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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES HELD ON
THURSDAY 22nd MAY 2014
AT THE SPORTS PAVILION**

PRESENT: Cllrs Wallace (Chairman), Buck, Clarke, Gill, Lawson, Quedsted & Spillane.

REPRESENTATIVES: Mr & Mrs Pete Nunns (Allotments), Mr Fred Bushby (Groundsman) and Mr Maurice Woolgar (Cricket).

IN ATTENDANCE: Lisa Underwood (Assistant Clerk).

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Henly & Walsh had advised that they were unable to attend.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th March 2014 were received agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

Clerk's Report

From ReCad Meeting on 27 March 2014

Item 27 – Representatives' Reports- Football Club

The football club confirmed that their last home game was on Saturday 19th April.

Item 27 – Representatives' Reports- Pythons

The Headteacher at St. Mary's Primary School has confirmed that the Pythons can use the school's pitch during the 2014/2015 season. Neville James has been informed.

From ReCad Meeting on 27th February 2014

The broken fence at the bottom of the allotments has been replaced.

Additional Updates

Skip to Clear Away Debris from Behind Pavilion

The Groundsman has met someone to arrange the clearance, however the ground is too soft for the truck, at present. Fred will monitor and arrange for the clearance when the ground is harder.

Rivermead Path

A resident has advised the Parish Office that there are overgrown weeds coming through the back of the gardens from along the Rivermead path. The Groundsman will strim and cut back along that area.

Meeting Dates

Meetings will now be on the second Thursday of every month, apart from November, and there is no meeting in August. Agendas will be sent out a week before as usual.

3. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Allotments

Mr & Mrs Nunns advised that there were a couple of allotments that are not being cultivated. The Assistant Clerk advised that scheduled visits to the allotments are in place and allotment holders will be contacted if their plots are not being cared for.

Cllr. Quedstedt noted that there is a compost heap and rubbish at the bottom of the parking area, which limits the car parking spaces. The Assistant Clerk was instructed to enquire about obtaining a skip.

Groundsman

Fred Bushby advised that the grass was growing quicker than he can cut it.

It was noted that there is a lot of rubbish, after a weekend, around the play park and bandstand. The Clerk was instructed to investigate the possibility of hiring a weekend litter picker, which will be taken to the F& P Committee.

It was also noted that the bowling club sign needs new posts, which Fred will repair. New posts are also needed for the HDC public footpath sign. The Assistant Clerk was instructed to report this to HDC.

Cricket Club

Maurice Woolgar advised that the season has started, but the 1st match was rained off. There has been a good response from St. Mary's for the under 9's & 10's cricket team.

It was noted that the agreed netting between the Parish's part of Pocket Park and Harwood's part was being fitted this coming Saturday.

Maurice also advised that the new square, which forms part of the cricket strips for next year, is still quite soft, and they have been advised to rope this part off. The Committee agreed that this was acceptable. The Stoolball Club have now started their games, but they seem to be playing on the cricket pitch boundaries, of the existing square, and they take the rope down that is currently being used, and there are concerns that they may, in the future, play on the new square. It was suggested that a meeting with the Stoolball Club would be beneficial, to discuss this issue. The Assistant Clerk was instructed to give contact details to Maurice, copying in Cllr. E Wallace, who would also like to attend, so a meeting can be arranged by Maurice.

Youth Club

Cllr. E Wallace advised that having spoken to Jane Roach, there are good numbers on the junior side, all, but one, are girls.

Date of Next meeting: 12th June 2014

Meeting closed at 7.59pm

..... Chairman

..... Date