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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON  
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES HELD ON  
THURSDAY 12TH MARCH 2015  
AT THE SPORTS PAVILION**

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

**REPRESENTATIVES:** Mr Terry Reilly (Football Club), Mr Linden Knight (Social Club), Mr & Mrs Nunns (Allotments), Mr Neville James (Pythons), Mr Fred Bushby (Groundsman), Mr Mick Ralph (Bowling Club) & Jane Roach (Youth Club).

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

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

**22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs. Gill, Mills and Quedstedt advised that they were unable to attend.

**23. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th February 2015 were received, agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

**Clerk's Report - From meeting on 12th February 2015**

Item 21 – Representative' Reports-Football

The Assistant Clerk has confirmed to the football club that the committee room has been booked for the book sale on 25th April 2015 from 7pm-11pm.

The Assistant Clerk advised that a paragraph was omitted from the circulated unconfirmed minutes, which should read:

*Terry reported that the 2nd teams only had 2 games left, as there are only 9 teams in that division. Other football teams, from outside of the area, have made enquiries about using the football pitch, if there are no games being played. The Assistant Clerk was instructed to find out if this would be possible and let Colleen Pearce know.*

The Assistant Clerk advised Colleen Pearce that as per the terms of the lease, only Pulborough Football Club can use the pitch, and not any other football teams. If the Football Club want the R&OS Committee to consider this option, they will need to let the Parish Office know, so it can be added to the next available agenda. No response has been received from Colleen or the Football Club. *Terry Reilly confirmed that this was no longer an issue as the team had gone back to their own pitch.*

## Item 21 – Representative' Reports- Social Club

All 3 quotations for replacement windows have been received and the item will be included on the Full Council agenda for 19th March 2015.

### Additional Items

The Assistant Clerk reminded representatives of the public meeting to discuss the trim trail in Cousins Way Recreation Ground, on Tuesday 17th March 2015 at 7.30pm in the Committee Room at the Sports Pavilion. Representatives to RSVP, so that adequate seating can be arranged.

## **24. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

### Allotments

Mr & Mrs Nunns advised that the allotments look good, and the Groundsman has recently cut the grass, which is very much appreciated.

### Groundsman

Fred Bushby reported that things were quiet at the moment. Fred has been working up at the allotments, cutting grass, cutting back trees, and moving rotten sleepers away from the fence, which have all been moved to the bottom of the allotments, ready to burn, when appropriate. Fred commented that the football pitches have been in good condition so far this year.

### Bowling Club

Mick Ralph is currently representing the Bowling Club as Len Adsett has recently been unwell. The Bowling Club opens on 18th April 2015, and there is a memorial game due on 1st August 2015, of which, all monies will be donated to the Macmillan charity.

Mick reported that the green is in good condition, and they are hoping to get a sponsor. The club would like youngsters to play, but they have to have a parent or carer with them at all times. Mick will send the Parish Office a fixture card.

### Football

Terry Reilly reported that the 2nd team only had one game left, and hopefully they will get promoted to division 3 next season. The 1st team has 7 games left to play, but they need at least 4 wins to stay in their current position.

With regard to the request for 2 marquees to be erected for the book sale on 25th April 2015, the Social Club have agreed to let them be erected onto their patio area. Also Fred has advised that if it is dry, extra parking on the recreation ground will not be a problem.

### Youth Club

Jane Roach advised that they have struggled with volunteers for sessions and for trustee members. David Jolliffe has now resigned from the Committee of Trustees and so only Jane and Lindsay Bell are trustees. They approached Horsham Matters to take over the running of the Youth Club and to be trustees of the Pulborough Youth Centre Charity, which they have agreed to do. There will be an AGM on 24th March 2015 at 9.30am, to conduct the formalities of this transfer and Jane and Lindsay will resign as trustees.

Jane commented that they will be leaving the youth club in a good position of £4500.00 in the bank, which has been raised from sessions being paid for half termly rather than on an adhoc basis.

#### Social Club

Linden Knight advised that the lighting outside the club is not working (the bulbs have been checked), which makes it difficult to see images from the CCTV cameras. Linden suggested that an Electrician needs to check the wiring and asked if the Committee would approve this. The Committee requested that Linden forward a specification to the Parish Office and upon receipt of this, instructed the Assistant Clerk to obtain quotations and bring to the next available R&OS meeting. Cllr. Clarke also suggested that if the wiring for the cameras is working, the social club could get infra red cameras, which negate the need for external lighting.

#### Pythons

Nev James reported that the U15's team have finished their season, they ended up as runners up, but they had a good season. They won 11 games, drew 1, and lost 3. There may only be 2 divisions next season because of the number of teams.

The U12's have been invited to a cup final on 29th March 2015 at Arundel Football Club. The U11's team are average, they got promoted last season. There are no younger teams at present. The Pythons have lent their pitch to Pulborough's 2nd football team. Nev advised that he will stand down as Manager next season.

Nev also advised that the Pythons are in negotiations with the social club over social club memberships because only 3 of the players live in the village, many come from Roffey. The question arises; should members who don't live in the village pay membership fees to the social club, and should the young Pythons be asked to pay? Terry Reilly commented that when the rugby was played there, the children were not members, but their parents were. Nev advised that 17 Python members were happy to pay the fees, but not the others, but will this cause an issue for the presentation night, held at the club in May, if those members are not affiliated with the club? Nev commented that over the last 10 years over £6000.00 has been paid to the social club and they don't use it.

Finally, Nev advised that only one team will need to use the school pitch next season.

**Date of Next meeting: 9th April 2015**

Meeting closed at 7.59pm

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