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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES HELD ON
THURSDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2017
AT THE SPORTS PAVILION**

PRESENT: Cllrs Henly (Chairman), Court, Clarke, Hare, Lawson, Quedsted & Wilson.

REPRESENTATIVES: Mr D Farrell (Pulborough Patriots (PP)), Mr T Reilly (Pulborough Football Club (PFC)), Mr M Walsh (Snooker Club) & Mr & Mrs Nunns (Allotments).

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs L Underwood (Assistant Clerk)

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mr F Bushby and Mr N James.

23. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th November 2016 were received, agreed and signed as an accurate record.

24. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS AND ITEMS

Allotments

Nothing to report. The Assistant Clerk advised that there was a dripping tap that needed replacing, but the plumber requires the water to be turned off. To carry out the work. The Groundsman is trying to locate where the stopcock is.

PFC

Terry advised that nothing is really happening; a few games have been postponed. One cup game has been played and the team are through to the next round.

The Assistant Clerk advised that football bags have been left in the changing room corridor, causing the Caretaker to trip. The Assistant Clerk has been in touch with the PFC Secretary to ask her to have these bags moved, but they are still there. The Assistant Clerk reiterated that these bags should not be left there and should be removed immediately.

Snooker Club

Mike advised that the inside of the snooker club has been re-painted as it was looking a mess. The club would also like 3 additional keys for the snooker club to the outside white door. After ensuring that these additional keys would be the responsibility of the snooker club and confirmation that the club would pay for them to be re-cut, the Clerk has agreed to this and keys will be cut shortly.

The Assistant Clerk advised that the door handle to the said door has recently been broken. It looks like it was damaged deliberately, so please can everyone using this door take extra care and keep an eye out for any unauthorized persons trying to access the building in this way. The handle has since been repaired.

25. PULBOROUGH PATRIOTS (PP)

Deane Farrell requested if PP could play on the Pythons pitch on the main recreation ground rather than Cousins Way recreation ground as this recreation ground has become less suitable because of dog waste being left, balls being lost in adjacent hedges and the changing rooms being so far away.

The Assistant Clerk has spoken to Nev James (Pythons) and he has said this wouldn't be a problem as they play on a Sunday afternoon and PP play on a Saturday afternoon. Obviously in inclement weather, the ground would have to be deemed suitable for play on the Saturday, making sure that it was also suitable for the Pythons to play on the next day. The Assistant Clerk checked with Deane that Nev was aware that PP were asking to play on their pitch and Deane advised they were.

Terry Reilly advised that PFC only have one team this season, who are in Division 1. A Division 1's pitch has to be roped off and two games (PFC & PP) could not be played at the same time. Consideration needs to be given if PFC had a second team in the future.

Having spoken to the Groundsman also, the Assistant Clerk advised that he does not see a problem with this and advised that as both PFC and PP are in the league, the league organise the fixtures so there should be no clashes of game play.

Deane also commented that PP currently train in the Multi-Sports Facility (MSF), but the surface is inadequate as it is uneven, slippery and has holes in it and it is really too small for the size of their team. Deane asked if he could train on the training area on the main recreation ground (they are flexible on days) as he has bought floodlights and needs to power them from the sports pavilion, otherwise he will have to purchase a generator to train on Cousins Way recreation ground. Terry Reilly advised that the training area on the main recreation ground gets churned over quite a lot with one team training on it and PFC can't often use it.

The R&OS Committee will discuss and decide upon these requests at the R&OS meeting later this evening.

Cllr. Clarke asked if the Neighbourhood Wardens could monitor the situation re dog fouling on Cousins Way recreation ground, as they do on the main recreation ground. The Assistant Clerk will speak with them regarding this.

Deane advised that the PP would like to store a container (for football equipment and floodlights) alongside other storage containers on the perimeter of the Sports Pavilion, However, having spoken to the Groundsman, there may be space in an existing container, but this will only be required if PP are granted permission to play on the main recreation ground.

Members received a resident complaint regarding litter left on Cousins Way recreation ground after football matches played on Saturday afternoons. A PP representative has written to the Parish Office in response advising that the person who usually collects the rubbish at the end of the matches was on holiday, so this had not been done on these occasions, but the situation will be monitored in future. Deane has also told supporters to take their rubbish home with them.

26. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for 9th March 2017.

The meeting closed at 7.53pm

..... Chairman

.....Date