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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON  
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES HELD ON  
THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014  
AT THE SPORTS PAVILION**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Wallace (Chairman), Gill, Henly, Lawson, Queded & Spillane.

**REPRESENTATIVES:** Mr & Mrs Pete Nunns (Allotments), Mr Fred Bushby (Groundsman), Mr Terry Reilly (Football), Mr Nev James (Pythons), Mr Linden Knight (S&SC) and Mr Maurice Woolgar (Cricket).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Sarah Norman (Clerk).

*The meeting opened at 7.30pm*

**25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from David Jolliffe (Youth Club) and Len Adsett (Bowling). Cllrs Clarke & Walsh had also advised that they were unable to attend.

**26. MINUTES**

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

**27. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

Football Club

Terry Reilly reported that the season was struggling on but due to the poor weather they are very behind on fixtures. This will result in some evening games in an attempt to catch up before the end of the Season (date to be confirmed to Parish office by Terry). It appears that it will be quite a disappointing season.

Groundsman

Fred Bushby advised that he has started grass cutting at the allotments main rec and Cousins Way. It was noted that there was graffiti at the bandstand (youth shelter) and in the children's play area. Fred enquired whether the Cricket Club knew when the fence around the ground works will be coming down and Maurice advised that the contractor will continue to cut the grass in that area until it is removed. Finally, it was noted that a resident has reported a hole in the allotment fence. Fred advised that he had looked at the problem but there was nothing he could currently do. Finally Fred advised that he has removed the diesel drums that were being used to climb the fence and informed the Committee that there was a great deal of old equipment etc that needs to be disposed (it was noted that this is to be discussed by the Recreation & Open Spaces Committee later).

Allotments

Mr Nunns reported that there is an increase in activity as ploy holders prepare for the new season. The main focus is to try and get nutrients back into the soil that have been washed away by the heavy rain. It was reported that the fourth plot into the new site does not appear to have had any work done since last summer.

Pythons

Neville James reported that the Under 10's Blue team won their division which is great achievement. There will be a presentation night in May (date to be confirmed) and Cllr Quedsted requested that a picture from the night be forward to the Parish Office for inclusion in the Parish Bulletin. There is one game left this coming weekend. It was noted that the manager of the Under 11's has resigned but a replacement has already come forward. Neville stated that whilst the use of St Mary's school grounds has been acceptable they would like to return to the main rec at some point although they do acknowledge that accommodating the Under 9's may be a problem. It was AGREED that as with this last season, St Mary's school be approached regarding the use of the pitch for the 2014/15 season and Neville James will liaise directly with them regarding dates.

Cricket Club

Maurice Woolgar advised that there was little to report as the season was not yet underway with the first match scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> May. There has been indoor trainings since early February and they are attracting some new, younger players. The contractor carrying out the groundworks has been back 4 times and the ground is looking good and is quite firm again. The works will be finished by the start of the season.

Sports & Social Club

Linden Knight reported that business continued to be tough. The S&SC relies on the sports clubs for support and the lack of football because of the bad weather has therefore impacted on the club's takings. The Club thanked the Parish Council for their assistance in delaying the payment of the third quarter's rent.

**Date of Next meeting: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2014**

Meeting closed at 7.48pm

..... Chairman

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