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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON  
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES HELD ON  
THURSDAY 10th JULY 2014  
AT THE SPORTS PAVILION**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Wallace (Chairman), Buck, Clarke, Lawson, Henly & Queded .

**REPRESENTATIVES:** Mr Fred Bushby (Groundsman), Mrs Nunns (Allotments), Mike Walsh & Terry Chriss (Snooker Club), Nev James (Pythons), Linden Knight (Social Club) and Mr Maurice Woolgar (Cricket).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Lisa Underwood (Assistant Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

***The meeting opened at 7.30pm***

**7. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

David Jolliffe had advised that he was unable to attend.

**8. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th June 2014 were received agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

**Clerk's Report**

**From ReCad Meeting on 12th June 2014**

**Item 5 – Clerk's Report - Representatives' Reports- Allotments**

The rubbish and compost heap has been cleared into the hired skip, and the skip has now been removed.

**Item 5 – Clerk's Report – Additional Updates**

Terry Reilly was emailed on 19th June 2014 regarding the football gear left in changing room 3. As yet no reply has been received. *It was noted that most of the kit has now been removed, there are a few items left, which Nev Jones will look at, to see if they belong to his teams.*

## Item 6 - Representatives' Reports- Allotments

The Assistant Clerk went to inspect the ditch, along the allotments and Cousins Way recreation ground, and noted that the overgrown vegetation either side of the ditch along the recreation ground has been cut back, however the inside of the ditch still needs to be cleared more. The Assistant Clerk is yet to obtain further quotations for the ditch clearance.

Fred Bushby has a list of sheds to be repaired, including the 3rd shed, down from the gate, in the new allotments. He will be looking to repair these shortly. The 4th allotment, down from the gate, in the new allotments have been taken over by a new tenant, as the previous allotment holder wanted to give up the plot.

### Additional Updates

Lisa Richards advised that the single shower room has been locked for several weeks now, and she does not have a key. Does anyone know who has locked it and can it be unlocked so that Lisa can clean it? *Fred Bushby will look to see if the key is on his set of football keys and let the Parish Office know. If not the Assistant Clerk was instructed to email all the ReCad representatives to ask if they know.*

Lisa Richards has noted that football training has started. Lisa would like to know if the football team will be training every Tuesday, and are there any other training days planned? She also need a fixture list as soon as it's available please. *The Assistant Clerk was instructed to contact Terry Reilly about this.*

## 9. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

### Allotments

Mrs Nunns advised that the allotment holder from the first allotment in the new part wishes to give up his plot. The Assistant Clerk was instructed to contact the allotment holder to confirm and re-allocate the plot, if necessary.

### Cricket Club

Maurice Woolgar asked if his name could be noted as the Cricket Club representative instead of Barrie Feest. The Assistant Clerk will amend accordingly. Not a lot to report, the cricket team have finished their 9<sup>th</sup> game out of 18.

### Groundsman

Fred Bushby advised that he has been extremely busy with work at the allotments, aswell as the recreation ground. Fred advised that he will require a new small tractor and a spiker, in the near future. Fred was asked to provide an inventory of the equipment he uses, along with the following information:

- How old is the equipment.
- How often he uses it.
- How long, in his opinion, has it got left to run/be used?

Fred will provide this list to the Parish Office before the next meeting, so this matter can be added to the R&OS agenda for 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

Snooker Club

Mike Walsh advised that the snooker club are struggling financially, and the last part of the quarterly rental due to Pulborough Parish Council, will be paid in September. Mike confirmed that Pulborough Parish Council have agreed to a reduction in the rent for the next year, and that will help the club to cover one of the snooker tables. They also plan to paint the snooker room and get it tidied up. It was noted that the main ceiling lights in the snooker room haven't worked for a long time, and it was uncertain where the light switch for them was located. The Assistant Clerk was instructed to rectify this matter. Firstly, the bulbs will be checked and if that doesn't solve the problem, then quotes from 3 Electricians will be sourced.

Mike confirmed that the young people using the snooker room have been asked to lock the door when they have finished, and the S&SC members also check the door is locked after use. It was noted that there is no signing in book, but users must be a member of the S&SC, but they can also bring a guest in.

Social Club

Linden Knight advised that a lot of repairs and upgrades are being made in the social club, which is reducing the already small amount of money available. Linden acknowledged that Pulborough Parish Council are working hard to get the funds for a new building, and once the new building is in place this will eliminate the need for all the repairs, but a more timely conclusion would be appreciated.

Pythons

Nev James advised that they have been having problems in recruiting a Welfare Officer, however Nick Batchelor, the Under 11's Manager, has advised he will take on the role, on a temporary basis, although this is not ideal if the boys in his team require a Welfare Officer, as, ideally, it should be a person not involved directly with the teams. Nev asked the Committee if they knew of anyone who could step into the role. The Committee will consider this, and advise Nev accordingly. In the meantime Nev will, again, appeal to the parents of the team players. If this role is not permanently filled, the Pythons will have to cease playing.

Nev confirmed that the Under 15's team lost 6 boys, and 6 new players from Horsham have been recruited to make up the team, as no local boys have come forward. In addition, they have an Under 11's and 12's, but no Under 7's, 8's, 9's & 10's.

Finally, Nev advised that as the under 11's & 12's need to play on St. Mary's pitch, the fee will be double for Pulborough Parish Council to pay. The Clerk will confirm why two teams need to play on St. Mary's pitch, and then add this matter to the Finance & Policy agenda, for Committee approval, at the end of July.

**Date of Next meeting: 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 2014**

Meeting closed at 8.06pm

..... Chairman

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