This has been difficult to implement – users of the carpark like the security that the chain offers.

10. Timbertherm will be requested to modify the rear door closing mechanism.

The club's maintenance team adjusted the mechanism of the door closer – any further adjustment would mean the door wouldn't close correctly.

### **Additional comments in response to issues raised in representations**

Standard Environmental Health inspections take place at the club. We do not have an issue with rodents. Claims of food waste attracting rodents are unsubstantiated.

Photographs of rubbish piled up, supplied by a neighbour are outdated. The club now has a gated area, December 2021, that the general waste, glass and food waste wheelie bins are stored.

The photographs of two people in the club carpark holding drinks are undated. I suspect that, due to the lack of cars parked, the lack of tyre marks in the gravel, and the area of, what looks like divots in the gravel, these photographs were taken on a pétanque day, when the club would have had a TEN in place.

The photograph of the smokers with the alleged pint glass in a hand is also undated. I suspect that this was also the TEN pétanque day.

Mr Wright cites 'no full time paid committee members'. The club Secretary / Treasurer has been employed since 2017, prior to this the role had been voluntarily held by the same person from 2008.

Mr Wright states that the club is open until 2am at the weekends – this is incorrect.

Mr Wright states that a gazebo was erected in 2022 – this was in fact 2020 following the covid lockdown.

There are several factual errors in Mr Wrights representation – the main and most significant is the address at which he resides.

Any comment regarding items in our carpark are irrelevant to this application.

The representation from No. 59 East Street refers to historical disturbances. No 59 was sold, I'm assuming to the current residents, in 2020. Is this a genuine representation?

The sole purpose of this application is to provide a small seating area for members wishing to sit outside.

The pétanque day sees around 40 to 50 people outside at any one time – a small seating area will not attract the same amount of people.